



Prayer Points:

- Men's spiritual growth through devotions.
- Families of the residents.
- Residents staying strong in their recovery.
- Blessings of the Holy Spirit over Grace House.
- Prayer for Grace House Director, Earnest Anderson

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Giving Grace Prayer Letter

Grace House for Transition and Recovery

LESTER BARBER:

As part of the Board for Grace House for Transition and Recovery, I (Kellie) feel the honor of sharing a success story with you. Lester Barber, a recent 2012 graduate from Grace House, came in my office to show me his graduation certificate from Milestone. His sobriety "birthday" is coming up in April 2013. This is a huge deal since he had been on drugs since the age of 7; I won't share his age, just that he could be my dad. I am 25 years old. Lester came to a point in his life in 2011 that he knew it was time to quit using, but his will power alone was not enough. He says over and over again that he just could not say no. He would decide to quit and next thing he knew a buddy was coming around the corner to his home with another round. Lester met Bill Foster and a friendship kindled. Bill encouraged Lester in the work he was doing while working on homes for Habitat for Missionaries. Lester had not been encouraged before, but even this good feeling would not push him to stop using. Once he was paid, back to his buddies to get more drugs. Lester did not want to tell Bill what he was doing, but not too long later, Lester ended up in prison. His sentence was around 100 days, during this time he wrote Bill a letter telling him the truth about the other side of his life. Lester also decided to take advantage of the 12 step program and other programs offered while he was in prison. When he got out it was like someone had phoned his buddy to show up at his house with more drugs. Lester was right back to using. All this time, Bill continued at Lester's side. Bill helped Lester and his wife get a home, took them to church, showed up when Lester would call. Even with this accountability, Lester still had trouble saying no. This is when he went to his probation officer, high at the time, and asked for help. Lester needed structure. He needed to be out of the atmosphere he was in. He needed accountability. Lester ultimately asked if he could move in to Grace House. The probation officer called Earnest, Executive Director of Grace House, and Lester moved in. He got very involved in the programs offered at Milestone, and he led Bible Studies at Grace House. Lester moved into Grace House in April of 2012. He has been sober ever since. He even took another Grace House guy under his wing. The gentleman is renting from Lester now. They go to church together and recently, his housemate got baptized.

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