

## PRAISING THE POWERFUL NAME OF JESUS



Johnathon came to Metro Hope from Ohio almost 5 years ago. He would have video calls with a friend who was at Metro Hope. Johnathon saw God moving in his friend's life and he wanted it! Johnathon didn't realize the "it" was Jesus, the Savior that he was about to encounter in a mighty way! Johnathon grew up fatherless, becoming the man of the house at a young age, falling into the patterns of a destructive life of drugs. While Johnathon was at Metro Hope, he discovered the Father he had longed for and needed. A Father who loved him and wouldn't abandon him, who would guide him in the ways he should go. Johnathon also found a family of God, his brothers, who walked with him into the new life he has in Jesus Christ and full of the Holy Spirit! Johnathon became a new man, with a new heart and mind, chasing after all God had planned for him. After Johnathon graduated from Metro Hope, he became staff, leading and loving the male residents, growing in confidence and faith. He also rented a room in our staff wing, his first place on his own. He was excellent at his first job sober. After a year, he moved on to work for a church then became a Peer Recovery Specialist working inside the walls of Metro Hope. It was during this time that Johnathon was asked to be a groomsman in a Metro Hope brother's wedding, the first Christian wedding he had ever attended. The Lord is always full of surprises! Johnathon met Ashley, a bridesmaid, and it wasn't long before Johnathon said, "I can't not marry her!", something he never thought he would say. They were married on March 5, 2023, in a ceremony honoring their love for God just as they had in their courtship. God honors those who love Him and are obedient to His ways. On March 15, 2024, their precious gift from God was born, a little girl named Zinnia! Today, Johnathon is following God with his whole heart, a blessing to everyone around him, and works full-time to provide for his beautiful family. His wife says he is an excellent husband and father. His baby girl has him wrapped around her little finger! This is the result of the power of Jesus Christ at Metro Hope. To God be the glory!



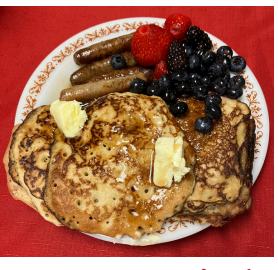
### Kevin and Wendy Lowry - Why we give to Metro Hope

We are privileged to share in the ministry being done at Metro Hope Ministries. Our priority with our time and resources is to make the name and message of Jesus Christ known to all, but especially those seeking healing and hope in order to stay alive. Metro Hope is a perfect place for both of our desires. The men, women, and children coming to this ministry for help have lost hope and we are excited to be a part of sharing in the miracle waiting for them when they encounter Jesus Christ. We both have many years of experience working in corrections and treatment. This ministry has provided us many priceless friendships and so many opportunities to actively participate in bringing joy to others. We love the results we see within this ministry that not only impact lives currently, but often changes their destination for eternity.





For the 7th year, our men and women packed Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes full of toys, toothbrushes, crayons, and socks for boys and girls around the world. This is such an exciting event where the joy of giving is experienced! Each resident is asked to provide at least 1 item to pack in a shoebox, but many buy more than that. Letters are written by our residents to the children that will receive the gift. Their prayers over the children are so precious! "Father God, you made it possible for all of the boxes to be packed to the brim, overflowing with love for You, Father! These kids will open these boxes and be overflowed with love and joy and peace. They will feel Your love and know You are there." "Thank you, God, for putting charity in our hearts." Our men and women packed 52 boxes! What precious and grateful men and women The Lord creates at Metro Hope! ❤️



SATURDAY, MARCH 22,  
9AM IS OUR FREE  
PANCAKE BREAKFAST  
AT METRO HOPE,  
2739 CEDAR AVE S.  
MPLS, 55407  
NO REGISTRATION NECESSARY



DO YOU WANT TO BLESS OUR CHILDREN? WE NEED 5 BUNKBEDS, 2 TODDLER BEDS, AND 7 CRIB MATTRESSES FROM AMAZON.  
link- <https://a.co/9VdGapQ>



Amazon QR Kids beds

God has been so faithful to Metro Hope over the last 98 years. He has always held Metro Hope close to His heart, keeping us dependent on Him for all things, protecting us from wandering eyes toward money and fame and losing our focus and commitment to His mission. Everything we do at Metro Hope is about building relationships with Jesus and God's eternal Kingdom, nothing else. We are incredibly grateful for His protection and provision. The Bible tells us that when we can be trusted with a little, He will bless us with more. That is what He is doing as He shares His vision for Metro Hope. It is clear that we need more space as He continues to fill our centers to overflowing and with waiting lists. Will you please join us in prayer for His guidance and His provision as we follow Him in the next chapter of the Metro Hope story, His story?

We just received a donation and a letter from a new church. They wrote, **"We have heard you do outstanding recovery ministry. Keep up God's work."** That felt like a love letter from the Lord Himself! We are so grateful that we are a light on a hill and that others, even the addicted, are seeing the light, His Light! Metro Hope has always been ALL FOR HIM and one day you and I will meet all of the people over the past 98 years who have been changed for eternity when we enter His Kingdom. Can you imagine? The once addicted, their families, and the generations that follow! Lately we have been talking about how Jesus tells us to take His Gospel to the nations. We have realized that He is bringing the nations to Metro Hope; Native American, Hispanic, and Hmong, to experience His Gospel! Once free in Him, they are going back to their people, their nations, with His Gospel and a powerful testimony! Only God! To Him be the Glory!

Thank you for your blessings to the men, women, and children of Metro Hope! We could not do this work without you! With a humble heart, I ask you to consider making an eternal investment to Metro Hope this Christmas and in the years to come. Let's walk into this next chapter together, for our joy and His glory!

**Hallelujah, You're here! Merry Christmas and God bless you!** *Cammy Oren, Board President*



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