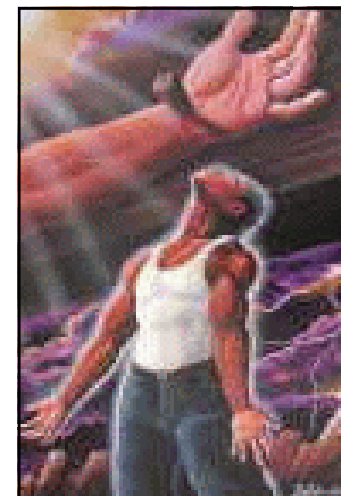


*Helping men escape the bondage of drug and alcohol addiction and experience the freedom that Jesus promises.*



## Mercy House Groups

### Renewal & Recovery Meeting

- Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. Antioch Community Church
- A Christian AA designed for those in the community as well as Mercy House residents

### Lifegroup—Various homes and times

- An intimate relationship-based discussion of scripture, worship and prayer between Christians and including those who do not claim to be Christians

### Bible Study

- Monday, 6:30 at Antioch Community Church

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### Mercy House consists of 3 Phases

#### Phase I 5 Months (30 day probationary period)

- Extensive counseling/teachings
- Bible studies,
- Christian based 12 step program

#### Phase II 6 Months

- Participation in community service
- Outreaches
- Work program (earning wages, making restitution) living on a budget approved by staff

#### Phase III 7 Months Aftercare

- Living independently
- Meeting weekly w/mentor
- Attending MH support groups

# Mercy House

628 North 22nd Street  
Waco, TX 76707

*"And the Lord will continually guide you,  
And satisfy your desire in scorched places,  
And give strength to your bones;  
And you will be like a watered garden,  
And like a spring of water whose waters do not fail."  
-Isaiah 58:11*

## Mercy House Staff



## Mercy House

A Ministry of Antioch Community Church

*An 18 Month Residential Substance Abuse  
Recovery Home*

With a desire to see men find a real answer to the issues that have trapped them in drug addiction Antioch Community Church opened Mercy House in March 2005. The staff is committed to relying on the redeeming power of Jesus Christ to transform residents and teach them a new lifestyle. They believe that Jesus is the One who can free them by changing their heart, and not just their behavior. Each day begins with Jesus in worship and prayer.

### The Program

- A biblically-based 12-step program
- One-on-one counseling and mentoring
- Work Projects in the community
- Teaching 3 hours a day
- Life skills training

## *A Typical Day*

5:30 Showers, Breakfast, Bible Reading  
7:00 Praise, worship, Prayer,  
8:00-11:00 Teachings, 12 Step Program  
11:00-12:30 Lunch, Clean up  
12:30 Work projects/Counseling  
5:00 Clean up  
6:00 Dinner  
7:00 Group meetings  
10:00 pm fights out

## *Emergency Relief Project*

*When storms devastated the coast in the summer of 2005, the Mercy House men were on the first team out of Antioch to go to the aid of the people in Mississippi. They went with chain saws, fuel, generators, food and water. Their resolve to do all they could to minimize the suffering and loss soon put their faith to the test. Though they were willing to work hard and pray for people, they saw that only God could heal their hearts and put their lives back together. It was a lesson confirmed in their hearts through their personal experience at Mercy House already.*



## Testimonies

### Wes



I came to Mercy House after using drugs for 34 years. In 2005 my addiction was so bad that it nearly killed me and at that point I really didn't care. Finally, on May 1, 2005, I gave my life to

Jesus. He sent me to the Mercy House. It is amazing how God works through the entire staff to teach us. We laugh, cry and learn together. I am no longer the same person. I now know that the Lord has great plans for my life. Moving into the Mercy House was one of the best decisions I have ever made in my life. Miracles Happen Here!

### Tommy



I want to thank my Father for the Mercy House and the staff. It has been one of the most powerful spiritual experiences I have ever encountered. There are no words here on earth that can express my sincere appreciation and love for

the Antioch Church which had vision for Mercy House. I used to be lacking and in search of a purpose that I was unable to define. Now I know that need was Jesus. Because of Him, I am able to live life and be the person He created me to be. Thank you, Jesus, for Your mercy and grace!