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—STATISTICS—

Total Life Recovery Bibles Distributed:

101,271

Total Bible Study Workbooks Distributed:

50,039

—VOLUNTEERS—

Fundraising Volunteers: **174**

Jail Ministry Volunteers: **16**

Office Volunteers: **42**

Patsy's Place Volunteers: **13**

Pen Pal Volunteers: **3**

Prayer Group Volunteers: **10**

Stepping Stones Volunteers: **12**

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Your Personal Invitation



Ministry is, first of all, receiving God's blessing from those to whom we minister. What is this blessing? It is a glimpse of the face of God ~ Henri Nouwen

How many times have you been invited to invest yourself through the resources that God has given you – your energy, your prayers, and your money – in work to which God has called us?

Henri Nouwen preached that a small act of generosity can grow into something far beyond what we could ever ask or imagine – the creation of a community of love in this world. So when we give ourselves to planting and nurturing love here on earth, our efforts will reach out beyond our own existence.

There are over 110,000 women incarcerated each year in the United States. Sadly, with this, there are a multitude of children who are affected by their mother's incarceration. What if sharing your resources was instrumental in allowing every incarcerated woman the chance to be introduced to Christ and therefore passing on this hope to her children? Your action could be the start of the creation of a community of love.

Could your act of generosity give resources for even one post-offending woman to live a new life, through Christ? Someone's act of generosity did.

"Thank you for all you have done to help me become the person God meant for me to be. God placed me at Patsy's Place to be in the midst of His love. Growing, learning and believing I could do this."~ D, graduated the Patsy's Place Transitional Home program in 2013.

Sharing Hope Ministry has a mission and vision so exciting that we can't help but want to invite others to participate in the blessing that is received through the service of this ministry. If you've had a part of expanding God's kingdom through Sharing Hope Ministry, thank you! You are instrumental to our mission!

Not involved yet? This is your personal invitation. Read on for some easy ways that you can invest the unique resources that God has provided you.

EXPANDING OUR BORDERS



"Thank you for the Life Recovery Bible that you sent me in January. I am now closer to God than I have ever been. Reading His Word has given me strength and hope in the most difficult time. I feel very grateful for the work that you do with a sometimes forgotten population. The enlightenment I have gained from my Life Recovery Bible alone has been very helpful in my spiritual journey and in my recovery. The prison system could really use more organizations such as yours." Heather, Pine Bluff, AR

Women from sixteen new facilities have requested and received the Life Recovery Bible this year. There are now over 250 correctional and addiction rehabilitation facilities, in forty-one states, that have been accepted to receive Bibles, Bible studies and prayer each month. Our local incarcerated and recovering women can also benefit from jail visitation, mentoring and aftercare.

Since 2006, when Sharing Hope Ministry expanded our vision to provide our services outside of Texas, over 61,820 Life Recovery Bibles have been provided to women who have asked for help. It is our community in Christ that has allowed so many Bibles to be placed in the hands of these searching women. You are invited to join this community through investing your resources.

By Volunteering...an hour each week to provide Christ-centered services to the increasing amount of women reaching out for help.

With Your Prayers...by adding these women to your daily prayer time. Each and every request comes from a woman searching for a new way to live.

With your Financial Support...by providing a donation that can purchase one or one hundred Life Recovery Bibles. By touching one woman, you participate in the creation of a community of love. A donation of just \$25 a month provides a Bible and Bible study. God's command in Mark 16:15 of "Go out and spread the gospel" has never been easier.

Christmas In
~~October~~
November



November 2nd & 3rd

Civic Center South Exhibit Hall

We're mixing things up a little this year with our Christmas In October event moving to the first weekend in November. It is still the same great event, and as always, we need your help. Christmas in October is a fundraiser that allows Sharing Hope Ministry to move forward with our vision. You are again invited to join our efforts.

With Your Energy...we have plenty of volunteer opportunities. In September, we will be looking for men and women who can help us promote this event, help with the set up or work a 2-hour shift during the event.

We need bakers to provide the items for the Bake Sale – remember, when your cake or cookies are purchased, those proceeds can provide a Bible and a Bible study for recovering women.

With Your Prayers...we need volunteers to join our prayer team. All you need is an email address and a desire to spend time covering this event in prayer. Specific prayer requests will be provided as they arise.

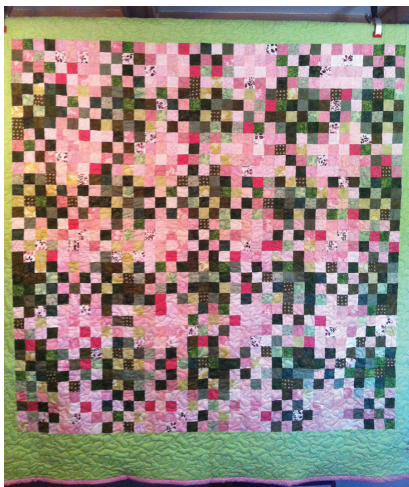
With Your Support...we need people who will become sponsors with gifts between \$250 to \$5,000 to help underwrite and host this event. When all expenses are covered, 100% of the proceeds will benefit the ministry. For more information, contact the Sharing Hope Ministry office at 806-358-7803, april@sharinghopeministry.org or download a sponsor form at www.sharinghopeministry.org.



You Are Invited to: Attend the Stepping Stones Mentor Training Class

The women who complete this training will be a key element to the success of the women residing at Patsy's Place Transitional Home. As the Stepping Stones Partner, you will assist a woman in making the positive transition from repeat offender to role model. Those interested in applying should contact the Sharing Hope office at 358-7803 or email Laura Sims at jsims@suddenlink.net. Applications are due back at the office by August 14th.

Stepping Stones training will consist of three training sessions. The dates will be Saturday August 24th and September 7th from 8:00am - 5:00pm and Thursday, August 29th from 6:00-10:00pm.



A donation of \$2.00 for a raffle ticket can give you a chance to win this beautiful quilt. Thank you to Judi Walser from Allison, Texas for providing this quilt to benefit Sharing Hope Ministry.



Patsy's Place Transitional Home

A Program of Sharing Hope Ministry, Inc.

WHERE FREEDOM + FAITH + FRIENDSHIP + FELLOWSHIP = ABUNDANT LIVING
~ John 10:10

Over the last 3 years, Patsy's Place Transitional Home has served the needs of over 25 women who have benefited from being a part of this Christ-centered re-entry program for previously incarcerated women. Patsy's Place allows Christ's transforming grace and truth to work through educational classes, mentorship, case management, counseling and recovery programs to restore women to be contributing members in the community, bearing witness that no life is beyond the reach of the restorative power of Jesus Christ. The women are empowered and equipped to not only discover, but walk, in the abundant life God has given them through Jesus, and guess what? I personally have been so blessed to part of this process!

Patsy's Place provides for the basic needs of these women, along with special needs (e.g. prescription medication, dental work, eye glasses, birth certificates, driver's licenses/identification card). All of this, combined with program needs can become a demanding financial burden, but I believe the outcome far outweighs the needs. Did you know that women who participate in a faith-based aftercare program are less likely to reoffend?

Knowing that I have a hand in allowing a woman to fully embrace her God-intended purpose for her life is why I give.

Starting in August, our volunteers and supporters will be working together with a goal to raise \$30,000 for Patsy's Place. But more than that, we want our community to have a better understanding of our mission and vision for these women. I would like to give you an opportunity to join me and the Sharing Hope Ministry volunteers in accomplishing this goal. It's really easy. You can:

- Mail 5 or more information cards to your friends, giving them the opportunity to learn more about this program and asking them to help you reach a smaller, personal goal of raising \$1,000. Contact the Sharing Hope Ministry office at 806-358-7803 or ersela@sharinghopeministry.org to receive all the supplies you will need.
- You can donate directly to this fundraiser. Download the donation form under Patsy's Place Transitional Home from our website at www.sharinghopeministry.org, or you can put a memo on your check for "Abundant Life".

This is an exciting time. I want to thank you for your participation and would encourage you to pray for our area women who are embarking on this journey to be in the life God intended for her.

Ersela Demerson

Patsy's Place Program Director

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