Dr. Fletcher A. Brothers established Freedom Village USA in 1981 in order to create a safe haven for struggling teenagers in need of God's love and wisdom. Through a variety of programs encompassed by the fellowship, the ministry administers educational support, life lessons, and wholesome community involvement. The programs for youth include Freedom Academy, Freedom Bible College, Freedom Ranch, The Gift of Life Home, and Freedom Village Outreaches, which includes Victory Today Television and Victory Today Radio. Today, Freedom Village USA has evolved as one of the most substantial outreach organizations as it brings missionary work into public schools and detention centers across the United States and Canada. Among the many components of Freedom Village USA is the Horse Program, which teaches young individuals lessons of relationships and responsibilities through horsemanship. Every member embarks on the minimum of a brief trail ride and additional rides are encouraged if the person so chooses. The purpose of this activity is to address fear of unfamiliar encounters and/or experiences, leaving the rider confident and satisfied at a job well done. Individuals may also choose to work in the stables, continuing their bond with the horses. According to Pastor Brothers and his associates, there are numerous stories about how a horse has impacted a teen's life in a positive way. As with all of the programs supported by Freedom Village USA, the horse-and-rider pairings were made to emphasize wholesome values, truthfulness, character, and diligent work. To learn more about the missionary vision of Freedom Village USA, or get for information about a one-time contribution, the Adopt-a-Teen program, in-kind gifts, or wills and trusts call 1-800-Victory (1-800-842-8679).