

"BECAUSE OF HIS GREAT MERCY HE HAS GIVEN US NEW BIRTH INTO A LIVING HOPE..."

1 PETER 1:3

Dear Friends,

During the holidays, we often see the word "hope" relegated to a warm and fuzzy slogan on clothing and decorations.

But at I Care Outreach, we know that true hope is powerful. It's anchored in God's unchanging love and promises, and we see it transforming lives 365 days a year.

When Reginald Lamar enrolled in I Care Outreach classes he was in an alcohol rehabilitation program and still had a lot of "the street" in him. That soon changed.

"My life was negative but through I Care Outreach I saw that I had the hope of turning things around," Reginald explains. "I paid attention and did all the homework. I stayed open to any suggestions for improvement."

Today Reginald is sober, attends church regularly and encourages others who are struggling as he was. What's more, thanks to I Care Outreach's job preparation training, he landed a full-time warehouse job in which he is flourishing.

"My life is fulfilled," he says.

Reginald is just one of more than 100 people who were blessed by I Care Outreach classes in 2023 – and we are overjoyed to include our first class of women among them! These men and women have faced issues that can fill the heart with hopelessness such as addiction, lack of housing, abusive relationships, poverty, and involvement with the justice system.







I Care Outreach classes are designed to break the cycle of despair and hopelessness by providing biblically based training in personal finances, life skills and job readiness. We come alongside participants 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. As Reginald knows, it's a formula that works.

"I recommend the program. It did wonders for me and hopefully it can do wonders for other people too."

Success has fueled an increasing demand for I Care Outreach classes and new program initiatives in the year ahead. But we can't do it without your help. Would you prayerfully consider making a special year-end gift and/or a 2024 monthly gift through PayPal? Your gift creates a cycle of blessing in the lives of our program participants, their families, and their communities. It is truly a Gift of Hope!

MAY THE GOD OF HOPE FILL YOU WITH JOY AND PEACE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON,

Pastor Robert M. Turner



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