



The Storey Story

Nov 2014

Two Big Announcements...

Dear friends,

This month, I want to share with you a couple of pretty big announcements. As we approach 2015, both NightLight Branson and myself are preparing for some pretty significant changes. I'm excited to share them with you today.

The Next Chapter for NLB

On December 31, Mindy Stewart—founder and director of NightLight Branson since 2012—will be saying goodbye. For the past year, Mindy has felt the Lord impressing upon her that her time with NightLight was drawing to a close, and that His desire was to begin moving her into her next season of life and ministry.

Mindy's departure is bittersweet for all of us. She has been the dynamite that started this location, and she has built an incredible team and vision for what God wants to do here. We are so sad to see Mindy go, but we are thrilled to see where the Lord takes her in this next season. (And we're excited that Mindy does plan to remain a part of NLB as a volunteer!)

We are also excited for what God is beginning to do in the Branson location. As Mindy steps away, we're welcoming

Savannah Stepp – a long-time friend and a fellow volunteer since NLB started—into the role of NLB Director. Aside from a Bachelor's degree in social work and a Master's degree in non-profit administration, Savannah has spent 4 years ministering to women in the sex industry in Springfield, and 3 months ministering to women in Amsterdam. We can't wait to see what God does through Savannah when she steps into the Director role on January 1!

The Next Chapter for Me

In addition to Savannah's move into this new role over NightLight Branson, I am also preparing to step into a new role.

Early in 2014, NightLight International's board of directors met in Bangkok, Thailand to discuss a restructure of the ministry. This restructure sought to better promote growth and scalability of NightLight's vision, reach, and impact across the globe. One outcome of these discussions was the creation of a Chief Operations Officer position within NightLight International.

This summer, I was approached by NightLight's founder and board of directors regarding this new role. Discussions ensued. This past month, discussions have been finalized, and as of February 1, 2015, I will be

transitioning fully into the COO position within NightLight International.

As NLI's COO, I will be responsible for stabilizing and building NightLight's operations across locations, as well as working with the board and CEO to define and disseminate NightLight's vision and DNA. I will be responsible for building the scalability and effectiveness of the ministry's operations, and (God-willing!) increasing our capacity for fruitfulness.

I am both nervous and excited about this new adventure. If I'm being honest, this opportunity has been my dream for the past few years. At the same time, I recognize how little I know and how much God will have to fill in the gaps in my skills, expertise, and heart.

As I enter this new season, would you pray for me? Pray for God to really pour out his wisdom. Pray for me to step into this role with humility, to learn quickly, and to move forward with confidence in God's. Please pray also for my fundraising efforts. As I step into this new role, I am responsible for raising additional funds for my salary and administrative costs. I very much believe God will provide what is needed, but I would love your prayers in this season. (And if you would like to give, please contact me!)

Many blessings to each of YOU as you enter YOUR next season. And Happy Thanksgiving!

A Tale of Two Girls

I want to share some quotes from a couple of our mentors about the girls they're currently investing in. Check these out.

“S”

[S]...is hoping to hear from [retail store] today about the part-time job. She's still going to support group meetings and continues to have clear knowledge that her ex was a pimp and a player... She is actually helping out [M], from the club, as she got mixed up with [S's] ex. She brought up that...it is by the grace of God that she was able to get away from him. She mentions consistently that God has intervened in her life many times as he has protected her when she could have died, hurt herself, or hurt someone else. She said she has been praying lately for Him to show up and He has. [She] is wanting to get involved with NightLight. She would like to go with us to the clubs at some point and encourage the girls because she knows how they feel. She has ideas about giving the girls flowers with tags that say 'You are beautiful!' and 'You are loved no matter what.' I'm so proud of her and can't wait to see her journey continue on His path!"

“L”

"I'm often discouraged in watching [L] because the places I want her to have breakthrough in, she isn't. But I feel convicted by God to look at where she is growing and to pray for her and to trust Him with the rest... She recently had her first drink in two months (but didn't get drunk, so I will celebrate that!)... She isn't dating because she knows how unhealthy she is in that area, she is regularly in the Word, I got to worship next to her this morning with our hands held high to Jesus, and as I sit next to her right now she is pointing out her favorite Scriptures and writing a prayer card for [K] from [one of the clubs] to come to know Jesus. It's all I can do not to just weep right now. Thank you Jesus!"

Thank you for making these stories possible.

CONTACT ME

Shauna Storey
417-350-3448
shauna@nightlightinternational.com
www.nightlightinternational.com

(From Top to Bottom) NLB Location Director, Mindy Stewart, and me. I'm going to miss this dear friend. (2) A family trip to the pumpkin patch! (3, 4) Asher's first trip to Silver Dollar City!

