



## **CASTAWAY MINISTRIES INTRODUCTORY HANDBOOK**

### **OPENING STATEMENT**

Castaway Ministries is a God birthed vision into the heart of Gary Cavalier in the late 1990's to give men and women who are incarcerated, no matter the reason, a better chance to succeed in life when their sentence is over. It is not for everyone, only those who have a sincere desire to change their way of life, and who have no place to go when released from prison. It is not a place for those who are not serious about life. It is a place for those who want to become a better person and do their part to make this world a better and a safer place for our children and grandchildren. We will not blame the system, races, sexes, religions, governments, or anyone else but we will step up to the plate and be responsible before men and God for our actions; past, present, and future. We believe that the blame lies squarely in the mirror, no matter who is looking into it, including myself. It is not a **hand out** welfare program, but a **hand up** ministry, opportunity driven, teaching basic and advanced life principles based solely on the Word of God. Christ is the center of who we are, what we do, and all that we ever will be, no exceptions! If ever there is anything good to be said of this ministry, the staff or participants, it is only because of Jesus Christ and none other. To Him be all the glory and honor forever and ever!

### **WHAT CASTAWAY MINISTRIES WILL PROVIDE**

- A totally Christian environment free from drugs, tobacco, alcohol, & pornography.
- A private bedroom in a dwelling with multiple capacity (future), dorm setting presently.
- Free rent for 30 day introductory period depending on each individual.
- Help restore legal documents, i.e, driver's license, birth certificate, s.s. card, etc.
- Help with interviews, resumes, and job placement appropriate with skills.
- Improve job skills for better paying jobs.
- Transportation to probation office, jobs, store, gov't. buildings, etc.

- Nightly classes dealing with pertinent issues such as anger anihilation, family focus, axing addictions, financial freedom, joy on the job, conscious coping, etc.
- Help establish banking accounts and assist with budgeting finances.

### **WHAT YOU WILL PROVIDE FOR CASTAWAY MINISTRIES**

- Consent to complete and full rap sheet.
- Random drug testing.
- Abide by all the rules and regulations, (see rules & regulations section).
- Treat staff personnel and residents with respect at all times.
- Be a team player always ready to lend a hand in every situation.
- Honesty and courtesy to yourself and others.
- Be gainfully employed after completion of the 30 day introductory period.
- Be self supported.
- Pay rent to the ministry, \$100.00 weekly, for housing after introductory period.
- Pay \$25.00 weekly to the ministry for transportation after introductory period.
- Pay \$25.00 weekly into escrow fund. Explain how it works.
- Have a Christ like attitude with a do more than is required mentality.
- Seek to serve rather than to be served.
- Complete daily chores as assigned in a safe and cooperative fashion.

### **MANDATORY RULES & REGULATIONS**

- No trespassing on Director's, Asst. Director's, or any Staff's personal property; including lands, homes, cabins, rooms, offices, vehicles, etc.
- No trespassing on Camp Bethany's property immediately adjacent to Castaway Ministries property, or any neighbor to Castaway Ministries property.
- No tobacco products of any kind on any of the premises, or in any buildings or vehicles owned by Castaway Ministries.

- No illegal drugs.
- No alcoholic beverages.
- No pornographic materials.
- No friends spending the night at any time.
- No dating until 18 months enrolled in program.
- Work all required days and be on time each day.
- Help with lawn maintenance and building upkeep and construction at Castaway Ministries. (Ecc. 9:10)
- Attend morning prayer every morning at 5:00 a.m. Times may change due to jobs.
- Attend nightly classes, no exceptions.
- Attend mid-week and Sunday a.m. services at Life Church, no exceptions.
- Attend Sunday p.m. services at Castaway Chapel.
- Submit to controlled spending habits which include budgeting, tithing, offerings.

### **DISCIPLINARY/ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY**

- If you are dismissed or leave for any reason, on the first occurrence you will not be considered to be allowed to return until after 30 days. If you left owing any money to the ministry and had a job, that will be required before being accepted. You will not be provided free food or clothing when you return. You must be self sustaining.
- If you are dismissed or leave on a second occurrence, you will not be considered to be allowed to return until after 90 days. Money, job, food, and clothing conditions will be the same as the first disciplinary occurrence.
- If you are dismissed or leave on a third occurrence, you will not be allowed back into this program.
- If you are dismissed on either of the three occurrences, your probation officer and your employer will be notified within 24 hours. The reason for this is to protect the integrity of this ministry, not to harm you. But at that point, we are no longer responsible for you in any way whatsoever.

## **PROGRAM EXIT GOALS**

To complete and graduate from the program offered by Castaway Ministries the following requirements will have to be completed.

- A full two year residency.
- Having adhered to all rules and regulations for the entire residency.
- Maintained Christian attitudes and actions during his/her stay.
- Completion of all courses offered.
- Maintained same job for at least the past six months.
- Paid rent in full and on time each week/month.
- Have a savings account with a minimum of \$4,000.00.

## **CLOSING STATEMENT**

It is the desire of the director and our staff to see you successful in life. Success has as many meanings as we have imaginations. I would like to agree with God and call success what He calls success. He is the only eternal being, He had no beginning and He has no end. Everything else will pass away but He and His own, will live forever. The Bible says, What will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses his own soul, (Mark 8:36). When the Pharisees asked Jesus what was the greatest commandment He responded with this statement, You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself, (Matthew 22:36-39).

It is our desire and passion to get you to gain eternal life through the shed blood of Jesus Christ, the only cure for the sins of all mankind, and to lose the world and it's hold on you. We further want to see you love the Lord our God with all your heart, soul, and mind, and to love your neighbors as you would yourself. When you get to this place in your life, everything else will find it's place. It's really quite interesting how this happens. It is also Biblical for in Matthew 6:33 we find Jesus quoting these powerful verses, But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. The previous verse (32) said this, For your Heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.

We will be a community of people exemplifying a loving family unit, being closely knit together on the principles of the Word of God. We will place God first in our lives, others second, and then ourselves. That's the only true source of joy.

- **J** esus first
- **O** thers next
- **Y** ourself last

Welcome to Castaway Ministries. We are excited that you have read the introductory booklet and have agreed that you want to spend the next two years of your life here with us. We are looking forward to “doing life together”. You have made a very wise decision and already are on the road to success.

**CASTAWAY MINISTRIES**  
**“HELPING HURTING PEOPLE HEAL”**  
**PEOPLE LOVING PEOPLE, LOVING GOD**

**WHAT GOD WILL DO FOR YOU WHEN YOU STAY THE COURSE**

**Psalm 113:7** He raises the poor out of the dust, And lifts the needy out of the ash heap.  
**8** That He may seat him with princes, With the princes of His people.

**CONSENT FORM**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, give my full consent to Castaway Ministries and it's staff personnel to acquire any background information deemed necessary and appropriate by them concerning my past.

I give my total consent to random drug testing.

I will follow all the rules and regulations as spelled out in the introductory manual.

I understand there is a zero tolerance practice in place and will adhere to that practice.

I agree and fully understand that Castaway Ministries is looking out for my good, even when correction is needed.

I have been explained the levels of authority and I agree to follow them.

I will follow the boundaries set forth verbally and in this manual concerning the Director's, Asst. Director, Staff, and all Neighbors personal property and families.

I do not and will not hold liable Castaway Ministries or any of it's staff, for accidents or injuries that I may sustain to me personally due to my own negligence.

Participant (Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Participant (Signature) \_\_\_\_\_

DOC # \_\_\_\_\_ Facility \_\_\_\_\_

Dorm & Bed # \_\_\_\_\_ S.S.# \_\_\_\_\_

D.L. # \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B. \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name & Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Director \_\_\_\_\_

Witness \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Accepted \_\_\_\_\_ Rejected \_\_\_\_\_ If rejected, reason: \_\_\_\_\_

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