

Eagles' Nest Application Process

1. An inmate sends us a letter requesting consideration for our program. We prefer this to happen 12 to 18 months prior to release. Exceptions will be considered.
2. We send the interested man a pre-application letter including other resources. After he reads the pre-application letter, he may decide to continue and must request an application.
3. We send him the application and he completes and returns it to us. It's important for him to be thorough as this is our only tool for our decision.
4. Eagles' Nest Ministries will review his application. If he looks like a good fit to us and has given references, we follow up with the references and verify information.
5. If he still looks like a good fit, we give all his information to the others currently living in our home. After everyone has had an opportunity to review, we vote.
6. After this process is completed, we forward his information to our board of directors.
7. Once accepted, we send him the program documentation for him to review, complete, sign and return.
8. Then we start communicating with him, by mail or e-message, to build as much of a relationship as possible before he is released.
9. When his release is close, we send him the formal acceptance letter for him to give to his COIII, etc.
10. On the day of his release, we meet him at probation/parole, cheer when we see him, take him out for his first meal and bring him home.
11. When he gets home, we have already prepared a room for him and have clothing, meeting his preferences (as much as possible).
12. Then the process documented in our first days and what you can expect from us starts.

We make sure that all probation/parole requirements are understood and followed. We provide transportation, clothing, and shelter within a family structure. If he decides to move out at any time, he is free to go. Each morning we meet for prayer, praise, and Bible reading. We discuss what we have read. Then each person tells everyone what they accomplished from the previous, their plans for today and how they are feeling. We hold each other accountable for accomplishing our plans. If something went right during the day, we share it so others can benefit. If something went wrong, we talk about it and give each other ideas on what has worked before in similar situations or what we think might work. We consider each other family.

Our program is highly dependent on a Christian relationship with God. It is essential for us to be able to work together as a family, therefore, we must share a common foundation in Christ. Our differences in Christian beliefs are not on the key elements of Christianity.

1. Romans 3:23 “For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God” We have all done things that are displeasing to God
2. Romans 6:23 “For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”
3. Romans 5:8 “But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”
4. Romans 10:9 “If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.” And Romans 10:13 “for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” Jesus died to pay the penalty for our sins and rescue us from eternal death. Salvation, the forgiveness of sins, is available to anyone who will trust in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.
5. Romans 5:1 “Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.” And Romans 8:1 “Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.” And Romans 8:38-39 “For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

In a nutshell, those are our key beliefs. We can differ on other matters of interpretation, but these key beliefs are non-negotiable!

Some men come and go; however, we are building a foundation of men to help run the ministry. After a man leaves, he remains family. He can come back for fellowship, and we will support him anytime he needs support.

We have started up a church, To the Least of These Adult Only Church. Our goals include providing a safe environment for people who for one reason or another cannot be or do not wish to be around children. We hope it will encourage probation/parole to feel confident in allowing them to participate in worship.

Basically, that’s who we are and what we do...