

ABOUT THE FOUNDER

Rev. James D. Bracken (1934-2012) founded Mission Teens, Inc. in 1969 with his wife Isabelle "Boydie" Bracken. He saw the need for a more effective ministry for some of the troubled young people attending his home prayer meetings. After much prayer, He opened the first residential center in Norma, NJ. After 2 years of little results in the center, God answered his prayer by dictating to him a program which, when put into effect, brought immediate results in people's lives. This same program is still used today in all of the Mission Teens centers and the results are still phenomenal.



PAUL & DONNA CARLIN

Paul & Donna Carlin have been serving in Mission Teens for over 37 years. They served at Restoration Ranch, AL from 1986-2003 while raising their 3 children, Katie, Sean and Ryan. In 2003, they opened First Fruits MBTC – Jerseyville, IL, and then, opened Grace MBTC – Paragould, AR in 2006.



Paul & Donna work directly with the Executive Director to train up staff, oversee the property and condition of the buildings, raise necessary support, as well as teach and counsel.

Their hearts' desire is to see other's receive the breaking of strongholds and permanent freedom from life-controlling issues through a relationship with Jesus Christ, just as they themselves have received.

If you would like to receive the monthly newsletter for **GRACE MBTC**, please email us at gracembtc@gmail.com or send your name and address to:

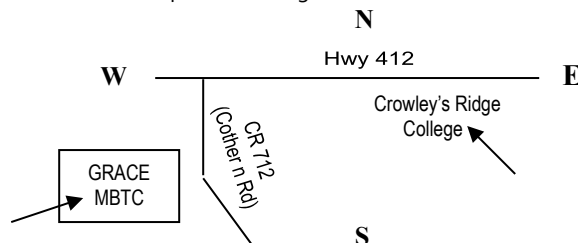
GRACE MBTC
PO Box 1035
Paragould, AR 72451

WEEKLY DAILY SCHEDULE

7:00	Wake up
7:30	Breakfast
8:00	Daily Chores
9:00	Devotions
9:40	Class
10:40	Class
11:40	Reading & Counseling
12:45	Lunch
1:30	Roll Call / Work Projects
3:30	Free Time / Showers
5:30	Dinner
6:15	Daily Chores
7:30	Devotions
9:00	Snacks
10:00	In your own dorm
10:15	In your own rooms
10:30	Lights out

Saturday and Sunday schedules vary from the weekly schedule in that the people are allowed to sleep a little later, may stay up longer on Saturday nights and have more free time on Sunday. Resident visits take place on Sunday afternoons.

Friends of GRACE MBTC are invited to join us at our evening devotions. The meetings are from 7:30 to 9:00 pm, and are led by a different speaker each night.



GRACE MBTC is 7 mi. west of Paragould down Hwy 412. Turn left on Greene County Road 712. Go .7 mile & look for our sign on your right. Turn right onto driveway.



GRACE

MISSION BIBLE TRAINING CENTER



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www.missionteens.com

GRACE MISSION BIBLE TRAINING CENTER, a branch of **MISSION TEENS, INC.** is a non-profit, non-denominational organization with a Christ-centered discipleship program for people 18 years and older, with history of addiction and/or emotional problems.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Stephen Schwartz

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Gary Allen Smith

ASST. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS
Paul & Donna Carlin

ABOUT THE CURRICULUM



We treat each resident as a member of the family. The newer residents are treated as younger children would be, but each person is expected to mature and take more and more responsibility. There are 5 ½ hours each day spent in Bible study and worship, and the course amounts to approximately one year of Bible school. There is a comprehensive

study of the New Testament and a general survey of the Old Testament. Each resident matures through four phases of discipleship development, gaining more and more responsibility and privileges. He will learn to lead devotions, counsel, teach, and discipline. He will become an inspiration to others, and will be able to direct them to Christ. He will grow in decision-making and learn to make his stand for the Lord.

PURPOSE

It is our goal to direct people to the Lord Jesus Christ, to find love and purpose for their lives, and to make disciples of them as the Bible directs.

LENGTH & STRUCTURE

The Discipleship Training program is divided into 4 phases, with increasing responsibilities and privileges as the resident completes each phase. An additional 10-12 month staff-training program may be offered to the graduate if he wishes to stay and help run the center.



Upon entering the program, the resident will be given a 2-month induction period with few privileges other than sending and receiving mail, and will have no responsibilities other than simple daily chores. He is, in fact, on retreat to seek the Lord. Generally, it is during this time that he will receive salvation and the Holy Spirit.

In the next 2 stages, he will begin to assume certain job responsibilities that will add pressure and lead him to the Lord for help. With these increased responsibilities come additional privileges, such as receiving and making phone calls, visits from family and weekends at home.

In the final phase of the program, the resident actually is in training to be a counselor, and will counsel another resident of a lower status, and then make a report to senior staff. In this way, he will learn to help others as he was helped.

Each person in the program is required to follow a daily schedule, including attending Bible classes & devotions, receiving counsel, and participating in recreational activities & work chores. Written compositions or Bible verses, loss of privileges, or extra work chores will be given to help correct negative behavior.



SUCCESS RATE

Since 1969, well over 37,000 persons have come to the Mission centers in –

Tuscaloosa, AL
Tuscumbia, AL
Center Ridge, AR
Marked Tree, AR
Paragould, AR
Honeydew, CA
Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Savannah, GA
Cresco, IA
Jerseyville, IL

Brazil, IN
Greenville, KY
Salyersville, KY
Gaastra, MI
Roscommon, MI
Holcomb, MO
Norma, NJ
Hillsboro, OH
Hillsboro, OR
Crossville, TN

In our annual review, we hear from about 57% of our graduates and of those, approximately 87% are doing well, and 40% of the non-graduates we hear from are doing well. Many have gone into Christian ministries and some have stayed on to work in the centers.

ACCEPTANCE REQUIREMENTS

To be accepted into the program, a person must be willing to seek God as the answer to his problems and to submit to authority. All court cases must be taken care of or postponed for at least two months. Prescription medication is allowed upon approval of the Overseer. (Narcotics and alcohol-containing medication are not allowed). A preliminary interview is taken before acceptance.



EXPENSES

There is no charge for any services administered. Residents are required to have money for a return bus ticket plus \$50.00 for gas and food. This is kept in an account for the duration of their stay. Any expenses such as trips to doctor, court, etc., are at the expense of the resident, both for himself and the accompanying counselor. Personal spending money and money for prescriptions are the responsibility of the resident.

FUNDING

GRACE MBTC doesn't receive any government or denominational funding. We are totally dependent on God to move on the hearts of people to supply our needs, either as individuals or as church groups. Our needs include basically anything it takes to run a large household (food, finances, cleaning supplies, etc.) None of our staff are paid, although they may receive any funds donated specifically for them by name or 'for staff'.