



Simple Acts Ministry, Inc.  
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Dear Prospective SAM Associate,

Simple Acts Ministry (SAM) is a 501C(3) tax exempt Christian organization formed to witness the love of Christ to the incarcerated and recently released by offering strength to the weak, hope to the hopeless, and love to the unloved. SAM works to aid ex-prisoners by providing assistance needed to become established members of the community and active in Christian life and ministry.

SAM's vision statement conveys our heart: "Using Simple Acts and Biblical principles to show God's love, provide hope, and win souls for Christ." Some of our ministries include ministry fellowship meetings for ex-offenders, family and friends; one-on-one mentoring; and weekly accountability meetings.

We recently opened SAM's Place, a faith-based "Hospitality House" that will provide a 6-12 month live-in program for men who have been recently released from prison. The program is designed to equip them with skills for recovery, responsibility and productive reentry into the free world.

Only those who are actively pursuing a relationship with Christ will be accepted. Each man must agree to work with a mentor, attend weekly Bible studies, recovery meetings and church services and meet other requirements designed to keep them on the right track. During the first month, each resident is expected to find employment and, after the first month, pay rent and utilities during his stay.

SAM's Place will equip our graduates to attain five goals:

1. Sobriety as a lifestyle
2. Sustainable Employment
3. Spiritual Community
4. Strength of Character
5. Service as a practice

You are receiving this application because you have requested to become a resident of SAM's Place upon release from prison. Please complete ALL questions and include ALL information requested on the form. Any applications that are not FULLY completed will not be considered and will be returned.

We hope you are earnestly seeking to become an independent success upon release. We will walk with you as you work to become an established, productive member of the community. But it is up to you! Your desire for transformation and willingness to work towards it is what matters most.

Please fill out the enclosed application and mail it back to us.

Your brother in Christ,

Ted Zobeck  
President



# SIMPLE ACTS MINISTRY

MATTHEW 25:35-36

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Simple Acts Ministry, Inc is a non-profit prison and after-care Ministry. SAM's Place is a ministry of Simple Acts Ministry that provides a safe Christian environment for former male prisoners to live and grow for a period of time to adjust to the free world and find a job and a place of their own. We provide housing in a Christian family setting and will assist you in finding a mentor, a church, and employment. Through programs and fellowshiping we will also assist you in strengthening your spiritual walk. You need to bring to this program a commitment to change and total honesty. Each case is different, but we have found it takes six to twelve months to complete this journey. Simple Acts provides assistance with basic needs such as clothing, food, and transportation and with important life skills through mentoring, classes, and Bible studies. After assessment, participants will be required to attend various classes on such topics as anger management, conflict resolution, life skills, money management, parenting, substance abuse recovery, community service, faith-base 12-step, etc.

SAM's Place residents are required to attend corporate church services weekly, Ministry Fellowship meetings and Bible studies on Saturdays or other designated days, and in-house Home Group meetings. We know there will be no success unless participants allow Christ to be Lord of their lives. The Home Group is a safe place where residents can share their thoughts and concerns, pray, and hear the Word taught. Prayer is a very important part of these meetings. In addition, each resident must abide by all other rules described later in this document.

Simple Acts Ministry  
Discipleship Program  
Criteria for Acceptance

1. Applicants must have accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.
2. Applicants must have a sincere desire to change their life.
3. Applicants must have been clean and sober for a period of at least 30 days.
4. Applicants must have a recommendation from a pastor, chaplain, transitional coordinator, institution counselor or Prison Fellowship volunteer, mentor, or teacher.
5. Applicants must be willing to become involved in a mentored relationship to build support.
6. Applicants must be willing to abide by house guidelines.
7. Applicants must be willing to do assigned work in the house, neighborhood and/or community.
8. Applicants must be willing to adhere to money management requirements which are specifically outlined in the house guidelines.
9. Applicants must commit to a minimum of six months residency.
10. Applicants must attend worship services weekly.
11. It is recommended that all applicants have a current social security card, current driver's license and/or a copy of their birth certificate and a statement of medical needs which includes a list of prescription drugs and dosages required. Status of each of these must be described below.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ TDCJ # \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

TDCJ Unit: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Document Do you have one now? If not what is the current status of each.  
We do not want a copy of these sent to us now.

Driver's License \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Certificate \_\_\_\_\_

All applications that do not meet these criteria will be denied. Incomplete applications will be returned.

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Address

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City                      State                      Zip Code

Immediate family Members (Continued)

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Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial	Relationship
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Address

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City                      State                      Zip Code

Other Personal References

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**SAM's Place Guidelines and Regulations**

All residents will be asked to conduct themselves so to maintain a sense of shared community, and to contribute to the smooth running of the House. The use of profanity, spreading rumors, gossiping, or other acts of hostility will not be tolerated.

Discrimination, harassment, or expressions of prejudice against any group is not allowed. Use of derogatory terms or expressions of belief or behaviors that are racist, sexist, or prejudiced against any person or group of people are not acceptable and will not be tolerated.

Yelling, loud speech or causing a disturbance in the house, the parking area, or anywhere in the neighborhood is never acceptable. Out of respect for your neighbors and the Ministry, please do not stand around in groups in front of the house or on the street. We reserve the right to ask anyone to leave if it is in the best interest of the ministry. Report any problems to the house manager.

We will keep your property for only 24 hours after you leave.

You will be required to attend Sunday church services, Ministry Group meetings and Bible studies and In-house Home Group/Accountability meetings held each week. Attendance is mandatory. Any absence is to be cleared with the Sam's Place manager.

Curfew: 10:00 pm weekdays; 12:00 midnight Friday and Saturday. No out-of-town trips will be allowed unless approved by the review committee. We require detailed information about any trips planned including location, purpose, and contact information. No trips will be approved if you are not current on rent and utilities.

All new residents are on a **30-day probationary period**. During this time no overnights away from Simple Acts are allowed and curfew 7 days a week is 10pm.

No pets are allowed.

You will be expected to pay for your room and your portion of the utilities after 30 days. After 30 days you will be required to pay \$75.00 per week to help with the expenses of Simple Acts. Failure to pay will result in removal from Sam's Place.

Random drug testing will be practiced. We reserve the right to test anyone at our discretion and to check with your parole officer about drug tests or other matters. Failure to pass your UA may result in removal from Sam's Place.

You are responsible for your own food and hygiene items.

You must attend your meetings as required by the Parole Board.

Stealing from other residents or the House, destroying or using things or food that does not belong to you is unacceptable behavior and will not be tolerated.

**House duties:** All residents are responsible to assist with the upkeep of Sam's Place. You are required to do your own laundry, cooking and cleaning. All residents at Simple Acts House will be assigned chores to help with the upkeep of the units.

The Manager will conduct daily compliance checks. The purpose of these inspections is to determine if your room is neat and tidy. Cleanliness is required. We also check for the presence of potential health and safety violations. These checks will be conducted to minimize invasions of privacy.

Please park in your assigned parking space. If your car does not run, you will have 5 days to either fix it or have it taken from the area. Abandoned cars will be towed. Current driver's license and insurance is required.

**Telephone Rules:** Sam's Place does not provide phone service.

**General Guidelines:**

No alcohol and/or drugs, other than prescription medications will be permitted. All prescribed medications must be kept in the private living quarters of the occupants. No person under the influence of drugs/alcohol is permitted on the premises at any time.

There is NO SMOKING or tobacco products permitted on the property whatsoever, under any circumstances. This applies to guests, as well.

No guests are permitted in the individual bedrooms at any time. Approved visitors are permitted in the house community room only. Sexual activity in the house will not be tolerated.

No items are to be hung on walls in public areas without permission, unless hung by Simple Acts personnel. No furnishings or household items shall be removed from the house. All furnishings and household items are property of Simple Acts.

It is understood that new house guidelines may be developed to respond to changing conditions at any time. The residents at SAM's Place will be notified of new house guidelines.

**Money Management:** Payment for work will be given to and managed by SAM. Payment for rent, utilities, and savings will be deducted from the payment. Residents will be given a portion for other living expenses. A budget is required.



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