

“The Lord will bring me into the light.” Micah 7:9

MOVING INTO THE LIGHT



After a long night of drug use, Mark K. awoke to a sober reality. Alone in a rented room, he was down to his last unemployment check, and battling an addiction that derailed his jobs, destroyed his relationships ... and threatened his very survival.

“I didn’t know where to turn,” Mark recalls. “Being that my daughter is a lover of Christ, I called her up.”

He wept as she said, “Daddy, God has this. Everything’s going to be alright. The only thing that I’m concerned about is your soul.”

Dear Friends,

I believe God established I Care Outreach to answer the prayers of desperate people like Mark K.

“The place that I came from was dark,” he recalls. “A place of no hope, of not even looking for tomorrow.”

Through God’s mercy and the help of his adult daughter and her mom, Mark found his way into a recovery program in Connecticut. From there, he enrolled in I Care Outreach’s Faith & Finances and Work Life classes.

Today, Mark is in recovery and employed in a faith-based drug rehabilitation center. He is also working toward his dream of becoming a drug and alcohol counselor so that he can help others who “want to come out of that dark place.” He insists he couldn’t have done all this without I Care Outreach.



Top photo:
Mark and Pastor Rob

"I Care Outreach played a pivotal role in my recovery and in establishing my relationship with God," he says.

With I Care Outreach's Biblically-based training classes in personal finances, life skills and job readiness, participants learn and practice important skills like budgeting and interviewing for jobs. We come alongside them every step of the way to cheer, challenge, and support. Above all, we encourage them to rely on God and find their true identities in Christ.

Praise God for what He is doing in Mark's life and in the lives of 127 others who completed our programs this year – almost 70% more than last year! It's been an exciting time as we develop a team of volunteer trainers to help with the growing need for our classes in Bridgeport, New Haven, and Waterbury. Thank you for your ongoing financial and prayer support that has helped to make this possible!

As we head into 2023, He has given us a God-sized vision for ministry expansion that includes developing new courses, finding a new and larger training center, and laying the groundwork for additional ministry service initiatives.

But we can't do it without your help. Would you prayerfully consider making a special year-end gift so that we can expand I Care Outreach and reach more people with the resources they need to transform their lives and communities?

Jesus said, "I have come as a light to shine in this dark world, so that all who put their trust in me will no longer remain in the dark." (John 8:12) Through your gift to I Care Outreach you shine God's love and hope into the lives of people living in confusion and despair. As Mark explains, that is the key to real and lasting change.

"In the past, I would rely on my own understanding, and it got me into so much confusion and madness," Mark shares. "Now when I come to roadblocks and issues in my life – which are going to happen even though I'm clean and sober – I can rely on the foundation of my relationship with God. And the avenue to that was I Care Outreach."

THANK YOU AGAIN FOR PARTNERING WITH US. MAY THE LORD
FILL YOU WITH JOY AND PEACE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON.

Pastor Robert M. Turner



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