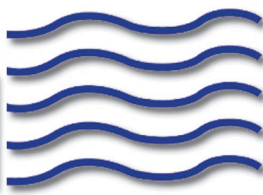




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—STATISTICS—

Total *Life Recovery Bibles* Distributed:
73,501

Total Bible Study Workbooks Distributed:
39,022

—VOLUNTEERS—

Pen Pal Volunteers: **8**
Office Volunteers: **50**

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

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Thank You to our Old Friends and
to our New Friends...
and Now the *Building Begins!*

The Bivins Foundation has generously blessed Sharing Hope Ministry with a \$100,000 grant to help us renovate Patsy's Place Transitional Home. This grant was the last money needed before we could start construction. We anxiously anticipate opening this home in early fall.

"I am 33 years old. So I guess I will start by letting you know that I have 7 children all of who are being raised by other family members. I crave to make my life better for the sake of my children; I just need guidance and a plan. I will never get my children back but I will get to see them if I can prove myself to be a better person. All I have in my life is Jesus, I am hoping maybe I can reach out to you and find a home and family at Patsy's Place." ~ Stacy

We want to thank all those in our community who have participated financially through the "Make a Change for a Change" and "Give a Hand, Buy a Foot" fundraising campaign. Because of our supporters, women will have a safe home as they move towards a new life through a relationship with Christ.

We Love Our Volunteers!

The Sharing Hope Ministry Volunteer Appreciation lunch will be held May 5, 2010, at Washington Avenue Church as we honor those who give so much of themselves through this ministry. Sharing Hope volunteers provided over 7,600 hours last year working to assist 21,745 women nationwide in their recovery from destructive behavior by sharing God's love and hope through the teaching of His Word.

These men and women who volunteer represent eighteen different churches throughout Texas. They pray, visit the incarcerated, send Bible and Bible studies, and help our area women who are released to our community. These volunteers come together to show God's love to the women who are working to make the changes necessary to live a life full of hope. We appreciate not only those volunteers who work each week but also our fundraising volunteers and financial donors who provide the funds to send the Bibles and Bible studies.



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Hope Fest 2010

Celebrating 10 Years



Sharing Hope Volunteers, Clients and Staff Celebrate 10 Years of Ministry

Our friends and community came together on April 9th, to help celebrate 10 years of providing Christ-centered services to women who are incarcerated or who are residing in addiction rehabilitation facilities. Volunteers shared memories of the early years of growth which led to over 130,000 services being provided to women in twenty-eight states.

We were blessed to have Madeline Green as our guest speaker. Madeline shared her experience of her 13 years of incarceration at Lane Murray in Gatesville. For Madeline freedom came on the day she first met those who came to minister with the message of God's love to her in her darkest hours...during that time, she prayed for death over life because there was nothing worth living for. God brought her from death to life through those who willfully accepted the call to "Bind up the Brokenhearted."

Other exciting events of the evening included the silent auction which featured over 60 unique items donated through area businesses, and a live auction of "Dates for a Year" which included "His & Her Watches and sunglasses, flowers, gift certificates to area restaurants and tickets to the Amarillo Symphony and the Amarillo Opera. Our raffle featured an RCA 52" Flat Screen HDTV which was donated by Nunn Company. Jamie Shelburne was the evening's lucky winner.



Ken and Kaki Copheranham had the winning bid in the live auction

Hope Fest was an amazing success as over \$107,000 was raised which will ensure that Sharing Hope Ministry can continue providing our evangelistic services, addiction recovery material, and aftercare services to women locally and throughout our nation.

We would like to thank the Hope Fest Committee for their hard work and support. Volunteer Committee members are: Cheri Boyd, Linda Brown, JoAnne Danner, J'Melle Fletcher, Kim Lester, Rosemary Robinson, Laura Sims and Sammie Stark. We would also like to thank Duncan and Boyd Jewelers, Graphic Designs by Kim, Hillside Christian Church, the Nunn Company, the Soroptimist International of Amarillo Club, Randall County Jail, Washington Avenue Christian Church youth group, and all the volunteers who solicited donations and worked the day of the event.

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Patsy's Place

Transitional Home

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Do You Have a Dream?

I can't help but smile thinking back on the day God called me into prison ministry and wondering if I was truly hearing him right. Why, but mostly how, could I possibly serve anyone in prison? I can remember the first time walking into the Neal Unit meeting with Chaplin Nelson and my willingness to do whatever he needed me to do. Of course, that was after going through training and several phone calls with the Chaplin asking me why I thought I was qualified to come out there. My answer, "I have nothing special; I just know I have been called to serve." That must have been the right answer since he let me come, and over the years, the Chaplin has become a wonderful mentor and friend.

One verse the Lord placed on my heart that I shared every week was Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans for hope and a future" Through Patsy's Place, we are going to have many opportunities to share this amazing promise of hope and a future with some very special women.

Our dream is to provide a safe and productive Christ-centered place for the women to live and prosper after their release. Because of the dreams of many dedicated volunteers and servants of Sharing Hope Ministry, Patsy's Place is a reality. I can't wait to see the women who will be building new hopes and dreams and becoming whole and productive mothers, daughters, sisters and successful community members.

Soon we will be hearing the exciting noise of construction and looking forward to the completion of Patsy's Place. This home will give new dreams not only to the women that will live there but also to the ones who will serve. Do you have a dream? Are you looking to serve? Are you calling out for God to show you what it is that he would have for you?

In the near future, we will be sharing a list of needs both great and small and ask you all

to stand in prayer with us that they all will be provided. How exciting to be a part of building God's kingdom! If you are interested in learning more about Patsy's Place, please give us a call. If you would like to receive e-mail updates and prayer requests, please send us your email address to meshell@sharinghopeministry.org.

I Have a Dream,

Meshell Moore

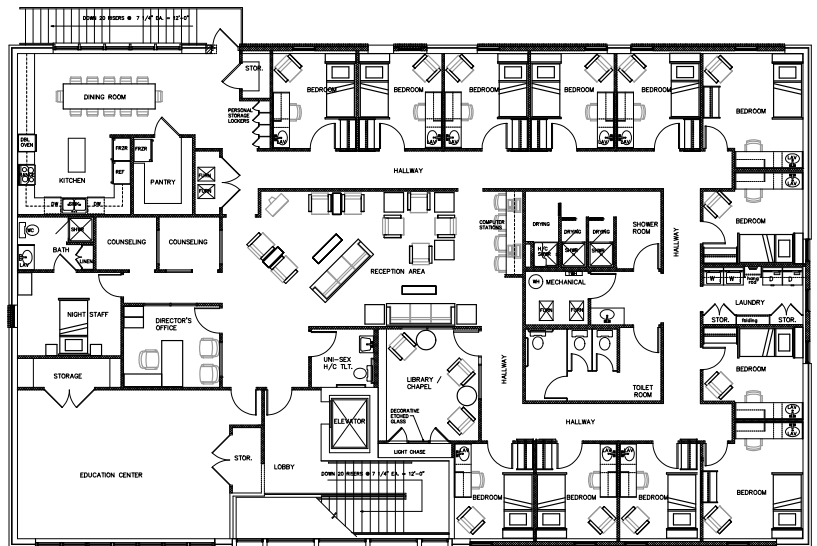
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Rise up in the power of the freedom that is available to you. Refuse to allow the enemy to keep you from your kingdom destiny. Dream big!

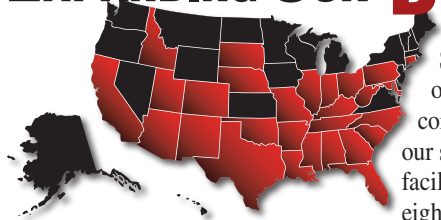
John 8:36

Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.

Dreams Becoming Reality!



EXPANDING OUR BORDERS



Sharing Hope Ministry has opened eleven new state/federal correctional facilities to receive our services in March 2010. These facilities are within the twenty-eight states that we currently serve.

Our goal is to provide our Christ-centered services to women in all 50 states within the next five years. Can we do this? 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, VISA and the Discover Card.



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