

## Criteria For Acceptance

We encourage you to read the "Criteria for Acceptance" carefully before applying and suggest that you "count the cost" before making a decision to apply. May the Lord guide you, bless you and keep you in His perfect will as you consider our homes.

### All Applicants:

- Must be open and committed to change their behavior and lifestyle. Applicants must understand that the reason they are in their current situation is because of the choices they have made.

### All Applicants:

- Must understand and submit to all house rules and obey the authorities placed over them. Without submitting to the authority in the home, the applicant will not be able to succeed in submitting to Christ.

### All Applicants:

- Must be committed to develop personal disciplines including the study and application of the Word of God to their lives. Our program is designed and based upon allowing the power of God and His Word to work a permanent change in the individual's life.

### All Applicants:

- Must accept all others regardless of race or ethnicity. Any form of prejudice is not acceptable.

### All Applicants:

- Must be willing to submit to a drug and alcohol test if suspect. Drug abuse, in any form, is unacceptable and will be cause for immediate dismissal from the House of Esther or House of Jeremiah.

### All Applicants:

- Must submit to our smoke-free environment.

**"No Exceptions"**



## How to Apply

If you are interested in becoming a part of the House of Esther, or the House of Jeremiah, please call or write to the following address for an application.

Prison Ministry of America  
8129 Somerset Boulevard  
Paramount, California 90723  
Phone: (562) 531-0117  
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## Second Chance Ministry

Changing people's lives



"In an acceptable time I have heard you, and in the day of salvation I have helped you. Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation."  
-2 Corinthians 6:2 NKJV

# Recovery Homes

The House of Jeremiah and the House of Esther is a (9) month Christian Discipleship Recovery Home that was established in 1993 and continues to grow under the covering of Prison Ministry of America. For years this ministry has been affiliated with Calvary Chapel of Downey, where many of our participants make their church home for ongoing support.

Located in a residential neighborhood in Long Beach and Whittier, California, these homes provide a Christ-centered program designed to provide recovery and rehabilitation tools for men and women who have been institutionalized or experiencing struggles with drugs, alcohol, other substances, gang life-style or have just had a lifetime of bad choices. This immersion program offers the tools and teaching that will help all participants live a Christ centered and productive life if there is a whole-hearted commitment to change.

At the House of Jeremiah and The House of Esther ALL residents learn to not just be a spectator of life, but to participate fully in the life God created us for embracing our roles as leaders to family, friends, and the community. The commitment to change is astronomical in this program and necessary in order to break the bondage of bad behavior and bad choices that have imprisoned men and women during their lifetime.

It is our goal to provide a safe and supportive environment where men and women can experience the compassion and love of God through our relationships with one another. We hope and pray that together we can make this a peaceful and blessed experience for each man and woman that God leads through our doors.



# Services We Provide

As well as the spiritual foundation, services will include: transitional housing, employment and job creation, health and wellness outreach, spiritual advice and advocacy, family reunification and education. Holistic programs we also focus on:

- Improving discharge planning for people who are exiting incarceration and addiction. To reduce their chances of cycling again through the criminal justice system and other systems of care.
- Equip participants with renewed faith, scriptural counsel, and new behavioral thinking to make good decisions for themselves and their families.
- Assist those being released from incarceration to successful reintegration in order that they will be a productive part of changing their communities for the better.
- Provide a thorough assessment of the clients' dreams and goals.
- Develop an individualized service plan in order to carry out those goals.
- Establish a relationship of trust and advocacy.
- Follow through to help the individuals we serve to find a stable home where they can thrive in a crime-free and supportive environment.



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Both the House of Jeremiah and the House of Esther will start off with the first 30 days designed around a spiritual boot camp atmosphere, where you will learn spiritual disciplines, and be able to draw closer to God through His word. There are no visits, or letters for the first 30 days, but after successful completion of this time you will be encouraged to invite your family to visit at the home and participate in church activities and services. We do not provide living accommodations for children but they too can visit.

Christian Fellowship and support are also important components in building a new life. Included in your daily routine of chores (cooking, cleaning, laundry, and individual responsibilities), you will be interacting with others in the house through study time, working assignments, attending weekly support groups and church activities.

Following your first 30 days we will assist you in preparing a resume and conducting job searches. You will have constant support and attention of the residential overseer to assist you with your job search and daily travel. Your financial stability, and responsibility is the second phase of the program. Therefore, while residing at the homes you will be expected to pay room and board, and once you have secured employment you will be required to maintain your program fees.

These programs are court recognized and recommended. Working closely with probation and parole officers, we fully understand the importance of staying in contact and will assist you with transportation to your mandatory reporting facility. The overseer will also assist you with any pending court appearances and probation requirements. They are dedicated to the position God has placed them in and will prayerfully and personally work with you and walk along side of you on the new path God has for in store for you.

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