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—STATISTICS—

Total *Life Recovery Bibles* Distributed:
68,421

Total Bible Study Workbooks Distributed:
35,991

—VOLUNTEERS—

Pen Pal Volunteers: **9**
Office Volunteers: **50**

Prayer Group Volunteers: **15**
Stepping Stones Volunteers: **20**
Jail Ministry Team Volunteers: **14**
Special Event Volunteers: **150**

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Hope Fest 2010 Celebrating 10 Years

My name is Madeline Green. I was released after 13 ½ years of incarceration. My freedom from prison did not begin on the day I was released, but on the day I first met those who came to minister with the message of hope and God's love to me in my darkest hours...during the time I prayed for death over life because there was nothing worth living for.

This year I have been invited to share my personal experiences at Hope Fest Dinner and Auction. I would invite you to come out and hear how God brought me from death to life through those of you who willfully accepted your call to "Bind up the Brokenhearted."

Please join us in the 10th year celebration of Sharing Hope Ministry at the Hope Fest Dinner and Auction on April 9th in the Civic Center Grand Plaza Room. Our evening will highlight the blessings experienced by Sharing Hope Ministry throughout its years of service. Our evening will start at 6:30 p.m. with a silent auction, music by the Martini's Jazz Band, and catering by O.H.M.S. Tickets are \$30 each. Seating is limited so we ask that you make reservations by March 26th.

Hope Fest is our primary fundraiser. The proceeds will allow Sharing Hope to continue its mission of providing Bibles, study material and aftercare assistance for incarcerated women and women in recovery.

Opportunities Available through the Hope Fest 10th Anniversary Celebration

- Underwriters of the event allow all money raised to directly benefit Sharing Hope Ministry. Opportunities for support range from \$250 to \$10,000. Please contact the office for more information on how you can help.
- Men and women are needed to join the ministry prayer team which will lift up the event.
- Volunteers are needed to help with several aspects of the planning. Contact Susan@sharinghopeministry.org if you can help.

Welcome

New Staff Member, Aletha White

Aletha came to Sharing Hope Ministry in November as a temporary employee but made a wonderful impact with her spirit and passion to serve God. Aletha has now joined Sharing Hope Ministry as a permanent staff member, and you can find her here from 1:00 – 5:00 pm. Please help us welcome Aletha to the Sharing Hope Ministry family.





Remembering the Past as We Move to the Future

We began last year hearing the prediction of economic depression. Sharing Hope Ministry had just expanded our services to 333 correctional facilities in twenty-eight states. Our concerns that the financial support would not be available to provide the Life Recovery Bible to every qualified woman who wrote us were valid as an increasing number of women across our nation were providing requests for God's Word. What we witnessed in 2009 was something totally amazing. Although we did limit our growth within pre-approved states, our ministry still opened an additional thirteen facilities within qualified areas. Our volunteer base increased by 20%, and our ministry provided almost 1600 services through jail ministry and aftercare assistance to local

women in our community. Supporters also provided funds that allowed Sharing Hope Ministry to purchase the building that will soon become Patsy's Place Transitional Home. Two new part-time employees joined the Sharing Hope family to help open Patsy's Place and keep up with the 1800 monthly services that we provided throughout the year. Now that 2009 has passed, it is evident that God wasn't limited by the economic crisis that was predicted. Instead, He allowed more women to receive services from Sharing Hope than ever before.

In the shadow of last year's blessings is the stark reality of the number of women incarcerated who are still seeking God's hope. Last year, women in ninety-three

separate facilities wrote asking for a Bible or studies that could not be provided because of financial limitations. It was difficult for staff and volunteers to turn down each woman making a plea for God's Word. Their on-going requests continues to drive us towards the goal of providing God's Word and Christ-centered support to women who are incarcerated or in recovery from addictions.

The Board of Directors and staff would like to thank the volunteers and supporters of Sharing Hope that have been instrumental in allowing our free services to be provided to so many women throughout the year, and we encourage others to join as we continue to move forward in 2010

A Year In Review 2009

- 13 new facilities were added to our area of service which now includes 346 correctional and addiction rehabilitation facilities in 28 states.
- 19,107 women received a Life Recovery Bible and/or Bible study materials
- Our Jail Ministry Teams ministered to 1397 women at Potter and Randall County Jail.
- Volunteers guided 171 recently released women through the transition of re-entering the Amarillo Community with Christian support through the Stepping Stones Program.
- Our Prayer Team lifted up and encouraged 971 women who submitted requests.
- The Patsy Britting Benevolence Fund financially helped four clients in successfully transitioning back into our Amarillo community.
- The Patsy's Place building was purchased and prepped for renovation.

Sharing Hope Board of Directors

Sharing Hope Ministry would like to give a heart felt thanks to Sammye Stark for her time as a board member and most recently as President of Sharing Hope Ministry's Board of Directors. Sammye will continue to work as a volunteer with the Randall County Jail Ministry Team and as a Stepping Stone mentor. Her leadership was truly a blessing to the ministry.

We welcome two new board members that have made a commitment to Sharing Hope Ministry. Incoming board members are Dr. Carter Karr and Becky Logsdon. We are thrilled to have them join the Sharing Hope Ministry Board of Directors.

HELP! NEEDED!

Sharing Hope Ministry Has Several Needs:

- ❖ Hygiene bag runners – We are looking for husband and wife teams to deliver supplies to recently released women.
- ❖ Volunteers with computer skills that can help enter requests.



Patsy's Place

Transitional Home

A Program of Sharing Hope Ministry, Inc.

I am so excited to be a part of Patsy's Place and even more excited to watch the change that will happen in the lives of the women through this amazing opportunity. As recovery plays a vital part in the success of their lives, your generosity and prayers are what will allow this to happen.

We are almost ready to start the renovations on Patsy's Place Transitional Home. I want to encourage you all to stay steadfast in prayer and giving. Your Change for a Change is a wonderful way to continue to give as a group or individual, and how neat is it to see that pulling together our resources can make such a huge impact and truly Change lives.

Another great program is "Give a Hand Buy a Foot". Fifty dollars will purchase one square foot of property. Foot by foot, you can help build this loving Christ centered home and change the life of not only the women it will serve but the community they will be a part of and live in.

One of my favorite references to giving is in Mark 12:41-44 and Luke 21:1-3, Jesus sits near the collection box at

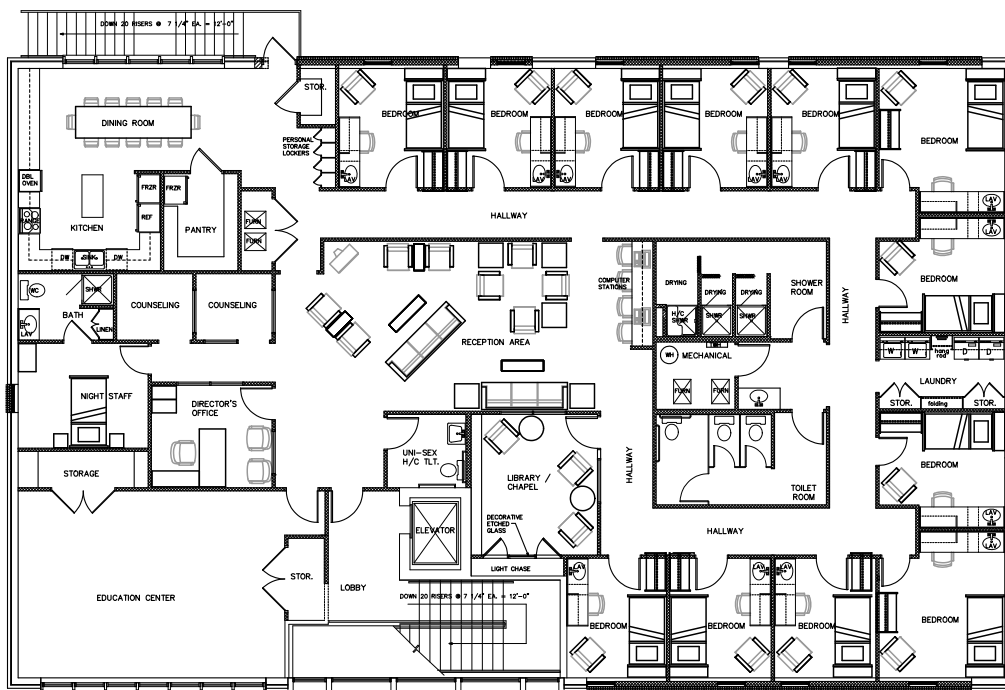
the Temple and watches as the people bring their offering. As the widow puts in her two small coins, Jesus tells his disciples that her offering is as great as the wealthy because she has given all she has. Rather, you are called to give of your finances, or you're giving through serving with your hands and feet the Lord will take all of our offerings both great and small and build His kingdom.

If you have any questions about Patsy's Place or you would like to know more about other ways to give and serve, please give me a call. We have a new phone number 806-418-2480, and as always, you can contact Sharing Hope Ministry at 806-358-7803. We look forward to working and serving with you. Thank you for all you have done and continue to do.

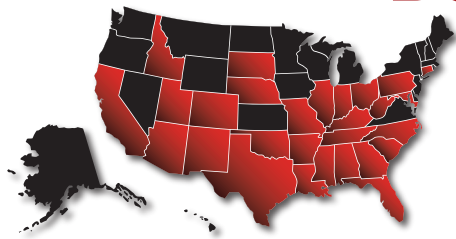
Encouraged,

Meshell Moore

Patsy's Place Program Director



EXPANDING OUR BORDERS



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. 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.



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