



Step 1

We admitted that we were powerless over our dependencies - that our life had become unmanageable.

Since a child we have come to trust sitting in chairs without testing them based on our previous experience of sitting in chairs without harm. In such a way, we learn to have childlike trust in God when we seek His will and He directs us step by step while we experience recovery successfully. Psalm 37:3 "Trust in the Lord and do good. Then you will live safely in the land and prosper."

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All Things New

New RFL Group in Bowling Green, FL!

Leland Family Ministries is excited to announce the beginning of several new recovery for life groups. This month, the featured Recovery group meets at Real Life Church in Bowling Green, Florida. (location details listed on page 2 under *RFL Locations*).

The Bowling Green Recovery group began meeting on January 12th, 2012 and is led by facilitators Nikki Brown and Chris Boyette. This group meets every Thursday from 6:30pm to 7:30pm and both Nikki and Chris are excited to have anywhere between 4 to 9 members join them each week.

Social media is an incredible tool for sharing important information with those lost in addiction and both Nikki and Chris are utilizing this to their fullest. We are incredibly thankful for the willingness of facilitators like Nikki and Chris to bring Recovery to these new communities and look forward to confronting addiction, embracing recovery and investing in communities together!



RFL Locations

MONDAY

6:30 PM-8:30 PM
Revolution Church Barracks
7410 Willow Wisp Dr. West
Lakeland, FL 33810

TUESDAY

7:00 PM-8:00 PM
Lakewood Park Methodist Church
1140 N. Combee Rd.
Lakeland, FL 33801

6:00 PM-8:00 PM
Community Chapel Church of God
5320 First Street
Zephyrhills, FL 33542

WEDNESDAY

12:00 PM-1:00 PM
First Baptist Church of Bartow
410 E Park Ave
Bartow, FL 33830

THURSDAY

12:00 PM-1:00 PM
Lake Wales Care Center
140 E Park Ave
Lake Wales, FL 33853

6:30 PM-7:30 PM **Parent/Family Group**
First Baptist Church of Bartow
410 E Park Ave
Bartow, FL 33830

6:00 PM-7:30 PM
Real Life Church
3365 US HWY 17N
Bowling Green, FL 33834

6:30 PM-8:30 PM
New Life Assembly
38012 Trilby Road (575)
Trilacoochee, FL 33537

“...and He will direct
your path”
Proverbs 3:6



Nikki's

Recovery story

Charlotte Brown had no idea that a visit to the hospital due to a car accident would be the moment God used to change her addicted daughters life. While talking with a trauma nurse about her daughter Nikki, recently arrested for her addiction, the nurse shared about Leland Family Ministries. Charlotte left the hospital with Libbie's name and number, and a



glimmer of hope. Nikki was arrested on January 7th, 2011 and placed in jail for 19 days. It was during those 19 days that Nikki decided once and for all she would stop using. January 7th was the end of her addiction and the beginning of her new, sober life. Nikki was bailed out of jail at the end of her 19 days and began attending LFM's Recovery for

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how you can
pray

We are so proud of Amanda (name changed for privacy purposes), an LFM Recovery Member who recently made a huge step in the right direction of her recovery. She checked-in to an addiction treatment residential facility January 6th! Please continue to pray for Amanda the last week of her residence there as she takes steps towards new life, restoration, and wholeness. And pray for her family too as they love her well through this process.

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to help clean our new building, as well as teachers to provide Christian Living Classes. If you're interested in donating your time, contact us at: info@lelandfamilyministries.com or call at 863-519-0000 for more information.

Meth Statistics for 2011

Every year the Polk County Sherriff's Office works diligently to combat the growing Methamphetamine problem in Polk County. In an effort to assist LFM with providing public awareness on Meth abuse, the Polk County Sheriff's Office provided the following statistics for 2011:

- Methamphetamine "Ice" Seized: 36 pounds
- Methamphetamine Labs Dismantled: 38
- Methamphetamine Related Arrests: 212

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Life meetings with her mom and dad and never turned back. Nikki has been sober since January 7, 2011; one year this month and counting! For the last year, Nikki has attended the First Christian Church in Wauchula and has recently become a member. On November 3rd, 2011 her charges were dismissed and

she was released from probation. Nikki is actively working through her recovery and co-facilitates the Bowling Green Recovery group featured on page 1. She is currently living at home with her mom and dad and building her cupcake business "Nikki Lyn's Cupcakery". We are so proud of you Nikki - it is a joy

to watch you grow in your new life and lead others along the path to freedom in Christ. Continue strong in the way of the Lord and as Proverbs 3:5-6 says, "Trust in the Lord with all of your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will keep your paths straight."

