

# Onesimus House

## GOSPEL **RESCUE** MISSION

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### Remote Mountain Location Ideal For Recovery

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Del Norte, CO - Onesimus House Gospel Rescue Mission is located in the remote mountains of San Luis Valley, Southwest Colorado at the 8300 foot elevation. Like the psalmist speaking of Jerusalem in Psalm 125:2, Del Norte is surrounded by mountains. Gospel Rescue Missions are a necessary part of any large city, but when Jesus required rest and communion He went to the mountains to pray.

Separation is a biblical principle. God calls Christians to be set-apart from the world; to be “in the world” but not “of the world.” One effective principle of recovery from addiction calls the slave of sin to separate from the source of addiction and her workers (playmates and friends). Jesus tells us that if our right hand makes us stumble, we should cut it off and throw it from us. For it is better for us to lose one of the parts of our body, than for our whole body to go into hell.

Jesus did not separate just to “get away”. He went with the purpose of praying and fellowshiping with His Father. This is what happens at the O.House (as it is affectionately called by residents). Disciples at the O.House spend time each day in the Word and praying. They spend time each day serving through volunteer work. They learn how to abide in the True Vine and He lovingly prunes them so that they will bear fruit, much fruit (Jn 15). Like Jesus, they come to the “temple” (Cornerstone Community Church) and learn in group recovery meetings.

As in the first century church, the disciples contribute to the needs of the body. Any income earned through volunteer efforts is brought into the church and used as anyone has need.

These principles are not intuitive for the “natural” man or the “slave” coming out of the Kingdom of Darkness. Once learned and appropriated into their life, they walk in faith and victory. They are not trying to avoid their addictions through “will-power” because they have been transformed through the renewing of their mind.

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