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—STATISTICS—

Total Life Recovery Bibles Distributed:
102,969

Total Bible Study Workbooks Distributed:
50,716

—VOLUNTEERS—

Fundraising Volunteers: **120**

Jail Ministry Volunteers: **16**

Office Volunteers: **44**

Patsy's Place Volunteers: **13**

Pen Pal Volunteers: **2**

Prayer Group Volunteers: **11**

Stepping Stones Volunteers: **13**

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Thirteenth Annual
Christmas In
~~October~~ November™
Gift and Craft Show

Sat., November 2, 2013
10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Sun., November 3, 2013
12:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Amarillo Civic Center
South Exhibit Hall

Admission: \$4.00
(Children 12 and under are free)

BENEFITING: 
Sharing Hope Ministry

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

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Have Yourself a Merry Little Shopping Day!

It's coming ... Join us for Amarillo's annual tradition: Christmas in October – in November! This fun-filled weekend includes fabulous shopping and the city's best bake sale. Best of all, your baked good purchases and admission are used to bless others through Sharing Hope Ministry. Did you know the purchase of just ONE cake will provide TWO Life Recovery Bibles to women searching for a life in Christ? Nothing can make this season merrier than knowing you are changing someone's life. At Sharing Hope Ministry, our volunteers and donors are doing just that... Changing lives. Changing Amarillo. Changing the world – one precious life at a time.

"You are an amazing group of people. Your program is a gift to those of us incarcerated who are dealing with substance abuse problems and spiritually bankrupt. I thank God for you all, and I'm sure you'll receive your crown in Heaven for the lives you've transformed. God Bless."

There are still opportunities to volunteer for this event.

Contact Amy at Amy@SharingHopeMinistry.org if you can work a two-hour shift, bake an item for the sale or underwrite the remaining expenses of this event.

GROWTH and CHANGE

The Faces of Sharing Hope's Staff

"In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" –Acts 20:35



"About a year ago, a sweet volunteer at Sharing Hope reminded me of some verses in Isaiah. She shared them with me while my grandmother was in Hospice care, and I was having a rough go. The verses are Isaiah 43:18 & 19 "Do not call to mind the former things, or ponder things of the past. Behold, I will do something new, now it will spring forth; will you be aware of it? I will even make a roadway in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert." I typed them up, printed them out and taped the verses to my monitor at work as a reminder. Those verses helped me as I said goodbye to my grandmother.

Now, I'm saying another goodbye. I am saying goodbye to the best job I have ever had and to some of the most amazing, God-fearing, Christ-like people I have ever met. I now look at those verses in Isaiah in a whole new light. Before coming to work at Sharing Hope, I was a broken soul. I had allowed a job to take away any confidence in my abilities, strengths and in myself as an employee. Sharing Hope became my "roadway in the wilderness." You all embraced me, allowed me to heal, showed me grace, showered me in the love of Christ, expressed gratitude in my abilities and gave me the confidence again that I needed to do my best in all that I do. Sharing Hope Ministry and its volunteers and staff has been a healing balm to a hurting soul.

This ministry and its volunteers do not just minister to women who are incarcerated or in rehabilitation facilities. The people of Sharing Hope touches the hearts of anyone who walks through the doors of Sharing Hope & Patsy's Place Transitional Home, whether you are a volunteer, staff, community service or a visitor. Sharing Hope Ministry provides a community, a place where Christians who want to share the Gospel, come together and reflect the love of Christ to each other and to the women whom God has provided for this ministry. I have seen a volunteer going through a hardship, confide in the other volunteers. I have watched those volunteers gather around her and pray for her and lift her up to the God we all worship. I have seen tears shed for each other and have had to put my headphones on so I could concentrate on my work because of the amount of laughter and joy coming from the workrooms was distracting and infectious. This ministry is beautiful, because of the volunteers that God has given to Sharing Hope.

You are who I will miss most as I move into a new adventure. So what is this new adventure? God has provided me the amazing opportunity to pursue a Masters in English Literature at the University of Warwick in England. My dream is to someday be a college professor, teaching English Literature to anyone who will let me. If you would like to follow me on this new journey, I have started a blog that can be found at: <http://alethawhite.blogspot.com>. I will cherish the years that I have spent at Sharing Hope. I can't begin to express my gratitude to all of you for welcoming me into your community and being God's "rivers in the desert." I love you and will miss you greatly!! To quote Winnie the Pooh, "How lucky am I to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard." From the bottom of my heart,

THANK YOU!!" ~ Aletha White

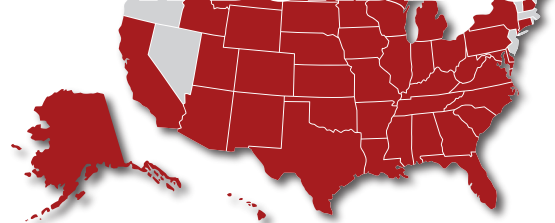


"Hello, friends! My name is Amy and I've taken over the Special Projects position here at Sharing Hope. My husband, Joshua, and I recently moved to Amarillo from Phoenix so while I'm used to the heat, the winter

will be a whole other story! God has worked in my life and I feel that he led us to Amarillo for the very purpose of loving our neighbors and spreading His word. As such, I'm thoroughly excited to see God's work in and through this ministry. I feel so very lucky to be in a position to further His mission and reach out to a population that does not have much or any support otherwise. As I learn and grow in Amarillo, I cannot wait to share God's love with the help of you all (or y'all, as my Texas friends say!)"

~ Amy Kirk

EXPANDING OUR BORDERS



"I really appreciate the Life Recovery Bible you sent me, and I really enjoy the Bible study workbooks. I feel like it helps me walk with God and grow into a better Christian. I'm getting to know myself and how to deal with life instead of trying to run away from it. I am so thankful and appreciative for the time you take out of your day to show me love and send Jesus my way. Thank you. May God always bless you." Nancy, CA

Updates:

- 18 new facilities
- 253 correctional facilities
- 43 states
- Over 102,000 bibles



A Program of Sharing Hope Ministry, Inc.

Have you ever had one of those days or even weeks when your get-up-and-go, seemingly got-up-and-left? You know, one of those days that you just feel BLAH? You're not particularly happy, but you're not sad either. You go through your normal routine, but there is this gnawing feeling of dissatisfaction. Have you ever been there? I have found myself in that place at one time or another. When I stop focusing on myself and connect with other people to fulfill a greater purpose, that dark cloud is seemingly shattered. Serving others can give a deep sense of purpose, connectedness and fulfillment. Serving others and God brings light among darkness.

Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically. Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble, and keep on praying. When God's people are in need, be ready to help them. Always be eager to practice hospitality. (Rom 12:11-13)

Part of our service to others at Patsy's Place involves investing in women so that they grow into the person God created them to be. In just the past three months, three women have graduated from our program! I do believe each of those women are well on their way to becoming who God intended them to be simply by going through our program. Their futures look bright. When you support the ministry with your time and/or resources you are making an impact on the lives of the women we serve.

"I want a chance at life. I don't want to step out of prison and do the same things I've always done. I want to know how to give my all to Christ. I want to know what other strong Christians know. I have desired this for so long but was stuck in a hole and had to lose my family and life to realize that I don't want to live that way ever again." –applicant to Patsy's Place

~ **Ersela, Patsy's Place Program Director**



QUILT RAFFLE

A donation of \$2.00 for a raffle ticket can give you a chance to win this beautiful quilt. Thank you to Gwen Sappenfield for providing this beautiful quilt to benefit Sharing Hope Ministry.



We are excited about the progress that has been made towards our renovation project. This renovation will cover the first floor of the Sharing Hope Ministry building, along with an addition of a new garage and warehouse and the reconditioning of our parking lot. We are on track to start the renovation in January of 2014. The completion and success of this project will be the catalyst that moves our ministry to the next level of excellence. This will allow Sharing Hope Ministry to increase its level of sustainability which will promote future growth and further provision of spiritual and recovery assistance. This benefit will be passed on to our clients who are seeking help for a new life, free from crime and drugs.

Thanking Our Friends

Several organizations have been instrumental in helping us reach our vision. We would like to thank the following:

Hillside Christian Church for the donation of the house at 3714 Julie Street. This property is valued at \$125,000 and will be used as the seed money for our renovation. We also want to thank Hillside Christian Church for the commitment of the \$20,000 matching grant that was reached with the help of the Hope Fest 2013 attendees!

The Mary E. Bivins Foundation has recently provided a very generous grant gift of \$100,000! The Mary E. Bivins Foundation has been instrumental in enriching the quality of life in 26 counties of the Texas Panhandle and aids worthy Christian religious undertakings that addresses critical community needs.

High Plains Christian Ministries Foundation for their wonderful grant support of \$10,000. The mission of High Plains Christian Ministries Foundation is to strengthen the ministry of Jesus Christ in the modern world.

We also want to acknowledge the generous gift from **Jim Sims** of Sims, Parge, Moya Architects, LLC for donating his architect services.

Together, our community has already been instrumental in helping us raise \$250,000 (over 62%) of our project total of \$399,040 for this renovation!

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Star Parker is the founder and president of CURE, the Center for Urban Renewal and Education, a 501(c)(3) non-profit think tank which promotes market based public policy to fight poverty.

Before involvement in social activism, Star Parker had seven years of first-hand experience in the grip of welfare dependency. Now, as a social policy consultant, Star is bringing new energy to policy discussions on how to transition America's poor from government dependency.

She is a sought after expert on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC and for national radio, television, and print interviews, nationwide.

Star has a BS degree in Marketing and Business from Woodbury University and has received numerous awards and commendations for her work on public policy issues. She consults with Republican legislators on numerous urban issues, has lectured on anti-poverty initiatives at more than 180 colleges and universities and serves on the advisory boards for several national organizations.

Star Parker's personal transformation from welfare dependent to conservative crusader has been chronicled by ABC's *20/20*; **Rush Limbaugh**; *Readers Digest*; **James Dobson**; *The 700 Club*; **Dr. George Grant**; *Christianity Today*; **James Robison**; *Newsmax*, *Charisma*, and *World Magazine*.

Currently, Star is a regular commentator on CNN, TBN, CSPAN, CBN, and FOX News. Articles and quotes by Star continuously appear in major publications around the world. She has written several books including *Uncle Sam's Plantation* and *White Ghetto*. Currently, Star is working on her next book: *How the Poor Get Rich*



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