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A FAMILY OF FAITH ON MISSION



**ALLASSO**

*A Ministry of Hope and Change*

*"...Assuredly, I say to you,  
inasmuch as you did it to one of  
these My brethren, you did it to  
Me."*

*Matthew 25:40*



# ALLASSO MINISTRY

Allasso is a Greek word meaning “to cause change or to exchange one thing for another; to cause one thing to cease and another to take its place.” An outreach and local ministry, Allasso focuses on helping families gain financial independence by identifying individuals who feel they have more potential than their present status indicates.

Circumstances contributing to their position in life include poverty, school drop-out, drug abuse, divorce, single parenting and other factors. Once identified as a potential client by a screening process, time is spent assisting him/her in setting a time limited, measurable goal.

A plan is then developed, including finding a sponsor for the client. The client is partnered with a Sunday school class, church organization, or individual, who agrees to provide resources on a regular basis, until the client achieves the determined goal. Typical resources may supplement tuition, books, rent, utilities, daycare expenses for dependent children, or gasoline - anything which, if not provided, would prevent them from achieving their goal. Clients are encouraged to seek or continue employment during their educational pursuit. The sponsor determines the amount they will provide per semester.



## Accountability...

Allasso is tailored to meet the various needs of the client and the financial capabilities of the sponsor. This is an accountable program, clearly measurable. Active pursuit of the goal must be evident for the client to remain in the program. For example, a GPA of 2.0 or higher must be maintained and the client will be willing to accept mentoring based on needs of both the client and sponsor. Mentoring is an important key to success. Budgeting, guidance, counseling, and encouragement are examples.

The messages to the applicant are that hope can come out of despair and hard work is rewarded. Jesus' command to His servants to “feed my sheep” is reflected in this ministry.

## Results...

Ongoing consultation between the sponsor and the Personal Ministries Director of Woodmont is available upon request. Sponsors will be given the opportunity to meet with the client prior to the agreement.

The Allasso ministry is designed to assist clients in achieving a High School Diploma, GED, Associate, Bachelor, Master Degree, or Certification in a career field.

