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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 more 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 are still raising funds for future housing. To contribute to our Future Housing Project, please write "Future Housing" on the memo line of your check. Thank you, for believing in the cause.

**PLEASE MAIL YOUR DONATION AND THE SLIP BELOW TO:**

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\*For more information on this project, please call Brenda Rogers at 217.621.9649.

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# THE CONNECTOR

The Lifeline-connect Newsletter

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## Grace to Help in Time of Need

Thank you friends of Lifeline-connect. We appreciate your prayers and financial support greatly. It is comforting to know that you believe in the mission and ministry of Lifeline-connect.

It is a tremendous blessing to witness the "hand of the Lord" upon the men who enroll in LC. The transformation actually begins before the man arrives on location. At some point in the interview process each man has to decide that he is at his "wits end". When the candidate for LC determines that entering the LC program is his only hope, that is when the change begins. Upon arrival almost every resident is kind of in "shock"... "oh my...what have I done?" Well, what he has done is made one of the best decisions of his life...to change.

By enrolling in LC a man has humbled himself and confessed, "I need help." Well, the Lord said, "I resist the proud, but I give grace to the humble." (James 4:6 & 1 Peter 5:6) The Lord will revive the heart and spirit of the humble. (Isaiah 57:15) It is truly amazing to witness the transformation as God delivers men from the dreadful bondage that has caused so much destruction in their lives. As the resident calls on the name of the Lord he finds that the Lord is near...ready to deliver. It is absolutely true that the Lord Jesus Christ remains Deliverer, Saviour, Grace-Giver, and

a very present help in time of need. (Ps 46:1 & Heb 5:15-16)

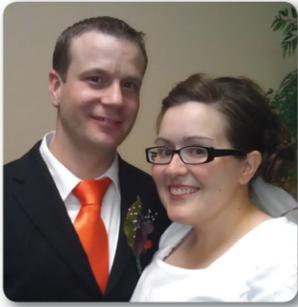
Again thank you for your investment into Lifeline-connect. May you be blessed as you read in this issue of the "The Connector" of the successes of LC graduates and current residents.

On behalf of Administrative Director Brenda Rogers, Director Randy Brown, Director of Operations R. J. Eaton, all of our volunteer staff and myself, thank you. **† D.L. Rogers**, Executive Director



Back Row, L to R: Cameron Gordon, Billy Aceto, Tim Heard, Bill Vaughn, Thomas Mann. Front Row, L to R: Enrique Obergon, Matthew Savage, Ken Waldrop and Micah Gouker.

## Lifeline-connect Resident Updates



### TWO LC GRADS MARRIED

2010 LC graduate, Les Cotton, and Emily Sims of Maroa, IL were married April 1, 2011. Thomas Martin, LC graduate of 2009, married Monica Mathis of Clinton, IL July 23, 2011. We congratulate them both and thank the Lord for blessing these men with such dedicated ladies.

### RECENT GRADUATES

Chris Doxtator (pictured left) and Michael Savage (pictured right) graduated from Lifeline-connect in October of 2010. Chris Doxtator and his wife, Tracey, are expecting a baby boy soon, and Michael Savage lives and works in Eureka, MO.



### RECENT COMPLETIONS

Drew Kenna (pictured left) and Ken Waldrop (pictured right) completed Phase I and II. Both are living in Champaign-Urbana and are working at Hobby Lobby.

### PHASE 3 RESIDENTS

Bill Vaughn (pictured left) is employed by The Courier Cafe and Billy Aceto (pictured right) is working at Menard's.

### PHASE 2 RESIDENTS

Enrique Obergon (pictured left) and Micah Gouker (pictured right) are now in Phase 2. Enrique is working for Menard's, and Micah is working for The Roof Doctor.

### NEW ARRIVALS

Lifeline-connect has welcomed four new arrivals. Pictured from left to right are: Timothy Heard from Toronto, Ontario; Matthew Savage from Eureka, Missouri; Thomas Mann from St. Louis, Missouri; and Cameron Gordon of Vokrucim, Florida.



**Saturday, October 8, 2011**

4:00pm BBQ Dinner & Guest, Nick Mahaney  
*Elk Lake Pavilion (Lake of the Woods, Mahomet)*

**Sunday, October 9, 2011**

12:00pm Celebration Service (Featuring graduation acknowledgements, LC resident achievements, testimonies, and guest speaker, Nick Mahaney)  
*Apostolic Life (2107 High Cross Rd, Urbana)*

Please RSVP by September 30 by sending an email to [brdr72@comcast.net](mailto:brdr72@comcast.net), or for more information call 217.621.9649.

# 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY AND HOMECOMING CELEBRATION



WITH GUEST SPEAKER: NICK MAHANEY

Rev. Nick Mahaney knows first hand the bondage of drugs and the miraculous deliverance of God. At the age of 17, Nick became involved in drugs and serious criminal activities. Twenty years later, while facing life in prison, God delivered him completely. You don't want to miss his amazing testimony.

## EXPERIENCING RECOVERY. DISCOVERING PURPOSE.

### HELPING OTHERS

LC residents have been helping others who are dealing with addiction, personally or within their family, by sharing their personal testimonies. Their experiences provide hope and encouragement for those who are overcoming addictions.

### SOLID ROCK MINISTRIES

LC residents and staff recently traveled to Solid Rock Church in Fenton, Missouri (home church of LC grad, Michael Savage). LC residents sang and shared their personal testimonies, while Executive Director D. L. Rogers preached an outstanding message called, "Run On". Thank you, Pastor Manning and Solid Rock Ministries.

### ILLINOIS CHRISTIAN PRISONER FELLOWSHIP

In May, LC Executive Director, D. L. Rogers, and LC Administrative Director, Brenda Rogers, attended the Annual District CPF Conference held at Crossroads Apostolic Ministries in Taylorville, IL. Pastor Rogers presented a session on, "The Value of Residential Recovery Centers" and Brenda Rogers spoke on the subject, "Being a Safe Person and a Safe Church". LC Staff, all current residents, and some former residents joined the Friday evening session ministering in song and testimonies.

### FUTURE HOUSING UPDATE

With a vision for the future we are moving forward with plans to expand. In preparation, it was necessary to request of our County Zoning Board the addition of a "text amendment" to the County Zoning Ordinance. This required numerous meetings and public hearings with county and city officials. The good news was that every vote taken to approve the new "text amendment" was a unanimous "yes".

Currently, we are in the next phase, which is requesting a "Special Use Permit" for a "Residential Recovery Center" (expansion). This process has been a strenuous and costly endeavor, but one that we believe is necessary. Please pray for continued favor so we can move forward.

