



# Lighthouse News

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THE STORIES YOU'RE CREATING  THE LIVES YOU'RE CHANGING

## HE HEARS ME

*How the power of prayer and  
your gifts have changed  
Cutter's future*





# Investing in Redemption

You help us create community and give hope

Recently, I received a call from a real estate broker from Southern California, representing buyers who were interested in acquiring our property on Clinton and 99 in Fresno. The property she was referring to is our Rescue the Children facility, which is a converted hotel and restaurant on nine acres that serves women and women with children. If I was someone looking for a hotel investment property, I would want to buy it too. Objectively speaking, it's incredible.

In declining her offer, I explained what the facility is used for today and how God is transforming peoples' lives through the creation of community. I then had the opportunity to tell her how we turned the hotel into something that looks more like a retreat or resort, rather than a shelter. God also provided the land behind the property which we turned into one of the best parks in the entire city. The Rescue the Children community used to be next door to one of the unhealthiest hotels in Fresno, but God decided that it wasn't the best neighbor and it was torn down. After hearing our story, the broker replied, "Wow, it sounds like it is nicer today than when it was being used as a hotel." She is correct.

*"He provided redemption for his people; he ordained his covenant forever--holy and awesome is his name."*

*Psalm 111:9*

Even in its heyday, when the old Vagabond Inn was brand new, offering motorists a nice clean place to rest their heads, the campus was not as nice as it is today. In every detail, God turned it into something better because it is used for his purpose.

Easter is a time when we talk a lot about redemption. In many ways, the story of Rescue the Children is representative of Christ's redemption story for us. Many of the women who come to us do not see themselves as having any value, future, or hope. We teach them that through Christ's redeeming love, God desires that they have a fulfilled life, full of blessings they never imagined possible. God wants them to have great careers, to be great moms, and to be great daughters.

One of the ways that we provide life transformation is by providing women with such an incredible environment that even real estate investors want to buy it.

In Christ,

Matthew Dildine  
Chief Executive Officer



# HONORED PRAYERS

**CUTTER RANDRUP'S PAINT SPLATTERED HANDS REST ON THE WOOD TABLE.** It's Friday, and he jokes about having this interview at the very start of his weekend. Cutter has just finished his first complete week of work, a big step for anyone who has gone through our Men's Academy program. He has been in the program for a little over a year, and recently gained a position as a painter.

"The program is life changing," he reflects, "It is what you make it. If you want change and are ready for change, this is the place to come and get it."

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Cutter saw God save him from his many overdoses. Over the last year the Lord has restored his good health and healed Cutter of anger he had experienced since childhood. Cutter expresses, "I know that God has answered every one of my prayers and that He continues to do so. He hears me, and I hear Him." Growing up, Cutter's extended family was very involved in ministry. They were even a part of a Christian band. But when his parents divorced the result, for an eight year old Cutter, was anger. His home-life environment after the divorce involved many adult parties. "I looked up to that." He says.

*"And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will Himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast."*

*1 Peter 5:10 (ESV)*

"I believe the reason I am here is because of many answered prayers from my family members. There was a point where I planned on living a reckless and destructive life. I planned on using drugs for the rest of my life." Addiction has run in the family for as long as he can remember. One beautiful result of Cutter entering Academy is that, through faithful prayer, some of his family is seeking help. He believes that God is breaking a generational curse.

Cutter knows God has a beautiful future in store for him and his daughter. During his time here he has finished his GED and plans on going back to school.

"I have a vision to start a non-profit recovery home that has different kinds of vocational training. I want to serve God, and there was a time that I wanted to do the exact opposite. I've been completely transformed, and I believe this is a result of my family's prayers. God is honoring their prayers."

"I have learned in the past year that I am very loved. I learned that I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Because people like you in our Fresno community believe in redemption, programs like our Men's Academy are able to provide opportunity for restoration and healing that comes from faith in God. We can see that this is just the beginning for Cutter, his daughter, and his family.

## Volunteer Appreciation

National Volunteer Appreciation Month gives us the opportunity to thank the bread and butter of our organization: our volunteers. 1 John 3:18 reminds us, "Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth." To each one of you who has used your time, talent or treasure for Fresno Rescue Mission, **thank you.** If you are interested in volunteering, please visit our website.



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