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**—STATISTICS—**

Total Life Recovery Bibles Distributed:

**100,099**

Total Bible Study Workbooks Distributed:

**49,023**

**—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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## Did You Miss Hope Fest 2013? Here's a Recap

- ♥ Neal Jeffrey - Amazing speaker! Can we hear more?
- ♥ Hillside Christian Church offers a \$20,000 matching challenge grant!
- ♥ The 100,000<sup>th</sup> Life Recovery Bible will be provided in May!
- ♥ Sharing Hope Ministry receives the donation of the SHM office!
- ♥ Sharing Hope Ministry to expand to the remaining 29 un-served state and federal correctional facilities
- ♥ Other communities are requesting help to duplicate Patsy's Place Transitional Home
- ♥ Great food, beautiful event, amazing music and awesome raffle
- ♥ Thanks Sponsors! Every dollar raised at Hope Fest benefits the programs of Sharing Hope Ministry.
- ♥ AND...Touching words from Patsy's Place.

*We are so grateful for the opportunity to personally thank you for your presence here tonight. All of us desperately needed someone to believe in us when we arrived at Patsy's Place. Because of your generosity and support, we have been given a second chance to become the women God created us to be. ~ Chantell and Rayann, representatives for all the ladies who are currently in the Patsy's Place program.*



The 2013 Hope Fest was the best event yet!

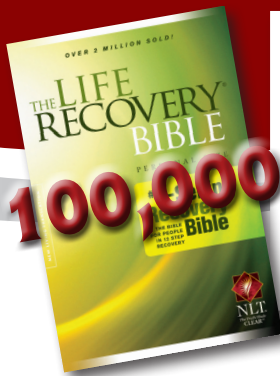
See inside to learn more about all the exciting announcements made during the event.

## Purchase Neal Jeffrey's Speech on DVD

Sharing Hope Ministry has gained permission to sell a DVD of Neal Jeffrey's speech from the HopeFest 2013 Event.

This DVD will be available after May 10th for \$15.00. There are limited copies available. The sale of this DVD benefits the programs of Sharing Hope Ministry.





April Riggs, Mindy Briggs and J'Melle Fletcher with the 100,000th Bible provided by Sharing Hope Ministry.

## The 100,000<sup>th</sup> Life Recovery Bible Was Provided in May!

*"I had seen the Life Recovery Bible before I was incarcerated, and it gave me great hope and faith in God's loving ability to help and support me. I am a recovering alcoholic and have 3 months sobriety. I have lost all 5 of my children and two husbands over my alcoholism which brings me unspeakable grief and loss. I have tried to kill myself but I realize that is not the answer to my pain. My relationship with God has to be my motivation to continue living. I hope someday to see my children again and to lead a sober and happy life. Please bless me with a Recovery Bible to lead and strengthen me spiritually."*

~ Heather, Arizona State Prison – Perryville

In 1999, one Bible was sent to a woman named Debra, who reached out for help as she struggled with addiction and hope for her future. The volunteers who placed the *Life Recovery Bible* in Debra's hands and offered support did not realize that their actions would someday touch the lives of women in forty-one states. These compassionate women were looking for the best way to lead Debra to a new life in Christ. Today, women still benefit from the combination of this Bible, Bible studies, prayer, jail visitation and aftercare as they are finding the message of God's love and His plan for reconciliation.

On May 6th, during a ceremony at Washington Avenue Christian, the 100,000<sup>th</sup> *Life Recovery Bible* was provided to Heather. Attending this celebration were past and present board members, volunteers and representatives from both Potter and Randall County Jails. The Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon followed this celebration. Sharing Hope Ministry would like to thank all our of supporters for your part in providing 'hope' to so many hurting women who have been introduced to a new life, through their relationship with Christ.

# Thank You



## Together, We Did It!

## Hope Fest Meets Match and Raises \$306,000!

Senior Pastor, Tommy Politz challenged our Hope Fest guests to give above what was raised at last year's event. Tommy offered a \$20,000 matching challenge grant from Hillside Christian Church if we reached our goal. He went on to announce that the house on 3714 Julie Street (our current ministry office) was being given to Sharing Hope Ministry. Tommy's challenge was for this event to bring in over \$300,000. This amount would provide both operating funds for the ministry programs and be the seed money which would allow the final renovations to the first floor of the Patsy's Place building. WE REACHED OUR GOAL! With Hillside Christian Church's matching grant and the donation of the house, Hope Fest raised over \$306,000!

Thank you Hillside Christian Church for working with Sharing Hope Ministry to further the Kingdom of God.

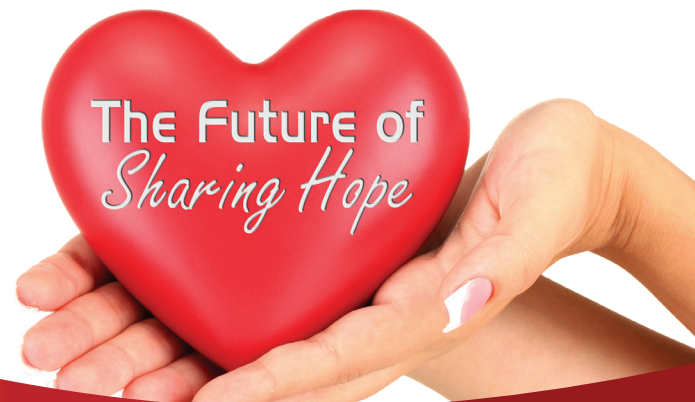
## Creating Sharing Hope Ministry's Future

The provision of 100,000 Life Recovery Bibles is a milestone and reason to celebrate, but it's not time to rest. Again and again, God has shown us that His plans are bigger than ours. We have the volunteers who are willing to be the hands of Christ and provide these much needed services, but other help is needed. Sharing Hope Ministry has three major goals for our future. With your help, we can:

- Continue with our expansion process of providing our services to women across the nation. There are only 29 state and federal facilities that do not receive our services. Our goal within the next 3 years is that any incarcerated woman, in any qualified facility, across our nation can request and receive a Bible and Bible studies.
- Help other communities replicate the Patsy's Place Transitional Home in their community. We hope to finish compiling comprehensive program guidelines that can be freely shared with any community that wants to minister to their own searching women

by providing the resources that are given at Patsy's Place Transitional Home. Organizations from Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico have asked for this assistance.

- Renovate the bottom floor of the Sharing Hope Ministry building where Patsy's Place is located. Our goal is to move all the programs of Sharing Hope Ministry to one location which will cut cost and increase our ability to effectively provide services. We hope to accomplish this in early 2014.



# A Big Hope Fest Thanks

It took a pretty big team to make Hope Fest so special. Please offer a "Good Job" to the following:

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The Winners of the two \$2,500

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and

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## Special Thanks to:

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*Officer Carrasco, Sgt. Johnson, Potter County Jail team ministry volunteers Susan Sharp and Judy King, and Officer McGee*

The Potter County officers and jail administration found a tasty way to support Sharing Hope Ministry. On February 15th, staff members provided a chili lunch to raise money which would be used to help underwrite the Hope Fest Dinner and to purchase Bibles to be given out by Sharing Hope Ministry volunteers. Through this effort, over \$700.00 was raised. A very special thank you goes out to Potter County Jail employees and to Sergeant Johnson for providing the wonderful meal.



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