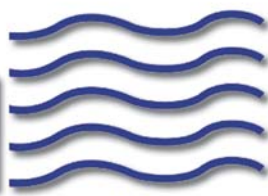




*Sharing Hope Ministry*



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**—STATISTICS—**

Total *Life Recovery Bibles* Distributed:  
**32,892**

Total Bible Study Workbooks Distributed:  
**15,036**

**—VOLUNTEERS—**

Pen Pal Volunteers: **100**

Office Volunteers: **35**

Prayer Group Volunteers: **3**

Stepping Stones Volunteers: **10**

Teaching Team Volunteers: **20**

**—BOARD OF DIRECTORS —**

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## Hope Fest 2006

Join us for the annual Hope Fest Dinner and Silent Auction on March 24th. This is a great time to enjoy a delicious meal and entertainment at the Grand Plaza Room at the Civic Center. Sheriff Joel Richardson will be our guest speaker and Wayne Beighle will again be our auctioneer for our featured items. The silent auction is the highlight of the evening with a variety of gift items and certificates from area businesses and individuals.

Hope Fest is our primary fundraiser. The proceeds will allow Sharing Hope to continue our mission in providing Bibles and study material for incarcerated women. This evening of entertainment, fellowship and fun is also an opportunity to introduce your friends to the Sharing Hope Ministry.

Tickets cost \$25 for individuals or two tickets for \$45. A full table for eight may be purchased for \$160. Reservations must be made by March 10th. Red geraniums will also be sold for \$8.00 if pre-ordered or \$10.00 at the event. Call and order yours today.

### *Hope Fest Sponsors*

Special thanks to Ron and Cheri Boyd, Josephine Anderson Charitable Trust, Amarillo National Bank, Financial Payments-A Division of Herring Bank, Plains Builders, MTS Transportation and Company and Brenda Blakley, CPA for sponsoring a portion of the cost of Hope Fest Dinner and Silent Auction.



## Sharing Hope Ministry Has Several Needs:

- ❖ Hope Fest Volunteers – Table Hostesses, Auction Helpers, Ticket Sales, Greeters, Set- up and Clean-up crews.
- ❖ Hope Fest gift or filler items for the Silent Auction. Do you know a business owner that would donate an item?
- ❖ Women to deliver emergency hygiene bags to recently released women in the Amarillo area. Call for details.
- ❖ Christmas items for the bake sale including ribbons, baskets, platters and bowls, and the fronts of Christmas cards to use as tags.
- ❖ A Computer desk and office chairs that are in good shape.
- ❖ Data Entry people to put past records on the computer.
- ❖ Supplies for the office. (paper towels, Kleenex, and large garbage bags)
- ❖ Speaking Opportunities – Provide names of your church contacts and women’s groups for us to contact for a Sharing Hope presentation.

## What Did We Do in 2005

- 10,688 women received a Life Recovery Bible and or Bible study materials
- Our Jail Ministry teams spent over 960 hours ministering to 1183 women at Potter and Randall County Jail.
- Our Prayer team spent over 230 hours lifting up 495 women’s requests in prayer.
- 100 women offered on-going Christian support and encouragement to incarcerated women through the pen pal program.
- 11 volunteers guided recently released women through the transition of re-entering the Amarillo Community with Christian support through the Stepping Stones Program.

## What Can We Do in 2006

You can partner with Sharing Hope Ministry in 2006 and be an instrumental part of providing the Life Recovery Bible, Bible Study materials and other services to women incarcerated in the State of Texas. Your support can provide the resources to assist these women in making positive changes in their lives by establishing a relationship with God.



## DONOR CARD

*I would like to partner with Sharing Hope Ministry in providing Bibles and study materials to female inmates in Texas.*

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

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

### MONTHLY PLEDGE:

I will make a contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ each month.

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

### ONE TIME GIFT:

Enclosed is my one-time contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

### 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 \_\_\_\_\_



James Taylor, owner of AC Services, donated and set up 2 new computers for Sharing Hope Ministry. These computers are an answer to prayers and will be used by volunteers for data entry of past records and new requests from women.

*Thank you AC Services.*

# Sharing Hope Volunteer Christmas Party



*Special Thanks to J'Melle Fletcher for opening her home for the party.*

Sharing Hope volunteers met on December 2nd to celebrate the work that was accomplished in 2005 through Sharing Hope Ministry. Staff members Leigh Link and April Riggs want to thank all the volunteers for the hard work and for the wonderful gift given to the staff. Thank you for your sweet and caring spirits that make this ministry so effective in spreading God's love to the incarcerated women in the State of Texas.



Brenda Burns- The Church of Quail Creek,  
San Jacinto

Shirley Daniel – First Baptist Church

Vonnie White- Evangelical Fellowship

## Summary of Inmate Evaluations Winter 2005

Of the inmates that responded:

99% received their Life Recovery Bibles within 3 weeks of written request.

98% feel that they have a closer relationship with God.

96% feel that their outlook for their future is more positive.

95% showed improvement in talking more freely about God's love with others.

74% spend 5 or more days a week reading their Bible.



*Volunteer Laura Sims presenting gifts to staff members Leigh Link and April Riggs*

## Inmate Comments

"The Life Recovery Bible has helped me so much with my walk with Christ. I read every day, once in the morning and once at night. I really enjoy reading even more because I can understand each book a lot better. It is also helping me with my recovery, to stay clean of drugs and alcohol. I am so thankful today that God's Word has really changed my life."



## NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!

The Sharing Hope office has two projects that we need help with. We need people to meet on **February 4th** to help us with the Hope Fest invitation mail out and to prepare folders. We will be meeting at 9:00 a.m. and work for a few hours. Please put this on your calendar. This is a great time to bring older kids who need community services hours for school and scholarships.

We also will be meeting again on **March 4th** for a regular workday. We need people to stuff folders, mail Bibles and do data entry work. Contact April or Leigh at 358-7803 if you have any questions.



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MM Jerold Barry  
Berean Circle  
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MM Dale Swan  
Douglas Toulouse  
MM Jack Turner  
United Way  
Village Park Church  
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MM James Walker  
Westcliff Bible Church

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MM Marvin Willis  
Margaret Willis  
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Women of Grace

### IN MEMORY OF:

Ed Haynes  
by MM Bob Garrett  
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### IN HONOR OF:

Mona Higgins  
by The Samaritan Class  
Suzanne Greer  
Mindy "the Colonel" Briggs  
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