



# A Gleam Across the Waves

## From the Pastor's Desk...



We pray you find the blessing of the Lord with you this New Year. Our New Year slogan, "Looking Toward Heaven in 2011", is on the wall for the remainder of this New Year. Now I ask, "When is the New Year not new anymore?" This was a question posed to me by my son-in-law, one for us all to ponder. At first you may say, after the first day of January 2011, then you may reason, as I did, "Well, everyday is new so all year is new." Lamentations 3:21-23 states, ***"This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope. It is of the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness."*** God's mercies are new every morning; therefore, we can have hope for God's glorious return this whole year through, "Looking Toward Heaven in 2011." Meanwhile, we are to be busy about His work, which brings me to our next subject.

We are doing wonderfully toward our property project. To this day, Lighthouse has received \$16,093.36, well on the way to the final goal of \$250,000. This is almost 10% of our goal. Many of you have met the challenge and given sacrificially for this cause. For this I am eternally thankful, but we need to do more to join in ministry with us. We serve an awesome and mighty God, and He uses people like you and me to get His work done. 2 Peter 3:9 ***"The Lord is not slack concerning His promise..."*** Luke 6:38 ***"Give and it shall be given to you: good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give unto your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again."*** Because of your support for this ministry, we are servants together for the Lord. You are reaping God's blessings and future rewards for being a part of restoring broken lives and mending family relationships.

We had a chain of events starting in December 8, 2010 that has brought us to this point of remembering how quickly life can change. Long story short, Mrs. Randolph, our cook, had a heart problem and passed out in the kitchen that Wednesday night. We had two local fire fighters and two nurses from California in our service that night, and they started CPR immediately. The EMT's showed up with a defibrillator and took over to help Mrs. Randolph (nothing happens by chance, God knew our needs before they happened). After delivering three shocks to her heart to get a good heart rhythm, they were able to transport her via helicopter to the hospital. She spent the next 22 days in Baptist Hospital and returned home December 30th. She still needs your prayers for recovery. The doctors inserted a defibrillator of her own in case of future problems with her heart rhythm. We still covet your prayers for Mrs. Randolph during this time of recovery.

This event has made me more aware of the preciousness of life, and how quickly our situation on this earth can change. We should all live as if we may be in eternity tomorrow!

Happy New Year from Lighthouse Ministries staff and students!

Together in His Service,  
Pastor and Mrs. Cookston

*Russell Cookston*



*Dr. R. B Ouellette,  
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## INSIDE PERSPECTIVE

*Rachel,  
Student*



### **Tips for Treating Teens with Compassion Teens Need You to Love Them**

#### **Nurture Them**

Ephesians 6:4 tells us, "And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."

Nurture speaks of tutoring, educating, and training. This kind of instruction includes mild rebukes and correction but does not respond in a fleshly manner.

#### **Remember That They Are Gradually Becoming Independent**

A wise parent and a wise youth pastor will gradually allow more areas of responsibility and decision-making in the life of a teen.

#### **Treat Them with Dignity and Respect**

Never call them names. Do not demean them in front of others. Ask them to do things rather than ordering them to be done.

#### **Relate to Them**

Remember that all teenagers have a lot of emotions inside them. Don't just say to them, "I know how you feel." Ask God for understanding and say, "Can I guess what you're feeling about this and will you tell me if I'm right?" When they believe you understand them, they will begin to listen.

#### **Treat Minor Infractions Light-heartedly**

Often a parent, a youth pastor, or a preacher will use an atom bomb to punish a teenager for jaywalking!

#### **Demonstrate Love and Affection Even if it Is Not Reciprocated**

It is always right to love people, whether they love us back or not.

#### **Pray**

There is no substitute for asking God to work in the heart of a teenager, give you the right heart towards them, and help you to understand and relate to them.

Hi, I'm Rachel, and I am a student at Lighthouse Christian Academy. In my time and experiences here at Lighthouse, I have grown both spiritually and in maturity, because of the abundance of God's Word being taught here.

This past Christmas season, we have been spending a lot of time focusing on the birth of Christ. Personally, I have been able to mediate on the thought that God came to Earth as a baby, and thirty-three years later he died for me. Romans 5:8 says, "***But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.***"

I appreciate that God came and died for me personally, for every student, for every staff member, and for every person simply because He loves us so much.

Last night, we had a New Year's Eve service, where many young ladies, like myself, testified. They thanked God for all the grace He has given us this year, by allowing them to come to Lighthouse.

Many girls, including myself, made commitments to God for 2011 and in the up and coming years.

God is really at work in this ministry, and it is evident in my life and in the lives of these girls. Thank you for supporting this ministry.

Love in Christ,  
Rachel

# Christmas



## Bringing in the New Year



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## ***GOOD NEWS TO ALL PARENTS, STUDENTS, AND FRIENDS***

Lighthouse has a new website with helps that we believe will be useful to you and your family.

- LIGHTHOUSE BIBLE INSTITUTE - We have teamed up with Hyles-Anderson Institute to provide Bible training and certificates for the Lighthouse Ministries families. This is provided for a small donation for each course.
- AUDIO/VIDEO – We have CD's recorded by the Lighthouse girls and other music, both free and for donations. We will be adding sermons soon for your spiritual enrichment.
- FULL COLOR NEWSLETTERS- Both past and present
- HELPS- 8 categories for EFFECTIVE PARENTING and 5 categories for CHRISTIAN LIVING and MUSIC.
- TOUR- A pictorial tour of Lighthouse Ministries and Lighthouse Christian Academy
- TESTIMONIES- from students and parents

Help yourself to the information that is now available on our new website.

Also, if you have a suggestion that will help your family grow in the Lord, please e-mail us. If possible, we will post a "help" on that subject.

# Lighthouse Needs

- White polo shirts
- Golf cart batteries
- Copier paper
- Donations for Scholarship Fund
- Commercial washer
- Letter size laminating pouches
- Replacement windows – Call for details
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