

T.E.A.M. MENTORING GOALS & OBJECTIVES

1 - Empower the local church in coming alongside of those committed to being "followers of Jesus Christ".

Objective: To provide a resource of training and supervision to the church and pastors as they equip their people in relationally-based discipling.

2 - To connect each participant into a Mentoring Team from a local church or churches.

Objective: To surround all of our goals in an environment that provides the most important gift of the Spirit – LOVE. And to provide Godly, positive relationships or associations to replace the old negative relationships in each participant's life.

3 - Provide an opportunity for personal growth and healing.

Objective: To provide opportunity and an environment conducive to developing participant's knowledge base and understanding of a biblical lifestyle. And to provide a safe and healthy environment, surrounded by positive relationships to enforce and model Christ-like thinking.

4 - Provide for Survival or Basic Needs

Objective: Provide a facility or environment in which basic needs are met, but with the participants being required to contribute both financially and with their time.

5 - To provide a model of transitional ministry for other communities.

Objective: As opportunity provides, set up a Local Operating Committee in other key communities.



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T.E.A.M. Mentoring

*"Teach, Encourage, Assist & Model
broken lives into
Christ-centered lives"*



*And if one can over-
power him who is
alone, two can resist
him. A cord of three
strands is not quickly
torn apart.*

Ecc. 4:12

Friendship with a Purpose...

Our Mission is....

To equip mentoring teams for ex-offenders and their families, providing friendships that teach, encourage assist, and model a Christ-centered life.

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on to love and good deeds"

Hebrews 10:24

In our society are many individuals who reach bottom and decide that they truly want to turn around from a destructive life style. They desire to live a productive life but they lack the tools and understanding to do so. Most are in negative relationships detrimental to positive change. Many of them have never had a positive role model to give them an example of making good lifestyle choices.

Some are coming out of prison or jail and are struggling against institutionalization. Others come from dysfunctional or violent families, addictive behavior, or are a victim of abuse or crime. They may be very sincere, but lack the resources and relationships to facilitate the lasting change they desire. They need the love of brothers and sisters in Christ to supply those needs to provide an opportunity for them to transition from a lifestyle of destruction to one of productiveness.

All of these individuals are at extreme risk of reverting back to their old habits and patterns. Nationally the rate of recidivism for all ex-prisoners is almost 80%. Those that have positive relationships and receive 12 or more visits per year have an 80% chance that they will NOT return to prison! Often people are exposed to the truth in the form of information or knowledge but they have not had the opportunity of seeing Godliness modeled. They have not been able to develop wisdom (the practical application of knowledge to everyday decisions of life) because they have not had the opportunity to observe wisdom modeled. They have

not had anyone complete the job that Christ gave to His followers in Matt. 28:25 “make disciples... teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.”

The church has neglected to rise to this need and finds itself very intimidated, ill prepared, and untrained in how to truly fulfill their commission to ex-prisoners. It is the church that God has chosen to love the down trodden to Christ. We must not neglect to engage the institution that God has chosen to provide the needed relationships for those in transition from godlessness to Godliness. The church is needed to model following Jesus in the everyday activities of life.

T.E.A.M. Mentoring ‘teams’ can provide a variety of basic life needs for shelter, but it also provides structure in a ‘family’ or community setting. This ‘family’ setting can provide for intensive training and accountability, but most importantly grants opportunity to supply the much-needed assets of relationships and constructive leisure time. These last two assets provide the setting wherein the Mentoring Team is able to model Christ-like living. This contribution must be brought to this setting by members of local churches.

“Set me free from my prison, that I may praise your name. Then the righteous will gather about me because of your goodness to me.”
Psalm 142:7

“T.E.A.M. MENTORING, INC.” is established as a statewide non-profit corporation (IRC§501-C-3) with an Executive Board of Directors as well as Local Operating Committees, which may include participating local churches.

EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS (State-level):

The Executive Board guides and directs the affairs of TEAM Mentoring, Inc. In time, as the ministry expands to other communities, the Executive Board members will include at least one member from each Local Operating Committee.

LOCAL OPERATING COMMITTEE

Local Operating Committees shall include pastors from partner churches or someone they designate with gifting in areas of: Administration, Fund Development, Ministry Development, Volunteer recruitment and management. Each participating community will in time develop it’s own Operating Committee. They will become responsible for their own fund development program.

MENTORING TEAM LEADERS (volunteers)

Most will start as an in-prison mentor and will play a lead role in the team upon release of participant. They will receive supervision from Pastor, Team members, Caseworker and the State Director.

MENTORING TEAM MEMBERS (volunteers)

3 to 7 volunteers who partner together in mentoring of a participant, receive supervision from Pastor and the Team leader.

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