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—STATISTICS—

Total Life Recovery Bibles Distributed:
115,037

Total Bible Study Workbooks Distributed:
55,185

—VOLUNTEERS—

Fundraising Volunteers: **194**

Jail Ministry Volunteers: **14**

Office Volunteers: **43**

Patsy's Place Volunteers: **17**

Pen Pal Volunteers: **1**

Prayer Group Volunteers: **9**

Stepping Stones Volunteers: **3**

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2014 A Year FULL of Events!

Sharing Hope Ministry had one busy year. Between hosting our largest fundraisers, adding a new one and moving (twice), we hardly had the chance to catch our breath! Despite the demanding schedule, we are grateful because the Lord has grown the ministry in unique ways. As we reflect on the past year, we would like to share the blessings that God has brought upon us. Thank you for being a part of Sharing Hope Ministry and Patsy's Place Transitional Home.

I'm writing to say thank you so much for my Life Recovery Bible. I was so excited when I received it; it's amazing how God works in our lives. I'm rebuilding my relationships with Him and I've been having a hard time understanding the Word so a friend shared her Life Recovery Bible with me to help me understand. She gave me your address so I could receive my own Bible. I've already begun to use it and I love it. Thank you so much for all that your ministry does to help women like me that are lost and finding our way back home.

~Michelle G., Gatesville, TX

FEBRUARY: We ♥ Our Volunteers!



February marked our 14th annual "Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon." Volunteering is a work of heart and we couldn't appreciate our fabulous volunteers more, though we will keep trying! We shared a wonderful meal together while reminiscing over the previous year and the impact our volunteers have made. The

work that you, our volunteers, have done touched the lives of nearly 10,000 women this year. We pray for a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year for all of our volunteers and your families.

**"Those who can, do.
Those who can do more,
VOLUNTEER!"**



Hope Fest

MARCH:



What an incredible Hope Fest! The meal was excellent, Star Parker was a fascinating speaker and we experienced an intimate glimpse of the lives of our Patsy's Place women

before and after Christ. Phrases like "I never had a father, but now I do!" and "I was an orphan, and found a home at Patsy's Place" brought tears to hundreds of eyes within the Heritage Room at the Civic Center. The Hope Fest challenge asked supporters to offer financial assistance in acquiring a grant in the amount of \$37,500. With your help, we did it! The grant, along with the generous support of your donations, allowed us to renovate the bottom floor of Patsy's Place for the Sharing Hope Ministry offices.



there are still smiles all around. It was an amazing and blessed event. Here is what a Patsy's Place participant, Stephanie, had to say about why she participated in the race:

I was a participant at Patsy's Place when they first opened the doors. I had been in and out of jail and prison for many years. The ladies at Sharing Hope Ministry had brought Bible studies that I attended and a Life Recovery Bible. These ladies shared the Lord with me and the other inmates as well as their hearts. They showed me unconditional love and acceptance. I felt like I bonded with them and that I could trust them completely. I ended up leaving Patsy's Place before completing the program (ANOTHER very poor decision in my life). What I know today is that I just wasn't ready to deal with all the underlying issues that kept me in bondage. I ended up back in prison. I surrendered and got on my knees and cried out to my Savior! Something inside me changed and I became willing for the first time to be honest with myself. I am so grateful for all I have learned through Sharing Hope Ministry and while at Patsy's Place. They had a hand in changing my life and my relationship with God! I will have two years clean and sober on September 1st and I am walking in the Race 4 Recovery to celebrate my sobriety birthday and as a thank you for all the women that have invested in me! I love you ALL.



SEPTEMBER: RACE 4 RECOVERY



This September marked the first annual fundraiser benefiting Patsy's Place Transitional Home. The Race 4 Recovery was a 5k and 1m walk that offered the chance for partici-

pants to enjoy the scenery of Thompson Park while supporting Patsy's Place. Importantly, September was the 25th anniversary of Recovery Month, which is a nationally celebrated month for those living in recovery and seeking resources to overcome addictions. The Race 4 Recovery was blessed with generous sponsors, willing participants, helpful volunteers and financial success. The weather was... well, wet! As you will see in the photos, people were soaked from the rain, but you will notice

OCTOBER: Christmas in October



Christmas comes early with Christmas in October Gift & Craft Show. It's the most wonderful time of the year for many reasons.

Christmas in October has come and gone another year and the blessings continue to spill out from this treasured event. This proved to be our best year yet, raising around \$7,000 more than last year. Volunteers, vendors and participants donned smiles over the 2 day event which brought around 4,000 people to the Civic Center to shop. Financial success aside, this event helps bring awareness to Sharing Hope Ministry and God's



plan to send love to thousands of hurting women each year. Christmas in October allows us to continue providing the Life Recovery Bible and other materials to women all over the country. THANK YOU for supporting us through this event whether you baked cookies, served as a volunteer, bought a cake or told your friends to come. We appreciate you!

ON THE MOVE

Before the last cookie was gone from Christmas in October, Sharing Hope Ministry was on the move, again. We moved into our beautifully renovated offices on October 30th. Thanks to Washington Avenue Church and the Family Service Center, along with the Randall County Jail Trustees for their help moving. We are also incredibly grateful to Jill & Hassan Dana for the use of temporary office space within the Wellington Office Park.



We are excited to be settled in the new offices, which God has blessed greatly. With plenty of space to grow, these offices will allow Sharing Hope Ministry to store and send more Bibles than ever before and, ultimately, do God's work more efficiently.

DECEMBER: Open House with Ribbon Cutting



December 1st was our Open House where we welcomed community members, volunteers and supporters to tour the space and spend time together. Tours were also given of the upstairs, which

houses Patsy's Place Transitional Home. It is abundantly clear how God's hand has worked through our community in filling up these two floors with décor, God's word and love. Thank you for attending the Open House. We are thrilled that we will be able to utilize this beautiful space year after year.

Another "first" for the ministry was this year's playhouse raffle. The raffle served as a fundraiser for the ministry, while offering the opportunity for some lucky family or group to win this action-packed play-



house. We are happy to announce Katt Matuza as this year's winner! Katt kindly offered the playhouse to a local family who

has blessed the lives of several children, both adopted and fostered. This deserving family will enjoy the playhouse for years to come! Thank you to everyone who participated in the raffle. Even without winning the playhouse, you have allowed God's word to spread among women who desperately need it. Thank you.

Thank you, **Randall County Jail Trustees** and **Sgt. John Hanke** for building this beautiful and sturdy playhouse.

Thank you, **Stock Building Supply** for sponsoring the playhouse with the best quality materials.

Thank you, **Coulter Gardens** for turning this playhouse structure into an activity center with quality playground equipment.

Hope 2015 Fest

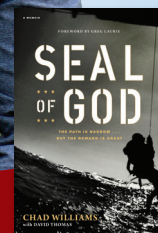
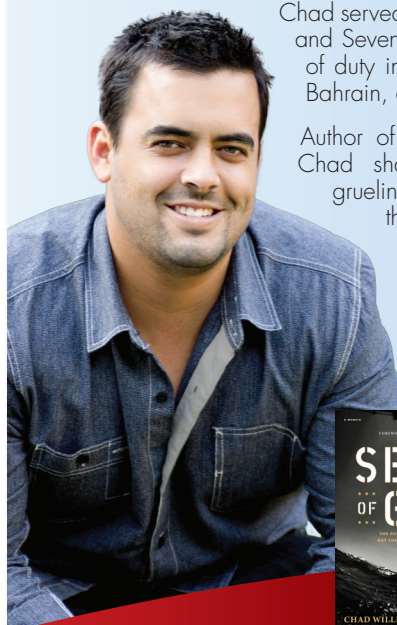
Chad Williams

Former U.S. Navy SEAL and Author of *SEAL of God*

Days before Chad Williams was to report to military duty in Great Lakes, Illinois, he turned on a television and was greeted with the horrifying images of his mentor, US Navy SEAL Scott Helvenston, being brutally murdered in a premeditated ambush on the roads of Fallujah, Iraq. Steeled in his resolve, Chad followed in Scott's footsteps and completed the US military's most difficult and grueling training to become a Navy SEAL. One of only 13 from a class of 173 to make it straight through to graduation,

Chad served his country on SEAL Teams One and Seven for five years, completing tours of duty in the Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, and Iraq.

Author of his new book *SEAL of God*, Chad shares his journey through the grueling Naval Ops training and onto the streets of Iraq, where he witnessed the horrors of war up close. Chad shares his own radical conversion story and talks about how he draws on his own experiences as a SEAL to help others better understand the depths of Christ's sacrifice and love.



Memorials and Honoriums

August - November 2014

IN MEMORY OF:

Arva Giddens
by Sheri Cowley

**Bill Reed, Charles Hughes,
Lena Triplett, and Gary
Cleaver**
by J'Melle & Gary Fletcher

Billie "Bunky" Winton
by Marie Braboy

Bonnie Green
by Dr. & Mrs. Matt Richardson
by Ben Green

Brian Rusk
by June Wilson

Charles F. Hood, Jr
by Marie Braboy

Delbert Gibson
by Colleen Schaeffer

Dr. Philip Morrow
by April & Dave Riggs
by Connie & Bob Garrett
by Nancy & J. Pat Hickman

Earl Holmes
by the Carpenters Daughters
by April & Dave Riggs
by Amy & Joshua Kirk
by Dianna & Steve Hays
by J'Melle & Gary Fletcher

Hillrey Carl Burns
by Mary & Harold Swindell

**Irene Ward Oldham, Steve
Jackson and Bill Morris**
by Jody & Gary Purser

Jimmie Todd & Patsy Paker
by Dee Ramirez

Jr. & Naomi Woods
by Florence Jemes

Larry Sims
by Holly & Jim Shelburne

Margaret A. Crawford
by Happy State Bank
by Nancy & J. Pat Hickman

Robert Griffith
by D'Esta & John Sharp

Tommy Leake
by Patricia & Charles Brown

IN HONOR OF:
D'Esta Sharp,
for your birthday!
by Tommye Peggram

Kathy Ray,
for your birthday!
by J'Melle & Gary Fletcher

Mr. & Mrs. Henry Ramirez
by Dee Ramirez

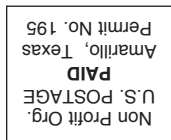
Martha Babb,
for your birthday!
by Shirley Irwin

Lucy & Carter Karr's,
for your 60th Wedding Anniversary
by Kay & Ken Brinkley

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YEAR-END CONTRIBUTIONS

Please consider offering an end-of-year gift to Sharing Hope Ministry or Patsy's Place Transitional Home. Your support directly benefits women in the Texas Panhandle, and a total of 46 states. Thank you for your generosity and Happy New Year!

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

One-Time Contribution: Enclosed is my contribution of \$ _____ Please charge my debit/credit for this amount \$ _____

Monthly Giving: Please charge my debit/credit card EACH MONTH on the 20th for this amount \$ _____.

CREDIT CARD AUTHORIZATION

I authorize Sharing Hope Ministry to initiate charges to my credit/debit card named below.

Circle One: **Visa** **MasterCard** **Discover**

Name as it appears on card: _____ Card No. _____ Exp.: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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