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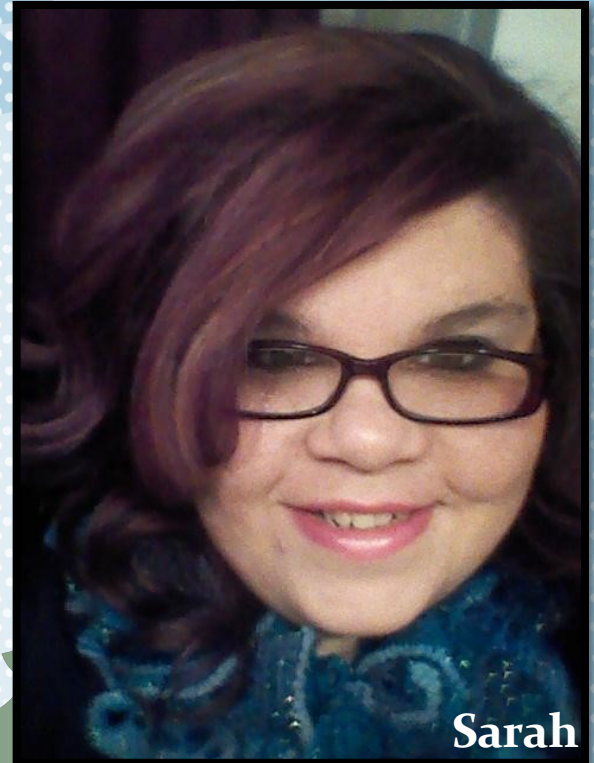
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Interview with Sarah.

Hi my name is Sarah! I moved back to Lima a year ago from Alabama and its so amazing to see what God has done in the last year. I decided February 2015 that it was time to come home. I had a car there and it broke down. I had no way to get to work, which forced me to move back. When I first moved back I couldn't find any purpose in all that was going on. I moved in with my cousin then with my niece, neither worked out. I heard about Julianne and Guiding Light. I was in crisis and called to see if I could come. I moved in soon after and my journey began.

It was so amazing how God worked once I got there. I was able to obtain benefits I qualified for and 15 job applications turned in within the first week! God gave much motivation! I had 10 interviews and got hired at Taco Bell with full time hours. I was so happy!!!! I got hired on the spot and started a few days later. By the second week I was there I was basically full time.

Within three to four months I had a car and was waiting on an apartment that Guiding Light was remodeling. Now I'm in my apartment and absolutely love it everything was fully furnished and its so beautiful. Just seeing God's hand in everything was so amazing he gave me so much favor in my job. God has blessed me more than words can say! Julianne offered the apartment because of my progress and ability to maintain a full time job. I also now volunteer for the program. I haven't been so happy for so long. It is a true joy seeing God's grace and love move in my life. I never realized how much God loved me until I saw it and felt it especially in the last year. I am BLESSED because of the road God put me on to return home. Coming to Guiding Light was definitely part of His divine plan.



Sarah

Katie's Korner

TEENAGE PERSPECTIVE

What I want the world to know that I have learned in the last year:

"A great attitude becomes a great mood, which becomes a great day which becomes a great year which becomes a great life." By UNKNOWN

"So it all begins in your mind, What you give power to has power over you, if you allow it." By UNKNOWN

"Always leave people better than you found them. Hug the hurt. Kiss the broken. Befriend the lost. Love the lonely."

I will be leaving here. Being 15, I was the youngest resident ever. I will never forget all that came about since being here. I do want to continue to be a part of changing lives. I hope these quotes will make everyone stop and think of what is most important in life.

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Hello my name is Kerstyn. I am 26 years old. Since being at GL my life has done a total turn around. I had an addiction problem. I have been clean for almost 3 months. I delivered my baby boy in December 2015 and was able to move my 6 year old son in with me.

Within 90 days, I was able to regain my life. I just got a job and am almost ready to move into an apartment. God has really changed my life and now I know where I am headed. I am so grateful for this house and all the people here who have helped me accomplish goals in such a short amount of time.



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From the Desk of the Director:

There is so much to be said about the importance of Teamwork and collaboration. Our goal at Guiding Light Ministries is to maintain and enhance an environment that allows for us to flourish and grow. It has been our desire to model this over and over to our residents, staff and other community agencies. When we all learn the concept of teamwork, all things come together more effectively to get the desired result.

With that being said, this requires the ability to persevere and stay faithful even though the enemy tries to create barriers. In this newsletter you will see some of the most recent residents sharing how much they have accomplished just by being in an environment that is safe, stable and conducive for growth. They stay consistent in their efforts to achieve their highest potential. We strive on enlightening them to the mindset that they can accomplish anything they put their minds to.

All in all, Guiding Light continues to grow. We will be in partnership with more local agencies when we open our 3rd transitional home, called "Light House", where our two primary focuses are: trauma, and recovery with a deep focus on "Inner Healing". We realize it takes more than ourselves to overcome strongholds that would like to exist within us for a lifetime. It is our duty to God to show them new paths, new mindsets and all of the promises He has for us. We want them to choose life vs. death and to live their lives with a purpose vs. simply existing.