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### —STATISTICS—

Total Life Recovery Bibles Distributed:  
**93,026**

Total Bible Study Workbooks Distributed:  
**46,676**

### —VOLUNTEERS—

Fund Raising Volunteers: **120**

Jail Ministry Volunteers: **15**

Office Volunteers: **41**

Patsy's Place Volunteers: **11**

Pen Pal Volunteers: **2**

Prayer Group Volunteers: **11**

Stepping Stones Volunteers: **12**

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# Christmas In October™ Gift and Craft Show

Sat., October 27, 2012

10:00 am to 6:00 pm

Sun., October 28, 2012

12:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Amarillo Civic Center  
South Exhibit Hall

Admission: \$4.00

(Children 12 and under are free)

BENEFITING:



Proceeds allow Sharing Hope Ministry to continue providing services for women who are incarcerated or who are in addiction rehabilitation facilities.

### THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS



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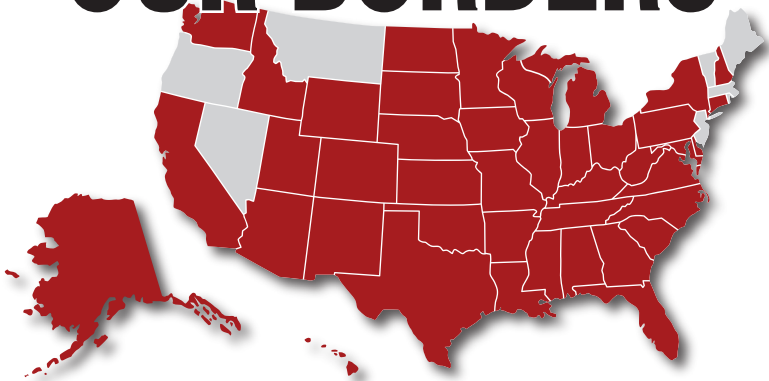
## GREAT WEEKEND, GREAT BLESSINGS!

It's time to start planning to be a part of "Christmas In October". This is a fun weekend with great shopping, delicious baked items, mixes, candy AND best of all, by being part of all this fun, you can bless others by supporting Sharing Hope Ministry. Did you know that by purchasing one cake, you are providing two Life Recovery Bibles, and by attending the event, your admission fee can provide a Bible study for a woman who is searching for a new life in Christ? Changing the world just got a little easier. At Sharing Hope Ministry, our volunteers and donors are doing just that – changing the world one precious life at a time. Do your efforts work? They did for Jo!

*"The hardest part for me was believing that God forgave me because I felt like I failed Him. Through my Life Recovery Bible and Bible studies I have learned of people in the Bible who made mistakes and God still cared and loved them. Now I am sharing God's Word and love with others. Please keep me in your prayers." ~ Jo, SCI Cambridge Springs, PA*

There are still opportunities to help with this event. Contact [Aletha@sharinghopeministry.org](mailto:Aletha@sharinghopeministry.org) if you can work a 2-hour shift, provide an item for the Bake Sale or help underwrite the remaining expenses of this event.

# EXPANDING OUR BORDERS



## Providing God's Word in 41 states!

Women from Hawaii, Kansas, Michigan and New York have begun requesting Life Recovery Bibles, Bible studies and prayer from Sharing Hope Ministry. This year our volunteers and financial donors have already provided over 8,200 Bibles and studies to women across our nation.

Statistics now show that over 110,000 women will be incarcerated this year. Issues with addiction, poverty and abuse have made women become the fastest growing population in our prisons today. You can show these women a new life by giving the Bibles that will introduce them to Christ. Feel free to use the donation card or contact the office to set up monthly drafts from your bank account or credit card.

# Can YOU Help? You CAN Help!

- Pray! Add our past, present and future women to you or your group's prayer list. Don't forget our staff and volunteers.
- Invite us to speak at your church, Sunday school class or community organization.

## *Patsy's Place*

- Inexpensive cars are needed for the women to purchase. A donation of a car is tax deductible!
- Jobs, Jobs and more Jobs! Our women have completed their job readiness classes and are ready to work!
- Paper towels, toilet paper and laundry soap.

## *Sharing Hope Ministry*

- Volunteers to work 1-2 hours a week sending Bibles, Bible studies or helping with office work.
- Donate copy paper or cleaning supplies.

## *Christmas In October*

- Underwriters – sponsor opportunities start as little as \$250!
- Volunteers to bake items and deliver them to the Civic Center on Friday morning.
- Friday volunteers to work a morning or afternoon shift wrapping bake goods with cellophane.
- Volunteers to work a 2 hour shift on Saturday or Sunday.

*"Yes, God, use me to show a broken, beaten down, incarcerated woman that there is hope for a better future!"*

### SHARING HOPE MINISTRY DONATION CARD

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Monthly Pledge:**  I will make a contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ each month.  
 Draft my bank account each month for this amount. *(Please fill out bank draft authorization on back.)*

**One Time Gift:**  Enclosed is my donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Charge my Credit Card for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ *(circle one)* M/C VISA DISCOVER

Card No: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. \_\_\_\_\_ Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Please use this gift for Patsy's Place Transitional Home

*You may designate your gift as a memorial, honorarium, or Christmas gift. Please enclose the name and address of the individual(s) you wish us to notify.*

# But What Do Our Women Say?

## 2nd Quarter Inmate Evaluation Summary

Of the women who received our services and responded to our survey:

- 98% feel that they have a closer relationship with God
- 94% feel they can talk freely about God's love with others
- 93% feel that they can now better control their tempers
- 98% feel better equipped to cope with their situations
- 94% feel they are better about following rules

### INMATE COMMENTS:

*"This is the first time I really did a Bible study, and I like it. I smile so much when I receive my studies, and people look at me and ask me, 'Are you going home...you're so happy.' And I say, 'No, I received my new Bible study.' Thank you so much. You've changed my life so much. God bless." ~ Cecelia, PA*

*"I want to thank all those that are helping us behind bars who want to change and have a new life with the Lord. I believe that the Bible study you sent me along with my daily prayers have helped me extremely in the way I feel today. I feel an inner peace that I haven't had in my life since I was a child. God is truly working miracles in my life. Not only am I able to walk away from conversations, I'm able to hold my tongue. When I have sinful thoughts, I stop my thinking and ask the Lord to forgive me and take those thoughts away. Thank you for all your prayers and for helping me to change my life. Thank you, Lord, for allowing Sharing Hope Ministry to share the Word with us." ~ Kari, TX*

### CHAPLAIN COMMENTS:

Has the *Life Recovery Bible* and services offered by Sharing Hope Ministry helped the attitude, outlook or behavior of the women in your facility?

*"It's a great Bible – a great resource. No other ministry offers the women here the *Life Recovery Bible* or any study Bible. I believe this Bible from your ministry has been a great help to the women here." Lakin Correction Center for Women, West Columbia, West Virginia*

*"Yes, most women are so broken spiritually when entering treatment and have no money to buy their own Bibles to take to church." Residential Treatment, Talihina, OK*

*"Yes, they are eager to learn about God and love the fact that the Life Recovery Bible has reading plans that outline the 12 steps." ~Nebraska Family Works, Omaha, NE*

*"It provides hope for better days ahead, and encourages and uplifts them to where they can handle one day at a time and helps others who also struggle." ~Pocatello Women's Correctional Center, Pocatello, ID*



A Program of Sharing Hope Ministry, Inc.

Patsy's Place now has ten women participating in our program with two more women scheduled to begin this year. Each woman is at a different phase, but they are all blessings to us! Two women will be starting the last phase of their program and graduations are quickly approaching.

*"In my past, I have made terrible choices that affected my family, friends, health and employment. I ended up in prison. During my first phase at Patsy's Place, I have been able to restore my family, complete classes on cognitive skills, financial and managing my moods. My Bible studies are strengthening my relationship with God and I regularly attend meetings and groups that help me with my sobriety. In my second phase, I will seek and obtain employment and put the skills I've learned into action.*

*The volunteers and mentors are so full of love and often share their wisdom with us so that we know that God loves us. They go above and beyond. Patsy's Place staff members are wonderful and are always there when I need them. I thank all of Sharing Hope Ministry members and everyone that is a part of Patsy's Place for giving me a chance to better my life and become a new creation in God's eyes. I now have hope for a productive future. Much Gratitude, God Bless." ~Teri*

Teri has completed Phase One and has found a job! Please keep Teri and all the women at Patsy's Place in your prayers.



## Raffle Tickets are Available

So many volunteers donated their time and skills to help Sharing Hope Ministry. Carolyn Holmes, Candy Kuykendall and Annette Watson



have used their skills to provide this beautiful quilt. Tickets are \$2 each or 6 tickets for \$10. Tickets will be sold at the Sharing Hope Ministry office and at the Christmas in October event.

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# Christmas In October Gift and Craft Show



Saturday, October 27th • 10:00 am - 6:00 pm  
Sunday, October 28th • 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
South Exhibit Hall, Amarillo Civic Center

## RECEIVE \$1.00 OFF One Regular Admission

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# Hope Fest 2013

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### Jun.-Aug. 2012

NEAL JEFFREY, a stutterer from childhood who struggled daily to live out his dreams, became an All-American quarterback at Baylor University and NFL quarterback for the San Diego Chargers. As the quarterback who led Baylor to their first Southwest Conference Championship in 50 years, Neal delivers a "pep talk" presentation packed with enthusiasm and passion that is rarely seen anywhere. His background in sports gives him a unique platform to challenge men and women to go "higher, swifter, stronger" in the critical areas of life.



Neal has recently celebrated his 25th anniversary as associate pastor of the 28,000-member Prestonwood Baptist Church of Dallas. Today he is a much-loved minister and popular corporate speaker on the national stage.

Neal's first book, *If I Can, Y-You Can*, has been optioned for a major motion picture. It inspires readers to achieve their highest and noblest dreams through the power of faith, belief and action.

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# Thank You!