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*Dominic Martin, Alumni class of 2003*

## Good News

*It's always good to hear testimonials of people who have been changed by the power of God's work through The Way Out Ministries. Here are a few to brighten your day.*

**Dominic Martin:** Walking towards my mom's car I never could have imagined where that short trip would take me. As my mom and I walked into the ministry that first time to register me for school I can honestly say I was young, dumb,

nervous and uncertain of my commitment to God. More than 10 years later, I am a weight loss champion, near-death health-crisis survivor and a Senior Training Manager for one of the largest telecommunications companies in the world. More importantly, after all these years, through the ups and downs and trials and tribulations of life, I am still a firm believer in the life changing Gospel of Jesus Christ that was taught and demonstrated to me at The Way Out.

I can say with 100% confidence that if it wasn't for the enormous impact that The Way Out Ministries and Turner High School had on my life I wouldn't be who I am today. The tremendous love, support, and encouragement that I received at the Way Out Ministries helped to build an unshakable spiritual foundation for my entire life. The foundation that was built reminds me every day to be a good husband, father, friend, and believer. If you were to ask how I am doing today, I would simply reply that "I am blessed, prosperous and well fed".

I want to express my deepest appreciation to The Way Out Ministries and to all who support this amazing work. You are truly partnering with God to plant seeds in the lives of many that will grow for an eternity. Thank you for the difference you make in lives like mine.

**Greg & Nicole:** When Greg and I came to The Gathering (*The Way Out Ministries' mission church*) last year it was the end to a long search for a place that felt like home. We have had our fair share of ups and downs in the past four and a half years. We experienced the pain of being apart while Greg spent months in jail and also had to make the agonizing decision to amputate our daughter's arm due to a medical condition when she was only nine months of age. We found The Way Out at a time when we were ready to give up on our search for a

church and our marriage. It was then that a long-time participant at The Way Out Ministries invited us to her church, The Gathering. We have since attended every Sunday and have grown closer to God and in our marriage. Our new church has given us the opportunity to worship, serve and hear God's word together each week. Greg and I know that we will face more challenges in the future, but we find comfort in knowing that we have the support of our church family to help us through any storm.



*Greg & Nicole with their children Scarlett (in dad's arms) and Faith (in mom's arms) at Scarlett's dedication.*

**Richard:** I have had quite an unusual life filled with difficult experiences—homelessness being among them. One day while riding on the bus, I met a lady (*or perhaps an angel*) that directed me to The Way Out Ministries as a place where I could find a musically contemporary church. She told me that they had just put on a concert called ZION Fest, and hundreds of people had attended. Unfortunately, I missed that concert but the following Sunday I attended church at The Gathering for the first time. Thanksgiving day soon followed, and I was able to help out with the dinner that The Way Out Ministries provided for the poor and elderly. Over 300 people from the community showed up! Seeing such a small church have such a large influence on a community made me realize what a determined group can accomplish. I knew I was home!

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**EASTER WEEK**  
PALM SUNDAY 10AM  
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EASTER SUNDAY 10AM

\$4,000.00! We encourage others to follow Kathy's lead. We can provide the band and decorations. Will you provide the guests?

### Volunteers of the Year

Each year at our Volunteer Dinner, one outstanding volunteer is selected from our host of servants to be especially honored for most hours served. This year, three such volunteers were honored with certificates by President



Tom Jackson and Director Barry Bruce. This year's honored volunteers were (pictured left to right) Tiffany Nevarez, Rosa Delgado and Michelle Bruce. These young ladies volunteer weekly at youth programs, special events, work projects, church and summer camp and are a vital part of The Way Out Ministries. We deeply appreciate them and all of our wonderful volunteers, financial partners and prayer warriors. May God bless each of you for all you do to advance the kingdom of God.

In addition to going to church each week, I began attending weekly Bible study and became deeply involved. Since that time, God has led me out of my comfort zone and into a place of leadership to begin a Celebrate Recovery group at The Way Out Ministries. Since this 12 step program based on the Beatitudes had once helped me, I wanted to see it reach others at The Way Out. Please pray for my leadership team and me as we move into ministry!



Richard

### Party Funds

Church member, Kathy Nevejas, decided to have her birthday party at The Way Out and have her friends give financial gifts to the ministry rather than to herself. This innovative idea promoted the ministry and donated



Julio Rodriguez & Terry Bruce share at Kathy's birthday celebration.



### Can You Help Us?

*Financial Needs*

- Mold removal from flooding \$5,000.00
- Tables for classroom \$100.00 each (need 10 units)
- New Computers for study lab \$601.00 per unit. (need 9 units)  
*Brass donation plaque fixed to each computer.*
- Subwoofers (speakers) for church \$1,500.00
- 100 Stacking Chairs \$2,430.00
- 2 Vocal Mics @ \$100.00 each

**Kodak** Pictured on envelope cover:  
Turner High students take over the city government. Story in next issue.