

What Can The Restoration Program Do for the Resident of the House?

It is the duty of the Restoration Program to further the resident's knowledge of Jesus Christ as Savior of the world. While we will accept men with various religious backgrounds, it will be mandatory for the resident to agree to follow all the spiritual guidelines of the house, which is totally based on Christianity. They will be held accountable for signing the agreements to follow the house rules and spiritual guidelines. They will have no excuse because a counselor or chaplain will witness their signature stating that they have read and agree to all rules. The Restoration Program will provide the resident with a job, housing, clothes, food, and personal hygiene items until they get on their feet. We will provide, in most cases, transportation to and from work. We will help, with approval of the local parole officer, the resident get his driver's license back, we will hold his funds in an account for him and see to it that restitution, fines, and other court related costs are paid to insure getting off parole or probation earlier. We will see to it that support for the resident's family to help pay bills is provided from the resident's account. Money will not be dispersed to family; however, rent and other bills will be paid from what the resident receives from weekly work. It will be mandatory for him to work every day, unless very ill. His rent for the Restoration House will be taken from his pay to assure the maintaining of the house. For the 12 months of the program the resident and his spouse will be taught to budget their weekly or monthly finances. They will be taught the dangers of using charge cards without the financial backing. They will be taught to save money by simply spending less than they make. Qualified counselors will address whatever the resident's past problems were, and during the 12-month program it is our desire to see healing in all areas of the resident's life and the life of his family. We will keep him accountable, but as he proves himself he will receive privileges for taking leadership in the prayer meetings, Bible studies, or how he completes his house chores and how he interacts with the staff and other residents. One thing every prospective resident needs to understand: if there is no spiritual quest for Jesus, no desire for a changed life through the Word of God, or an interest in Christianity while he was incarcerated, it is very unlikely he will be received into the house until he proves himself where he is.

This program will be closely monitored to see to the spiritual growth of the residents. We will work closely with the local parole office to prove this ministry to be more than a bunch of "bleeding hearts" who have no idea what their residents are capable of.

There will be a daily record kept of the resident's attitude both at work and at the house as well as how they achieve their chores at the house and willingness to serve others.

They will be expected to attend all Christian services as this will be a mandatory part of this program. Therefore we will not be able to receive any government grants, so we can continue to make this mandatory.

The residents will be expected to pay all restitution, court costs, fines, and pay room and board from the job that will be provided by the Restoration House Program. They will learn to make a budget for family spending and will be expected to help their family during the 12-month they will be in this program. They will only have a small weekly allowance from the income since the ministry will be providing their food and housing and transportation to and from the job.

If you or your congregation would like to know all the details of what we propose as to the Restoration House Program we will be happy to provide all the information necessary for you to fully understand how very complete this program promises to be with your partnership and support.

After Restoration House proves itself to be a benefit to the residents and society, we plan on opening a Restoration House for women and then to expand this program into other areas of this state and even into surrounding states.

Perhaps a seminar going over all the details of this program would be helpful to your better understanding of the drastic need for such a program.

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The Restoration House Program is a result of the successful work this ministry did with another ministry. The forms and brochures were developed by this ministry and are now adapted for us to use.

Since 1987 when I was released from prison I dreamed of opening and maintaining a Restoration House for men who are refused parole because of an insufficient parole plan.

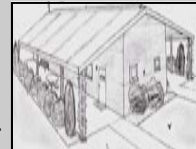
This program promises to provide self-support after it becomes successful. However, funds will be necessary to buy the land and build the buildings to start this program.

What Can The Restoration House Do for the Community?

It is the earnest desire and responsibility of The Restoration House to not only house, but to train all residents to reenter society as law abiding and responsible citizens. Since there will be a diverse group of men in our program, we will provide trained staff to screen all applications, run in-depth background checks with the institutions where the residents served their sentence, and when possible, meet with the inmate to ask personal questions and see their reaction face to face. Counselors will need to recommend prospective residents with a letter; plus one from the chaplain, and the work supervisor for residents with a more serious crime. In these cases family members might also need to be interviewed; plus, their prior parole reviews will be investigated, along with the institutional records, to be sure their behavior while incarcerated is compatible with the standpoint of the Restoration House. The inmate will have to fill out a detailed application, and he will have to read, agree with, and sign a house rules along with a spiritual guideline. He will be made aware that all rules are mandatory, not suggestions. The inmate will have to have been involved in church and Bible studies before their release, and have a history of a God-seeking spiritual quest prior to being released into the Restoration Program.

What Can The Restoration House Do for the Criminal Justice System?

When an inmate has no family or home plan (a place to go when they are released from prison) the prison system has little or no idea what to do with him when he has served the majority of his sentence. Our program will supervise the residents for a designated time, and provide mandatory daily work; insuring that their income pays all restitution, court costs, and supports their families while they are at the house, in addition to seeing to the needs of the residents during the 12 month program. Instead of this inmate being released and only see their parole officer once a week or once a month (or less), they will be supervised 24 hours a day. Having a place to release inmates who have been incarcerated for long periods of time and being willing to take a chance on men with more serious crimes will free up prison space for inmates awaiting being moved into the state system, and relieve the overcrowding of the county jails. This program will allow men who have already served the majority of their sentence to have a chance of being released into a structured community before they are released back into society, and prevent continued housing in a prison paid for by tax dollars. There is a better way than just housing men until they have to be released. Our program offers this alternative.



A rough look at what we hope to build as a Restoration House which could house 20 men comfortably.

What Can The Restoration Program Do for the Family?

Many programs are exclusively for the man or woman who has been incarcerated, but the Restoration Program will encourage families to receive counseling, which we will offer. We will offer marital counseling and a 12-step Overcomers Program for drug and alcohol recovery. This will be a Christ-centered program with Jesus Christ being the higher power in the meetings. There will be help for strained or broken marriages, which may have deteriorated while one spouse was incarcerated. The other spouse has suffered just as seriously, but in a different way. When the resident first arrives at the house he will be restricted to house and work until he earns privileges such as going into town shop or going out to dinner. During this time we will be closely monitoring the attitude and behavior of the resident to see how he fits into the life of the Restoration House. After he has established himself, his family can come on weekends for visits and cookouts. Counseling sessions will then become available to reunite them in a more intimate and Godly way.

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