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Total *Life Recovery Bibles* Distributed:
59,009

Total Bible Study Workbooks Distributed:
31,388

—VOLUNTEERS—

Pen Pal Volunteers: 9

Office Volunteers: 40

Prayer Group Volunteers: 5

Stepping Stones Volunteers: 8

Jail Ministry Team Volunteers: 11

Special Event Volunteers: 100

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Moving into

2009

In the fall of 2006, Sharing Hope Ministry opened our doors to women outside of the state of Texas. In this brief time, our ministry added new qualified facilities by 125%! We now provide services to 333 correctional and addiction rehabilitation facilities and to an estimated 1650 women each month. God has greatly blessed Sharing Hope Ministry through our volunteers and donors that have made this growth possible.

As we look forward to 2009, Sharing Hope Ministry must be cautious to remain financially stable in a troubled economic year. With this in mind, we have temporarily suspended our future expansion to ensure that we can continue to provide our evangelical and faith-based recovery services to women in the newly added facilities which span twenty-eight states. The exception will be the state of California. Praise God! We recently received funds from a new charitable foundation that provided partial funding for Bibles to incarcerated women in California.

Sharing Hope Ministry has certainly been blessed by the few who give much, but we are sustained by our friends who monthly give what they are able. If every one of our Sharing Hope friends provided funds for just one Bible each month, we could provide Bibles and studies to qualified women in every state in the U. S. by the end of 2009.

We ask that you prayerfully consider your part in allowing Sharing Hope Ministry to re-open our doors to women in new facilities across the nation. Check out our "Expanding our Borders" section to see how you can provide a Bible to a woman who is waiting

A Year In Review 2008

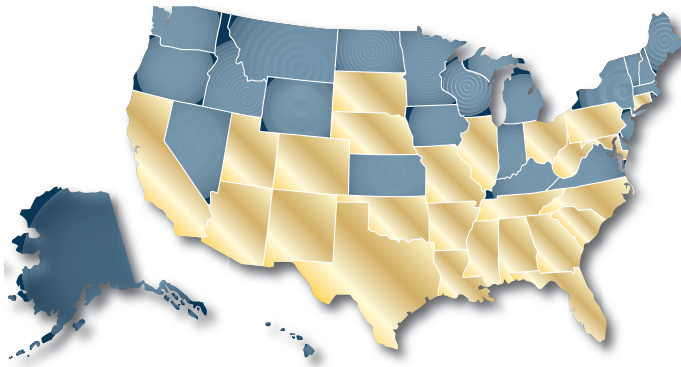
- 94 new facilities were added to our area of service which now includes 333 correctional and addiction rehabilitation facilities in 28 states.
- 17,500 women received a Life Recovery Bible and/or Bible study materials
- Our Jail Ministry Teams ministered to 1107 women at Potter and Randall County Jail.
- Our Prayer Team lifted up and encouraged 995 women who submitted requests.
- 8 volunteers guided 54 recently released women through the transition of re-entering the Amarillo Community with Christian support through the Stepping Stones Program.
- The Patsy Britting Benevolence Fund financially helped four clients in successfully transitioning back into our Amarillo community.

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EXPANDING OUR BORDERS!

in tough times!



Thank you so very much for your love in Christ and your prayers. I'm beginning to fully understand what Christ stands for. He is working in my life, making my path smooth and opening doors for me. I've prayed for faith of a mustard seed and it is truly growing.

I have transferred to a different facility and want to be involved with a Life Recovery Bible study group. Can you provide me with books? Our facility doesn't carry one. Please continue to keep me in your prayers ~ Kimberly H., Raleigh, North Carolina, January 2009.

Kimberly was not able to receive her request for study material simply because she was moved to a facility that Sharing Hope Ministry has not been able to expand. With each new request, a flood of other requests from the same facility follows. With the temporary suspension of our expansion, requests from Kimberly's facility in Raleigh must wait.

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. You can send checks directly to the ministry at:

P.O. Box 19985, Amarillo, TX 79114 or

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.

Sharing Hope Board of Directors

Sharing Hope Ministry would like to give a heart felt thanks to two of our board members that have recently completed their board terms. Jim Burgess and Becky Logsdon have given their time, talent, and support over the years to help oversee the growth that the ministry has experienced.

We also wish to welcome our three new board members that have made a commitment to Sharing Hope. Incoming board members are Art Baker, Steve Land and Yvonda Stokes. We are thrilled to have them join the Sharing Hope Ministry Board of Directors.

SPECIAL THANKS TO J.D. DANNER AND JIM SIMS

Our handicap ramp has been repaired thanks to the hard work of J.D. Danner and Jim Sims. Staff and volunteers appreciate the time and resources put into keeping the Sharing Hope facility in good shape.

From the Desk of
Susan Lewis
Development Coordinator/
Special Events



Do you want to help with the 2009 Hope Fest Silent Auction, but knocking on doors is not your thing? You can help us tremendously by purchasing gift cards from the following businesses which we can use to compliment or to buy needed supplies for auction packages. Gift Cards would be greatly appreciated from the following businesses:

Best Buy	Pier One	I-Tunes Gift Card
Radio Shack	Target	Starbucks
Hobby Lobby	Lincolns	JoAnn's
Macaroni Joes	Bed Bath & Beyond	Joe Taco
Pet Smart	Dillards	

Please mail gift cards to my attention, or drop them by the office. Please contact me at 358-7803 or susan@sharinghopeministry.org if you need more information.

Thank you! Susan Lewis



Save
the
Date

Hope
Fest
2009



Plan on joining us for our annual Hope Fest Dinner and Silent Auction on April 3rd. This is a great time to enjoy a delicious meal and great entertainment at the Civic Center Grand Plaza Room. This year, Sharing Hope Ministry is happy to welcome Amarillo's own Christian entertainer and speaker, Rita Morrow. Rita stays busy traveling, speaking, and performing for conferences and conventions across the country through her own 3-fold ministry known as Martha Marie & Me.

Rita firmly believes laughter is sometimes serious business and enjoys speaking and singing straight from her heart as well. "With the anxiety and heaviness of the world constantly pressing in on us from every side, I'm certain that pure, heavenly laughter is one of our greatest antidotes as Christians. Not only does it serve to refresh us, but often the ministry of laughter has a unique way of painlessly plowing up our hearts in order to receive some deeper seed of Truth from God's rich Word of Life."

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

Ticket cost is \$25 for individuals or two for \$45. A full table for eight may be purchased for \$160. Reservations must be made by March 21st. Red geraniums will also be sold for \$10.00. Call and order yours today!



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You have a unique opportunity to WIN a fabulous "Hearts On Fire" diamond pendent donated by Duncan & Boyd Jewelers. Just purchase a chance to win for \$50 and you will receive a "faux diamond" in a velvet jewelry pouch at the Hope Fest Dinner and Auction. One lucky person will receive the **"Hearts On Fire"** diamond pendent worth \$5000! You can't lose because you will be making a nice contribution to Sharing Hope Ministry, and everyone who purchases a pouch will have their name put in for the grand prize drawing. **Only 200 chances will be sold**, so your odds of winning are high! Buy two or more pouches and you can take your "faux diamonds" to Duncan & Boyd Jewelers for a complementary ear stud setting!

Pre-order your chances today before all 200 tickets are sold by contacting the office or using your RSVP card that will be included in your Hope Fest invitation. You could walk out of the event with The World's Most Perfectly Cut Diamond®

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Sharing Hope Ministry Has Several Needs:

- ❖ Hope Fest Volunteers – Table Hostesses, and event volunteers.
- ❖ Hope Fest items for the Auction. Do you know a business owner that would donate?
- ❖ Hygiene bag runners – We are looking for husband and wife teams deliver supplies to recently released women.
- ❖ Supplies for the office including copy paper, paper towels, and Kleenex.



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