

Welcome to **Canaan Land Ministries**. We are all about changing lives. Since 1981, Sandra and I, along with our dedicated staff have been seeing God work the miracle of salvation and grace in thousands of lives all over North America and a number of foreign countries. Please allow me to give you a brief overview of the ministry here at Canaan Land.

Canaan Land Bible Training Center ~ Designed especially for men 17 & older who have had some kind of life controlling problems. Many having tried everything else without success and need what only a place like Canaan Land is able to provide. We bring the men to our facility just outside Montgomery, Alabama for one year of intensive Bible training, work skill development and daily discipline. This is all accomplished in an atmosphere of love. I like to call it “**Direction with Affection.**”

Canaan Land Bible Training Center is free of charge to the students and their families. We are funded strictly by the donations of partners and friends.

Evangelistic Outreaches and Meetings ~ Each year I ride with the Tribe of Judah Motorcycle Ministry ministering to thousands of outlaw bikers in such places as Sturgis, South Dakota; Daytona Beach, Florida; Gulfport, Mississippi; and others. I also minister the **Word** at churches, leadership meetings, banquets, and schools, FGBMI and by television. Watch our future mailings for a location near you.

Publications Ministry ~ There are a number of my messages on cassette tape, my book “**Unchained**”, the story of Mac Gober and other items available for purchase either by writing in or calling our office.

Outreach Vision ~ We have Founded a **Canaan Land Bible Training Center** in Grand Cayman Islands. They are carrying the vision of reaching troubled people with the Word of God in that part of the world.

So you can see, when one joins with Canaan Land Ministries as a Covenant Partner, they are literally touching thousands of lives with the message of our Lord Jesus Christ. *I want to personally invite you to become a Covenant Partner.* A Covenant Partner prays for the ministry here at Canaan Land and supports us financially as the Spirit of God directs. We understand partnership and believe for a one hundred-fold return for all our partners.

Sandra and I, along with our Staff and Students pray for our **Partner Family** everyday. If you have a request, please write or call so we can stand in agreement with you. Our motto for many years has been “**Together, We Carry the Load.**”

If you ever come to Alabama we'd be honored for you to stop by and visit Canaan Land. Please call and let us know you're coming. We love you and look forward to meeting you personally.

We are a Bible training center. This program is neither a halfway house nor is it a place to escape from jail. Canaan Land is a one-year residential program designed for men 17 years and older who have had some kind of life controlling problem. It is free of charge to the student and their family. We are funded strictly by donations of partners and friends.

The very first step into the program is to have the prospective student to call the ministry for a telephone interview with our director. Our director will determine at the time of interview whether an application will be mailed out or not. It is imperative that the prospective student makes that call. Mac Gober says the first step to a changed life is to admit you need help and that you are willing to pursue that help.

In the event that you or your loved one is currently in a correctional facility, we will allow a family member to schedule the phone interview. May God protect you as you contemplate this decision. We look forward to hearing from you soon. God bless you.

*Our office hours are M-F 8am-4pm and Wed. 8am-3pm Central time zone. Please call to schedule your phone interview during these hours. The office number is: **334-365-2200**.

Resting in Jesus,
Mac & Sandra Gober
President and Founders

CANAAN LAND RESIDENT PROGRAM

The one year resident program is designed for men 17 years of age and older, who are presently experiencing some kind of life ~ controlling problem. The students when enrolled are referred to as Bible Students.

The resident program is a spiritual ministry concerned with the whole person-body, soul, and spirit. It endeavors to help the student establish integrity with God, his fellow man, and himself. *Luke 2:52*

RESIDENT PROGRAM GOALS

To provide an opportunity for students to accept and follow Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior.

To provide an opportunity to study, understand, and practice Godly principles in every day life as taught in God's Word.

To provide an understanding of what happens when we violate God's principles and how to find a place of restoration when we do.

To provide an understanding of how to deal with life controlling problems and how to prevent them according to God's Word.

To provide an opportunity for the students to develop Christ like character and the Fruit of the Spirit; by attending Bible classes, living with other students who have similar problems, daily work details both good work habits and attitudes and proper relating to Canaan Land leadership, staff and visiting ministers and friends.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Bible Classes ~ All students attend three (3) Bible classes a day. Five (5) days a week. These classes are designed to give the student a strong foundation in living by faith, covenant relationship with Jesus and watching your confession, as well as many other life principles outlined in God's Word.

GED ~ Preparation, training and pre-testing will be offered to all students who have not received a high school diploma. Costs of final test will be the student's responsibility.

PASSES/LEAVES

On special occasions such as immediate family weddings, funerals, etc. a student may leave accompanied by a Canaan Land Staff member. The student and/or his family must pay all expenses incurred by the Canaan Land Staff member.

Work/Trade Skills Development

As opportunities become available, students are given the chance to work with skilled craftsman at Canaan Land. These opportunities may include auto/mechanics, electrical, plumbing, air conditioning, carpentry, furniture building and refinishing, swimming pool maintenance, lawn care and landscaping, among others.

Students will be assigned work duties four to five (4-5) hours a day, Monday thru Friday, along with a couple of Saturdays per month.

These work duties are assigned not only to help maintain the facilities at Canaan Land but also to help train and develop the student's attitude and work ethic. They are also designed to help the students develop a sense of "ownership" and pride in the facility they will call home for the next twelve- (12) months.

RELATIONSHIPS

With the Administration and Staff :

No first name basis is allowed. All staff will be addressed by "Brother", "Sister", "Pastor", Etc. Example: Brother Mac, Sister Sandra, Miss Dean, etc. This is designed to show respect and submission to authority.

- Students are **not** permitted in the office/administration areas, staff residences, workshops, etc. without permission.
- Students are **not** to approach staff members going and coming across the property unless invited.
- All students' requests are to be channeled through the Resident Director unless the Resident Director schedules an appointment with Brother Mac.

With Fellow Students ~ Mature students will not only respect those that are over them in the ministry, but also those that live, study, and labor with them. Please respect your fellow student's personal property, privacy, quiet times and desire to grow in God.

- You are **not permitted** in another student's room without permission. Taking personal items without permission is the same thing as stealing.

CANAAN LAND STATEMENT OF FAITH

What We Believe

We do not claim that the wording of this statement is inspired, nor do we claim that it contains all the truth of the Bible. This simple statement, however, is set forth as essential to a full gospel ministry.

The Scriptures Inspired ~ We believe that the Bible is the inspired and only infallible and authoritative Word of God. (II Timothy 3:15; I Peter 2:2)

The One True God ~ We believe there is one God, eternally existing in three persons: *God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost*. (Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 28:19; John 5:17-30)

The Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ ~ We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father and in His personal future return to the earth in power and glory to rule over the nations. (Isaiah 7:14; Acts 1:9-11; (2-22), I Corinthians 15:3-4; Hebrews 7:26)

The Fall of Man ~ We believe man was created good and upright; but man voluntarily sinned and thereby incurred both physical and spiritual death, which is separation for God. (Genesis 1:26-27; 2:17; 3:6; Romans 5:12-19)

The Salvation of Man ~ We believe the only means of our being cleansed from sin is through repentance and faith in the precious blood of Christ. Regeneration by the Holy Spirit is essential for personal salvation. (Luke 24:47; Romans 8:16; 10:13-15; Titus 2:11; 3:5-7)

Ordinances of the Church ~ We believe the ordinances of the church are the communion of the Lord's supper and baptism in water by immersion, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. (Matthew 28:19; I Corinthians 11:26; Romans 6:4; II Peter 1:4)

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit ~ We believe that the baptism in the Holy Spirit is granted to all believers who ask for it. We believe this experience is distinct from and follows the new birth; that it was the normal experience of New Testament Christians; and that it endues the believer with power for Christian living and service. (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4-8; 2:4; 10:44-46; 15:8)

The Evidence of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit ~ We believe that the baptism of believers in the Holy Spirit is witnessed by the initial physical sign of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit of God gives utterance. This speaking in tongues is the same in essence as the gift of tongues but is different in its purpose and use. (Acts 2:4; I Corinthians 12:4-10, 28)

Sanctification ~ We believe the scriptures teach a life of holiness Sanctification is a separation from that which is evil and a dedication unto God. We believe all believers

should earnestly pursue sanctification by walking in obedience to God's Word. We further believe that the Christian is able to live a godly life by indwelling of the Holy Spirit. (Philippians 2:12-13; Hebrews 12:14; I Peter 1:15,16)

The Church ~ We believe that the Church is the body of Christ. Each believer, born of the Spirit, is a part of the "general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven." (Ephesians 1:22,23; 2:22; Hebrews 12:23)

The Ministry ~ We believe a divinely called ministry has been provided by our Lord for two purposes: 1) evangelizing the world, and 2) edifying the body of Christ. (Mark 16:15-20; Ephesians 4:11-13)

Divine Healing ~ We believe that Jesus' death on the cross provides healing for the human body, in answer to believing prayer. (Isaiah 53:4,5; Matthew 8:16,17; James 5:14-16)

The Blessed Hope ~ We believe in the resurrection of those who haven fallen asleep in Christ and their translation together with those who are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord. This is the imminent and blessed hope of the Church. (Romans 8:23; I Corinthians 15:51,52; I Thessalonians 4:16,17; Titus 2:13)

The Millennial Reign of Christ ~ We believe the second coming of Jesus includes the rapture of the saints, which is our blessed hope, followed by the visible return of Christ with His saints to rule on the earth for a thousand years. This millennial reign will bring the salvation of national Israel and establish universal peace. (Zechariah 14:5; Isaiah 11:6-9; Micah 4:3,4; Matthew 24:27; Romans 11:26,27; Revelation 1:7; 19:11-21; 20:1-6)

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Direction with Affection: Canaan Land is a ministry for wayward boys and men to have their lives restored by giving them direction with affection.

Highest of Standards: God has established this ministry, therefore, it is ordained to operate only under the Highest of Standards.

Quality: Describes the fruit of everything we do from Alpha to Omega.

Service: We are called to be servants to one another and in our vocation. We serve one another, which ultimately is a service to our students. We move promptly on everything we do.

Continuous Creativity: Here at Canaan Land there is a commitment to always raise our standards and improve our image and services. Excellence is our goal, and daily we strive to be an example that others may follow.

CANAAN LAND DAILY SCHEDULE

5:30 AM Personal Devotion (*rooms made up before breakfast*)
6:30 AM Breakfast (*come groomed and dressed for class*)
7:15 AM Prayer
7:30 AM Praise & Worship
8:15 AM Class Period I
9:00 AM Break
9:15 AM Class Period II
10:00 AM Break
10:15 AM Class Period III
11:00 AM Break
11:30 AM Lunch (*or ½ hour after class period III dismissed*)
12:00 PM Report back to Dining Room for afternoon work assignment.
3:00 PM Break
3:15 PM Return to Work
5:00 PM Work day ends
5:30 PM Dinner
8:00 PM Study Time
10:00 PM Return to Room
10:30 PM Lights Out

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Saturday

10:00 AM Brunch
10:30 AM Clean Rooms (“G. I. Style”)
11:30 AM Free Time
12:00 PM Scheduled Visits May Begin
5:00 PM Visiting Time is Over
5:30 PM Supper
6:00 PM Free Time
10:00 PM Return to Rooms
10:30 PM Lights Out

Sunday

7:00 AM Breakfast
9:00 AM Ready to attend services
12:30 PM Lunch (*1/2 hour after service*)
5:30 PM Supper
6:00 PM Study Time / Praise & Worship
10:00 PM Return to Rooms
10:30 PM Lights Out