

Mentor FAQs

What is the purpose of a mentor?

- To be an ambassador for Christ and Mel Trotter Ministries.
- To impart encouragement and hope.
- To establish a mutually beneficial relationship of trust and accountability with a current program resident or aftercare resident with ongoing discipleship, accountability, and edification.
- To help the resident transition from mission life to everyday living at home, work, and local church.

Who can be a mentor?

- A Christian man who senses a calling to be involved with a Mel Trotter Ministries program resident male, *OR*
- A Christian woman who senses a calling to be involved with a Mel Trotter Ministries program resident female.

What is the job description of a mentor?

- To devote a set period of time on a regular basis to developing a supportive relationship with the men or women of our program for a period of 6 months to 1 year.
- The core of this relationship is the study of a book of the Bible or Christian literature.
- To be involved in mutual activities of enjoyment.
- To teach and encourage and teach the development of practical life skills.

What are some things mentors should and shouldn't do?

- Be on time and faithful to your commitments.
- Be appropriately transparent with your life.
- Be a Godly example.
- Become a source of comfort and encouragement in their lives.
- Develop a friendship.
- Take the role of a parent if necessary.
- Be supportive of their local church.
- Be careful about taking the clients home with you.
- Be creative in your time spent.
- Keep the mission staff informed when anything is done outside the mission.
- Submit a regular progress report to the mission's Program Chaplain.
- Don't loan or give money under any circumstances to your mentee. If you feel compelled to help please consult the mission staff
- Don't be anti-authority.
- Don't be critical or negative.
- Don't be afraid to admonish.

What does a typical mentor mentee meeting look like in real time?

- Connect relationship and discuss developments since prior appointment.
- Prayer.
- Review previous week's assignment.
- Complete current Weekly Bible Study.
- Open discussion.
- Assign following week's lessons.

What do I do next?

- Pray about your involvement in mentoring men and women at Mel Trotter Ministries.
- Complete Mentor Application.
- Meet with mission staff for interview, personal interest survey, and ministry assignment.
- Receive your ministry assignment.