



Deshae Lott Ministries Inc

# Meet the Recipients of the 2017 CMMS Deshae Lott Ministries Outreach Program Quality of Life Grants

## Bruce Dovey

### Recipient of a \$500 Quality of Life Grant

Bruce Dovey of Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina, has a rare disease called ATTR Amyloidosis. The disease affects only 10,000 people worldwide, and medical resources for those affected are severely limited. Years before his diagnosis in 2016, he began to experience symptoms that ultimately led to his inability to walk or to use his hands, arms, or fingers, and he is confined to an electric wheelchair. There is no cure for the disease, and patients have a life expectancy of five to fifteen years from the onset of symptoms. Bruce needs assistance with ten of the thirteen activities of daily living listed on our application: all but breathing, seeing, and hearing. His wife, Kathy, has faced health challenges of her own, and neither of them are able to work. He applied for the grant to help with expenses, including an adapted van, the services of a home health aide, and a move to a house with a first floor master bedroom in a location closer to his daughter, who is an RN.



## Dwayne Dilling

### Recipient of a \$500 Quality of Life Grant

Dwayne Dilling of New Orleans is confined to a wheelchair because of a spinal cord injury. A repeat recipient of our grant, Dwayne needs assistance with seven of the thirteen activities of daily living listed on our application. He applied for the grant to help with medical expenses not covered by insurance, and with daily living expenses, including nutritious food to help him deal with his recent diagnosis of diabetes.

## **Robert Michael Read** Recipient of a \$500 Quality of Life Grant

Robert Michael Read of Griffin, Georgia was paralyzed from the chest down 12 years ago as a result of a car accident. His dream is to go to college, to become an advocate for research to find a cure for spinal cord injury, and ideally, to walk again. He has hope that he will achieve all of these goals once he gets past the obstacles of surgery on a wound on his hip, and the subsequent year-long recovery period that will be required.

He applied for the grant to help pay for part of the home nursing care he will need during that recovery.



## **Darius Lewis** Recipient of a \$500 Quality of Life Grant

Darius Lewis of Jackson, Tennessee was in a multi-vehicle accident in December of 2009 and sustained C5-C7 fractures that resulted in quadriplegia. He needs assistance with eleven of the thirteen daily life activities listed in our application. He lives alone, and applied for the grant as part of his efforts to raise funds to obtain a Permobil Wheelchair. He requires power mobility, tilt for pressure relief, and a seat elevator and standing function for reaching cabinets, and for grooming, transfers, and other activities of daily living. He goes into the community, attends church, shops, and hopes to gain employment.