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# THE CONNECTOR

The Lifeline-connect Newsletter

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## WE'RE MOVING AHEAD

Thank you friends of Lifeline-connect. Your prayers and support mean so very much to us. There is something that I personally tell every man who has enrolled in Lifeline-connect, "This is an investment in the rest of your life." Truly, as a man invests in his own recovery and allows God's grace and Spirit to affect him, he will become a better man for the rest of his life. Just think—with your prayers, support and input you are helping men make the most valuable and rewarding investment that is possible.

By now all of us have found that *life* "has its moments". I'm referring to times of trouble, stress, pain, suffering, etc. When met with these experiences we discover that we need some form of relief, some source of strength, some place of comfort. Unfortunately many of us have sought this relief, strength, and comfort in all the wrong places. Many times our search for "help" took us deeper into the "issue" than we were originally. Our goal at Lifeline-connect is to assist those who have searched for that relief and comfort in all the wrong places.

Here is the good news given to all Lifeline-connect enrollees: "The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous runs into it, and is safe." "The Lord is your hiding place, your safe place, your preservation in a time of trouble, your help in trouble."

Everyone needs this "safe place". The salvation of God is the only real safe place in life. In His presence fear has to flee, in His presence bondage is broken, in His presence we are released from confusion, transformed and given a "sound mind". Your investment into the lives of every Lifeline-connect resident is a "great" investment. A "great" investment because it is a life-changing investment. It is a privilege to witness the transformation in men's lives while enrolled at Lifeline-connect.

We're moving ahead...we believe that the Lord has a distinct plan for the future of Lifeline-connect. As we continue to follow His lead we find ourselves moving forward and gaining momentum. Graduates, Jeff Branson and Tom Martin, are adding an element that is very important to the current residents—the witness of their continued freedom from their past. Both are actively serving at Apostolic Life: Jeff is involved in teaching in Children's Ministry, and Tom works in Sound and Data.

Administrative Director, Brenda Rogers; Director, Randy Brown; Director of Operations, RJ Eaton; and the many volunteers who immerse themselves into the program are doing excellent in helping provide a safe place for men in recovery. Again, a special thanks to you for your investment. + **D.L. Rogers**, Executive Director

## FUTURE HOUSING PLANS ARE MOVING FORWARD



### 200 Bricks for \$200,000

If you are directed to give to the Future Housing Project, please “move forward” with us through our “200 Bricks for \$200,000” campaign. For more information, visit the “needs” page at [www.lifelineconnect.org](http://www.lifelineconnect.org).

As more and more calls come to us from men needing a “safe place” for recovery, we are moving forward with plans to expand the facilities to accommodate up to 30 men. This will require construction and additional staff. Please pray with us concerning this plan.

In preparation for this expansion it was necessary for the County Zoning Administrator to propose a text amendment to the County Zoning Ordinance. This process has required several meetings: County Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, City Plan Commissions, City Councils, etc. It also has cost us dearly in attorney fees.

The good news is that all of the votes have been unanimously in favor of the amendment. When finally passed, the amended zoning ordinance would make a way for us to request a Special Use Permit to continue the expansion plan.

We appreciate all the funds already donated to this expansion plan. So far, \$19,000 has been given for this cause. We are moving forward...believing the Lord will make a way for this to happen. Thank You for your support.

### EXPERIENCING RECOVERY. DISCOVERING PURPOSE.



**INSLEY STILES**, his wife, Marsha, and three daughters relocated to Tonganoxie, Kansas after his graduation from Lifeline-connect. They are attending First Apostolic Church of Topeka.

*“I am grateful to those at Lifeline-connect who, through the love of Christ, empowered my husband...”* + **Marsha Stiles**



**LESLIE COTTON** lives in Urbana and is heading up Apostolic Life's Asian and Campus ministries, and is teaching in the Children's Ministry.

*“About 17 months ago I made a pivotal decision to change my life. I made a commitment to God, myself, and my family to once and for all beat this addiction that has controlled my life for the last several years. LC provided me with the education needed for real life application, along with a support system and accountability. Coupled with a Christ-centered life, I have been able to experience recovery while discovering God's purpose for my life. God has blessed us with a Chinese and Korean Bible study that has been meeting for over two months now! I have also enrolled part-time at EIU to pursue a degree in counselling to help others in need. Looking back, I could have never in my wildest dreams told you that I would be where I am now! Thank you Lifeline-connect and all of the supporters for investing in me and giving me another chance at life.”* + **Leslie Cotton**

## TWO MORE RESIDENTS GRADUATE

May of 2010 saw two more men graduate from the LC program. Insley Stiles and Leslie Cotton successfully completed and fulfilled their commitments. We are proud of their progress and thankful for the opportunity to help change their lives.

## INDIVIDUAL STEPS FORWARD



### DREW KENNA OF TAMPA, FL

Drew completed his first year in June, 2010. He is now in Phase 3 and is employed at Hobby Lobby.



### MIKE SAVAGE OF ST. LOUIS, MO

Mike completed his first year in August, 2010 and is continuing in the LC program.



### CHRIS DOXTATOR OF INDIANAPOLIS, IN

Chris completed his first year in August, 2010. He is now in Phase 3 and employed at R & S RV Sales & Service in Mahomet, IL.



### KEN WALTROP OF DECATUR, IL

Ken has recently entered Phase 2 and was baptized in March, 2010. He is employed at Hobby Lobby.

# 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2010

4:30pm BBQ Dinner; Speaker, John Russell; and Musical Guest Nick Mahaney

Please RSVP for the Sat. dinner by October 1.  
Send an email to [brdr72@comcast.net](mailto:brdr72@comcast.net), or for more information call 217.621.9649.

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2010

12:00pm Celebration Service

### BOTH EVENTS AT APOSTOLIC LIFE

2107 High Cross Rd, Urbana, IL

### GUEST SPEAKER: JOHN RUSSELL



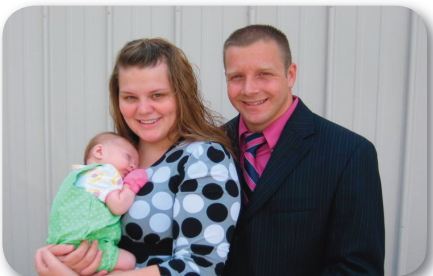
Drugs and alcohol "ripped apart" John Russell's life and NBA dreams. In despair, he leaned over the edge of the Jackson Street Bridge ready to "give up" on life. But "the hand of God pushed [him] back"...Come hear the rest of how God rescued another life from destruction.

## NEW ARRIVALS

Lifeline-connect has welcomed several men to the program since the publication of our last newsletter. Ken Waldrop arrived in December of 2009, Billy Aceto arrived this past April and Bill Vaughn joined in June. Most recently, Micah Gouker and Enrique Obregon enrolled in program in August. Each of these men have adapted well and are continuing in their recovery. We look forward to seeing their transformation.

## A SMALLER, "NEW ARRIVAL"

Chad May (LC resident during 2007–2008) and his wife, Sara, welcomed their first baby, Emma Faith, on June 11, 2010. In addition, he has recently been hired by RCAD Milling in Champaign. Chad has continued to live free of addiction and we are proud of his continued recovery.



*Pictured from left to right, beginning with the front row: Chad May, Jeff Branson, Mike Savage, Roy Lane (LC volunteer), Director of Operations RJ Eaton, Drew Kenna, and Chris Doxtator. Back row: Billy Aceto, Les Cotton, Tom Martin, Ken Waldrop, and Bill Vaughn (a.k.a. as "Beel").*

## A SPECIAL THANK YOU

Lifeline-connect wants to give a special thank you to Roy Lane for his devotion and service to the men of LC. He is an Urbana fire fighter who voluntarily teaches the men weekly and is involved in other various tasks. He is greatly appreciated as he invests in these men's lives.





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Lifeline-connect is a 501c3 non-profit residential discipleship program for men with substance abuse addictions.

## BELIEVE IN THE CAUSE. SUPPORT LC TODAY.

Your monthly support isn't just an investment in a few men. It's an investment in your own life and community. Because every individual that overcomes drug and alcohol addiction is one huge step toward healthier families, safer communities and a more stable society. **And that's a worthwhile investment. Please send your tax-deductible donation today.**

**Along with our need for regular monthly support**, we have some special projects that need extra funding. To contribute to our ongoing Future Housing Project or help with this year's Christmas gift, please designate your choice on the memo line of your check.

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Attn: Brenda Rogers

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**Thank you for supporting Lifeline-connect.**

\*For more information on these projects, please call Brenda Rogers at 217.621.9649.