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—STATISTICS—

Total *Life Recovery Bibles* Distributed:
60,412

Total Bible Study Workbooks Distributed:
33,021

—VOLUNTEERS—

Pen Pal Volunteers: **8**

Office Volunteers: **48**

Prayer Group Volunteers: **16**

Stepping Stones Volunteers: **13**

Jail Ministry Team Volunteers: **13**

Special Event Volunteers: **100**

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Patsy's Place

an Exciting Opportunity



Just as God was breathing the first breaths of life into Sharing Hope Ministry, He was also planting the seeds for bigger things. One of the early passionate supporters of Sharing Hope was Patsy Britting, and one of Patsy's dreams was that Sharing Hope could help rebuild women's lives beyond the foundations our work lays in the jails and prisons. We rejoice that God's Word has been the literal life-preserver for thousands of the incarcerated women we have served. But what if we could nurture and mentor them in a home-like setting where they could continue to develop and grow in their walk with Christ? What if...? Patsy is no longer with us, having gone to be with the Lord. But her dream never left us, and the seed planted so long ago has not been forgotten.

In 2006 the Board of Sharing Hope began praying about and considering possibilities for Patsy's Place and God began providing donations, some small, some unbelievable. One very generous donation, the "Psalm 119:11" donation, was given to put wings on this dream of hiding God's word in women's hearts through a transitional housing ministry.

Through God's abundant generosity and grace, we have been provided a 10,000 square foot building made available at a fraction of its value. This property may easily be developed into a residential setting for the women we will be mentoring, as well as one day housing our administrative headquarters. Patsy's Place is becoming reality! But there is still much work to be done before the first woman is served as the building will require fairly extensive (and expensive!) renovation. All of this will be accomplished while the core mission of Sharing Hope Ministry continues undiminished.

Why is Patsy's Place important? In short, it will change the lives of our clients and impact our community. Statistics show that the typical incarcerated woman will re-offend and re-enter the correctional system within 18 months—at a rate of some 80%. But for women who are involved with transitional programming such as Patsy's Place, the recidivism rate drops to between 3 and 37%.

We are thrilled that Patsy's Place is finally becoming more than just a dream and your generosity towards Sharing Hope Ministry now has the means to do even more. Please accept our gratitude for your faithful and consistent support; and if God moves you with a sense of what can be accomplished through the additional ministry of Patsy's Place—then dig even a bit deeper and join us in amazement as we watch the very hand of God's blessing further the work that is the very heart of Sharing Hope.

Would you like to "Pray" Patsy's Place into Existence?

Prayer requests and praises for Patsy's Place will be emailed out to those interested in praying for the home. If you would like to be a part of the group receiving these prayer requests, please contact april@Sharinghopeministry.org and we'll get you on the list.

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Helping Share Hope

Our Community

I met "Sandra" at the park on the day that I brought her a bag of basic necessities...Shampoo, soap and deodorant. She was overwhelmed with receiving the items and the list of area programs that could help her find a job and get plugged into recovery classes. Sandra had gone to a job interview earlier but her clothes were dirty and she didn't have shampoo or even a brush. She had lost everything. The simple act of providing basic supplies had given her hope that she could get back on her feet. Sharing Hope Ministry provides the basic hygiene items, a list of area resources, bus tickets and a Bible study for any qualified woman who calls looking for help.

Zachary Engineering Corporation

What happens when Zachary Engineering Corporation challenges its departments to give hygiene items for Sharing Hope Ministry? Over 1,540 total items were collected and passed on for our ministry's use in our after care program. The losing department had to provide the winners with desserts of their choice. Sharing Hope Ministry now has a garage full of shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs and items needed by women who are working to reintegrate back into our community. A special thanks goes to all of the Zachary Engineering Corporation employees who made this such a wonderful success!



Shane Farris and Michelle Tindall

Westcliff Bible Church

Westcliff Bible Church spent several weeks collecting hundreds of hygiene items for our Stepping Stones after care program. Not only did they provide complete bags for about 16 women, but the Westcliff Warriors (age 5-10) decorated the bags that are used to deliver the items.



Board members serving volunteers.
Shown from Right to Left are: Jim Shelburne, Kyle Powers, Art Baker, Steve Land and Dan Hetrick (in the background)

We Love Our Volunteers!

The Volunteer Appreciation Lunch was held May 5, 2009, at Washington Avenue Church to honor those who give so much to Sharing Hope Ministry. Sharing Hope volunteers provided over 6,450 hours last year working to assist 19,800 incarcerated women nation wide in their recovery from destructive behavior by sharing God's love and hope through the teaching of His Word.

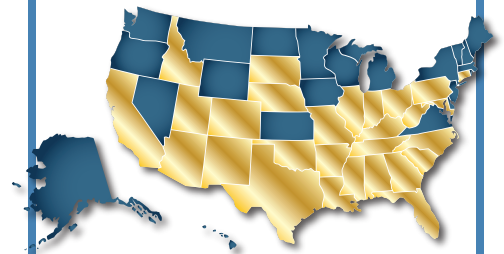
These men and women who volunteer represent about fourteen different churches. They come together to show God's love to the incarcerated women who are working to make the changes necessary to live a life full of hope. We appreciate not only those volunteers who work each week but also our fundraising volunteers and the donors who provide the funds to send the Bibles and Bible studies.

Special thanks go to the Board of Directors for putting together this luncheon and for serving the meal.

Hope Fest Help!

When Hope Fest came around and we needed to assemble a mega playhouse for the live auction, volunteer Jay Mitchell recruited help from friend, Robin Duncan, and West Texas Millworks owner, Kevin Cotgreave. Kevin provided the location to work on and store the playhouse while Jay and Robin did the assembly work. Thanks to Jay, Robin and Kevin for your part in the Hope Fest success!

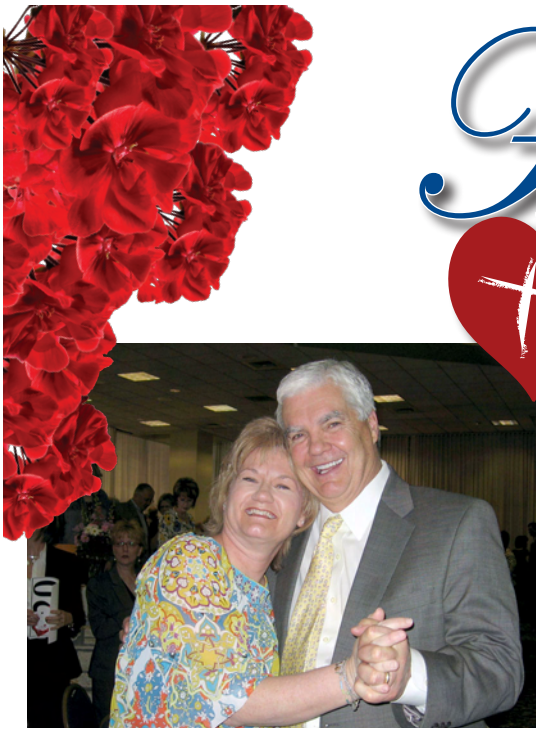
EXPANDING OUR BORDERS!



A monthly donation of as little as \$15.00 (\$180 a year) 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 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.

Hope 2009 Fest



Cheri Vogeler and Ron Boyd



Mayor Debra McCart and Sharing Hope Volunteers

Our friends and community came together recently to help make Hope Fest an amazing success. A record \$130,000 was raised which will ensure that Sharing Hope Ministry can continue providing our evangelistic services, addiction recovery material, and aftercare services to women locally and throughout the nation. The most exciting part of the evening was when guest host Ron Boyd and auctioneer Tom Schooler helped the ministry raise over \$61,000 specifically for Bibles and Bible studies through the "Fund a Bible" auction. Guests were able to provide the funds that will purchase Bibles for one day, one week and even one month.

Other exciting events of the evening included the silent auction which featured over a 100 unique items donated through area businesses, and the live auction with a Skyfort play set, David Yurman Jewelry and a dream vacation. Our "Hearts on Fire" pendant raffle gave donors a chance to win a \$5000 necklace. Maggie Schakel was the evening's lucky winner.

We were blessed to have Rita Morrow from Martha Marie & Me Ministry as our featured speaker. Our goal for the evening was to leave our guests with the knowledge that they could provide hope to women searching for a new life through Christ. Rita helped us reach our event goal by providing the perfect blend of humor and song which held the crowd captive and left us wanting more. She effortlessly guided us to the realization that we each have a gift which allows us to work for God's glory.

Sharing Hope Ministry would like to give our sincere thanks to co-chairs Cheri Boyd and Wanda DeVoll, and committee members, JoAnne Danner, J'Melle Fletcher, Dan Hetrick, Carolyn Holmes, Kim Lester, Susan Lewis, Leigh Link, Rosemary Robinson, Laura Sims, Sammye Stark, 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 youth group for serving the drinks, and all the volunteers who decorated tables, solicited donations, and worked the day of the event.

~ Hope Fest Sponsors ~

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Christmas In October

Christmas in October is scheduled for October 24th and 25th at the South Exhibit Hall of the Civic Center.

Sharing Hope Ministry has several needs

- ❖ Sponsors who are willing to underwrite \$500.00 or more of expenses for the "Christmas in October" fundraiser.
- ❖ Christmas In October Volunteers to help before and during the event.
- ❖ A Volunteer Coordinator to help recruit bakers for the Bake Sale.
- ❖ Those who can provide items for the Bake Sale
- ❖ People who are willing to pray for the event and those involved in planning.



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