

It must be acknowledged and understood that those who are enrolled come to receive teaching and instruction, but there are many ways that the students can help each other and be a part of the team to make a difference in our world. **You will be considered a part of the team upon arrival.**

We are primarily set up for single students, although we have had married couples in unique situations. It is our desire to see families restored.

The student's time at is set aside for spiritual growth. There are many things that can create distractions. Therefore, romantic relationships of any form are not permitted either by phone or letter during the first year of training. Visits from family and approved guests are encouraged and considered a blessing.

The cost for tuition is \$895.00. It is part of your new life to live responsibly. You do not have to have any money up front. This can be covered through approved part-time work programs (on Friday and Saturday only), and with help from family members, mentors, or church sponsorship. Calvary Commission will provide room, board, and local transportation.

Students are not allowed to work full time, but may work to pay their tuition and provide personal spending money through the Friday and Saturday work program at approved jobs. After completing nine months of training, upon approval, the student may enter into a practicum and work full time while

continuing studies through some special course work. We believe that God has a plan for your life and that you could be one of His special workers in the harvest. For those who complete the first nine months and who desire a ministry track, we have the additional opportunity to continue in Ministry Training. Each September the training continues and after the second year of ICOM the student is awarded their **Diploma In Missions Studies**. You may also desire to be certified as a VIR State approved volunteer and be a part of our Hope Team prison ministry. The third year is a missions training emphasis and is awarded with an **Associates In Missions Studies** and the possibility of ministerial credentials. There are continuing opportunities for internship and the pursuit of a Bachelor's Degree with missionary placement in the field.

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths (Proverbs 3:5-6). "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few" (Matthew 9:37). After reading the information and praying, if you feel that Calvary Commission is the place God wants you, do not hesitate to ask for an application. We ask that you wait until you are within one year of your parole date. Thank you for your interest. **You are special to God!**

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Where Do I Go From Here?



For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.
(Jeremiah 29:11)

Calvary Commission On-The-Job Training

Calvary Commission, located on a beautiful 186-acre ranch in East Texas near the community of Lindale eleven miles north of Tyler, is the home for The International Center of Missions (ICOM) and the International Missions Offices. The entire campus is known as the World Commission Center.

Calvary Commission is a Christian organization that began in 1977 basically with former offenders with a special emphasis on Prison Ministry, Aftercare Training, Discipleship, Inner-city Ministry, and Foreign Missions. We believe that God has created every person with a specific purpose to fulfill. Our goal is to help people find exactly what it is that God wants them to do with their lives. This could be anything from missionary service to being a witness on the job.

As Calvary Commission began to take Hope Crusades into prisons, we discovered men and women whose lives had been drastically changed and with a desire to be a witness while on the unit and to make a difference in the world when released. We recognized that these new believers were ready to serve the Lord. We could see their God-given

talents and we desired to help each person to meet their goals. Since 1974, we have been receiving former offenders into a loving and caring Christian community providing an effective transition and development of basic life skills and ministry training and missions opportunities. This is all an expression of God's hope and love for you as you continue in training and preparation for the vision that God has for your life.

We're looking for a few good men and women who have had a powerful transformation in their lives who desire to be a part of the answer instead a part of the problem. We train our own workers at the International College of Missions. **Calvary Commission is a place where you do not have to stay but neither do you have to leave.** A first goal would be to receive a Certificate of Completion after one-year of training, development and discipleship.

Your time at Calvary Commission would be an opportunity in living, learning, and giving. You can become a part of the lives of other Christians consisting of singles, young families raising their children, and grandparents with much wisdom to impart. In this new family of believers can be great friends and friends for life. The training is filled with power packed courses each trimester consisting of classroom instruction as well as practical application. The curriculum consists of studies in **Basic Life Principles, Basic Life Disciplines, Basic Life Applications, and Basic Life Skills and Practicums.** Each morning is filled with devotions, worship and classes.

After lunch, manual work is assigned on the campus. Your acquired skills can be used in the service of the Lord. Our goal is to lead the participant in the pursuit of God and to see an eternal change in the life of the person. Calvary Commission personnel, guest instructors, as well as audio and video productions are used in teaching. There are opportunities to participate in outreach activities in the U.S. and Mexico. Our students are involved in worship and ministry at The Church of Living Hope in Tyler where the Holy Spirit anoints and empowers.

The applicant must have a genuine relationship with God and feel a calling to serve Him, placing Him first in their lives. There must be evidence of a life transformation with freedom from destructive habits such as smoking, drinking, drugs, worldly music, pornography, sexual sins, etc. There must be a good testimony on the unit of true Christian behavior.

This is not a halfway house for people to simply have an "easy way out" or to escape from dealing with the realities and responsibilities of life, but a God-given alternative to former ways of living and a transition to the life that God has waiting for you. The student will have the opportunity to confront and resolve lingering problems in a Biblical manner. Real change is possible with repentance from the old destructive patterns and the ability to embrace the grace of God that He gives to the humble. *For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live (Rom 8:13).*