



Sharing Hope Ministry

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**—STATISTICS—**

Total *Life Recovery Bibles* Distributed:  
**49,611**

Total Bible Study Workbooks Distributed:  
**25,081**

**—VOLUNTEERS—**

Pen Pal Volunteers: **8**

Office Volunteers: **35**

Prayer Group Volunteers: **4**

Stepping Stones Volunteers: **4**

Jail Ministry Team Volunteers: **12**

Special Event Volunteers: **150**

**—BOARD OF DIRECTORS—**

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This year's Hope Fest fundraiser was an incredible blessing for the ministry with over 440 people in attendance. The event was completely underwritten by several area businesses and individuals which allowed us to raise a record \$75,000 for the ministry!

Our speaker, Margaret Willis, gave a moving testimonial of progressing from the "perfect" life of a successful attorney to her time of spiritual growth while being incarcerated. She told her first hand experience of receiving encouragement and services through Sharing Hope Ministry and talked about the progression of becoming less concerned with maintaining "man's" idea of the perfect lifestyle and more concerned becoming more like Christ.



A very entertaining live auction with volunteer auctioneer Jim Shelburne featured a "Backyard Adventures Play Set", "Southwest Airline tickets and luggage", "Donuts and Coffee for Life" and a "Private Airplane ride with a Romance Package." Other entertainment featured music from "The Martini's" Jazz Band, a silent auction featuring over 100 items and last but not least, the 57 fabulously decorated tables that gave the evening a wonderful atmosphere.

Sharing Hope Ministry would like to give our sincere thanks to co-chairs Wanda DeVoll and Susan Lewis, and committee members, Dan Hetrick, Carolyn Holmes, Kim Lester, Leigh Link, Dianne Sagan, Laura Sims, Sammye Stark, Lota Taylor and Cheri Vogeler. We also are thankful for Randall County for assistance with the facility set up, the Soroptimist Club for their help with the auction, Washington Avenue Christian Church and Westcliff Bible Church youth groups for serving the drinks and all the volunteers who decorated tables, solicited donations, and worked the day of the event.



# Thanks to our Hope Fest Sponsors

Thanks to the following individuals and businesses for their financial support that allowed all of the evenings proceeds to go directly to providing Bibles, Bible studies and supplies to the women we serve.

Josephine Anderson Charitable Trust  
Connie and Bob Garrett  
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Other businesses and individuals provided in-kind support for this event. Thanks to Matt Holley and Graphic Designs by Kim.

## From Inmate #570605

*Dear Volunteer,*

*I received your uplifting note and it did just that for me. Oh, how to tell you how much I enjoy this **Life Recovery Bible**. I shared the address with a few other women and they received their Bibles last week. My Bunkie never puts hers down. Bless her heart, she falls asleep with "Life" in her hand and later wakes up reading more.*

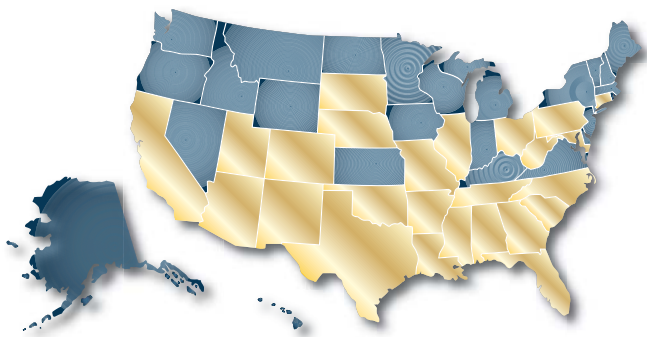
*I wake up every morning looking forward to what God has me to read and understand. I know it's time to turn things around in my life; to make new plans of clean living. God is there to help me. I can feel his presence. I've fought so much, never with any peace and I beat myself up. This was harder on me than anyone hitting me, and yes, that happened many times. I'm thankful for God giving me a chance, so I realize that I need to give myself a chance.*

*I still have another year to do, to work on my love for me, for Him, and others. I've carried some pain in my heart that I don't want to carry anymore. Every step I'm making is getting better and I'm thankful for that. I'm thankful for your help as well and my Life of Recovery.*

*~Miss Phyllis D.*

*Gadsden Correctional Facility, Florida Oct. 12, 2007*

## EXPANDING OUR BORDERS!



Sharing Hope Ministry welcomes Maryland, Nebraska, Alabama, South Carolina and Pennsylvania to our area of service! We are now providing Bibles, Bible studies, prayer and encouragement to women in twenty-five states!

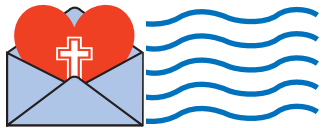
Our expansion is possible through those who support Sharing Hope financially, and by the volunteers that give their time to send each woman a Life Recovery Bible, studies, and words of encouragement

## How YOU Can Help?



A donation of as little as \$15.00 a month can send a Life Recovery Bible and Bible study materials to a woman who is incarcerated or in drug rehabilitation. The women who receive our services do so because they make their own personal request. These women are searching for help as they build a new life with Christ.

There are several ways to donate to Sharing Hope Ministry. Visit our website at [www.sharinghopeministry.org](http://www.sharinghopeministry.org) to print off a donor form or use the optional Bank Draft Authorization form and each month your designated donation will be deducted from your account without the hassle of writing and mailing a check. The office also accepts MasterCard and VISA.



Sharing Hope Ministry, Inc.

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# DONOR CARD

I want to be a part of showing hurting women  
a new way to live in Christ

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**Give a hand, Buy a Foot:**  I want to provide a piece of Patsy's Place – \$50.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ feet = \$\_\_\_\_\_.

I would like to provide the Life Recovery Bible (\$15.00) to incarcerated women or women in rehabilitation facilities – \$15.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ women = \$\_\_\_\_\_.

Draft my bank account each month for this amount \$\_\_\_\_\_.  
(Please complete the bank draft authorization below.)

### BANK DRAFT AUTHORIZATION

I authorize Sharing Hope Ministry to initiate debit entries to my checking account named below.

(You may attach a canceled check or deposit form in lieu of filling out the bank information requested below, but your signature is still required.)

Depository Name \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Transit/ABA No. \_\_\_\_\_ Account No. \_\_\_\_\_

*This authority remains in full force and effect until Sharing Hope Ministry receives written notification from me of its termination in such time and in such manner as to afford Sharing Hope Ministry a reasonable opportunity to act on it.*

Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

## Christmas in October

is scheduled for October 25th and 26th  
at the South Exhibit Hall, Civic Center.

There will be many volunteer opportunities and we would love for you to call the Sharing Hope office at 358-7803 and let us know where you would like to serve. We are looking for volunteers in the following areas:

- A volunteer coordinator to help recruit bakers for the Bake Sale.
- Sponsors who are willing to underwrite \$500.00 or more of expenses for the "Christmas in October" fundraiser.
- Gift cards from Hobby Lobby and Michaels for "Christmas in October" supplies.
- Workers during the event.
- Those who can provide items for the Bake Sale
- Women to make bows before the event.
- Fluffers and Foofers to decorate the bake sale items on Oct. 24th.
- Women to provide Christmas or Fall containers, clear cellophane, decorations and ribbon for the Bake Sale.
- People who are willing to pray for the event and those involved in planning.

## We Love Our Volunteers!

### VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK!

Sharing Hope volunteers provided over 5,600 hours last year working to assist 14,500 incarcerated women nation wide in their recovery from destructive behavior by sharing God's love and hope through the teaching of His Word.

These volunteers, representing about fifteen different churches, come together to show God's love to the incarcerated women who need Him to make the changes necessary to live a life full of hope. We appreciate not only those workers who come each week but also our donors who keep providing the Bibles and studies that are sent out, and those who keep the ministry lifted up in prayer.



## MENTORING TRAINING SCHEDULED

Stepping Stones is the aftercare program designed to provide spiritual encouragement and follow-up support for women who have been incarcerated and are living in Potter or Randall County.

Stepping Stones training will consist of 12 sessions from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. on Thursday evenings. Training for new volunteers have been scheduled from June 5th – August 21st.

The women who complete this training will be a key element to the success of the women who will reside at Patsy's Place Transitional Home. As the Stepping Stone Partner, you will assist a woman in making the positive transition to a life free of crime, drugs or other negative influences.

Those interested in applying to be a Stepping Stones Partner should contact the Sharing Hope office at 358-7803.



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Margaret Willis  
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**IN KIND:**  
Herring Bank  
Matt Holley  
Kim Lester  
Jim Sims

## HELP! Sharing Hope Ministry Has Several Needs:

- ★ Women to complete training to become a Stepping Stones Partner.
- ★ Volunteers to do data entry for 1-2 hour a week on Mon. or Thurs.
- ★ Volunteers to prayer over inmate requests. You pray at your own convenience at your home.
- ★ Soft cover, Christian or appropriate reading materials for inmates at Randall County Jail.
- ★ Clean, appropriate clothing for Randall County Jails "Clothes Closet" for women in need of upon release.
- ★ Brushes and combs for our hygiene bags.