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# Freeway Sanford/Odom Newsletter

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## Here's what has happened in the last year and what's to come!

What a year it has been! God has been so faithful, and we have so much to celebrate and share with you.

### **Exciting Highlights from This Year**

- **A Growing Family!** We are excited to announce that we are expecting a new baby! This is such a blessing, and we can't wait to welcome this little one into our lives.
- **A New Home!** God has provided us with a new house, giving us a stable and welcoming place to live and do ministry.
- **Lives Changed!** We have seen people come to Christ through our Thursday night services. Watching God move in hearts and transform lives never gets old!
- **Growing Partnerships!** We've been able to partner with several churches that are passionate about reaching people with the gospel, strengthening the impact of the ministry.
- **Ministry Growth!** I am almost finished with my pastoral residency, which has been an incredible time of learning and preparation for what's ahead.

### **God's Provision**

God has been so good to us this year! One of the ways He has provided is through Savanna's part-time job, which has helped cover what we've been lacking in financial support. On top of that, our church, Restoration Church of Sanford, has been such a huge encouragement, meeting pressing needs and standing alongside us in this ministry. We are also incredibly grateful for the support of all our partnering churches and friends—you make this mission possible!

### **Looking Ahead**

With our new baby on the way, Savanna will be taking maternity leave, which means we will need to cover the income lost during that time—approximately \$6,000. We are trusting God to provide as we step into this next season.

### **Financial Update**

We are currently 64% funded and looking to raise the remaining support to reach 100%. If you feel led to partner with us financially or increase your current support, we would be incredibly grateful. Every dollar helps us continue the work God has called us to!

### **How You Can Pray**

- For a healthy pregnancy and smooth delivery for Savanna.
  - For continued spiritual growth in those who have recently come to Christ.
  - For God to provide the remaining support we need as we move toward full funding.
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## Meet Reece Tatum From Rock Bottom To Redemption: A Life Transformed By Christ



Your partnerships are investments into men like Reece!

Hello, my name is Reece Tatum. I'm 32 years old and from Detroit, MI. I was raised in a Christian home and was saved at a young age. Growing up, I was deeply involved in church—attending Sunday services, youth groups, and men's groups. My mother and brother were missionaries, and their faith inspired me to pursue missions myself.

At 17, I had the opportunity to travel to the Middle East, living at Bethlehem Bible College and serving in Israel, Lebanon, and Palestine. It was there that my faith was challenged like never before. I had questions I didn't know how to answer, and instead of seeking the truth, I let doubt take root. Over time, I walked away from my faith entirely, convinced I could navigate life on my own.

That decision led me into a downward spiral that lasted over a decade. I filled the void with alcohol, drugs, and crime. My home became a place of destruction—filled with drug dealing, violence, and overdoses. I was in and out of jail, hospitalized multiple times, and at my worst, I was drinking nearly a gallon of liquor a day. Eventually, my house was condemned, and I was left homeless. I had lost everything.

In September of 2024, I hit absolute rock bottom. I had no hope, no direction, and no way out. **But God had a plan.** He orchestrated the events that led me to Freeway Ministries, where I was taken in by a group of Christ-loving, God-fearing believers who cared for me, challenged me, and pointed me back to the only thing that could save me—Jesus Christ.

Through Freeway, I have learned what it truly means to walk in obedience, humility, and surrender. I spent years running from the truth, but deep down, I always knew it. The answer was never in the drugs, alcohol, or my own strength—it was in Jesus. He is the living Son of God who paid the ultimate price for my redemption.

God has created hope where there was hopelessness and love where there was hate. I don't know exactly what the future holds, but I know who holds it. I am committed to following Christ, trusting in His plan, and using my life to serve Him. If He can save and restore someone like me, He can do the same for you.

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