



DISCIPLESHIP PROGRAM

Dear Pastors, Youth Directors, Men's Leadership,

The North Strand Housing Shelter is full of gratitude and joy for the work that the Lord has allowed us to accomplish through Him since opening our doors 6 months ago. We have had the opportunity of feeding, sheltering and shepherding many homeless men, women and children in our community. This would not be possible without the prayers and the generous donations of time, talent, and resources of our local churches.

The day to day operation offers our guests devotions, food, shelter and hygiene. We offer haircuts, counseling and evening classes in money management and Bible study. Those over nighting are welcome to stay with us for a maximum of 10 days provided there is space available. All guests leave on our bus at 8:00 in the morning after breakfast and carry a bag lunch with them to the drop off point in North Myrtle Beach. They may return with the bus at 5:00 pm. We do breathalyze if necessary for alcohol.

Two programs are available to our guests;

1. "Job Preparation" 60 day program introduces our guests into an intense grooming and placement process. Securing proper identification records, creation of resume, interview training, sharpening of skills, physical appearance and mental preparation. We work closely with the Goodwill, JobLinks program. When not out searching for jobs the guests work at the shelter or at community outreach facilities to demonstrate their servant attitude. They must be alcohol and drug free.

2. Our "DISCIPLESHIP PROGRAM" is approximately 90 days and the entire emphasis is to transform those who have been down and out, those with substance and social addictions, those who have lost their way, and/or those coming out of incarceration. The focus is to work toward becoming a disciple of Christ. We move these broken men from a feeling of uselessness to create in them a servant's heart. Through Jesus they gain self respect, self esteem, self love and a new purpose for living. Our Mission Statement reads: "Together we strive to offer men of our community a life changing understanding of the Gospel, encouragement to build a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and equip them for stability in the home, church, community and workplace." This program is open to all men who are in financial straits, homeless and have a genuine desire to build or repair a relationship with the Lord not only for their own benefit but for the benefit of others.

We ask you and all of your church members to keep your eyes and ears open for anyone who meets these descriptions or needs. We also ask that you display these brochures. Please call me for more brochures and any additional information needed about our Discipleship Program.

Thank you and May God Bless you,

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