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**—STATISTICS—**

Total Life Recovery Bibles Distributed:  
**93,026**

Total Bible Study Workbooks Distributed:  
**46,676**

**—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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Something interesting happens at Sharing Hope Ministry every January 1st. Our staff and volunteers mentally take a step out of one year and charge (okay, maybe we crawl) into the next year. Almost simultaneously, we look over our shoulders at what we're leaving behind while we are excitedly looking forward to what is in store for us. It's that moment of seeing what has been accomplished that motivates us for what is still left to be done.

In 2012, volunteers were able to provide about 4,200 more Life Recovery Bibles and Bible studies to women across the United States than what was provided in 2011. It is exciting to realize how many more women are reaching out to know Christ! Since our inception, over 171,000 Life Recovery Bibles, studies, prayer, jail ministry and aftercare services have been provided.

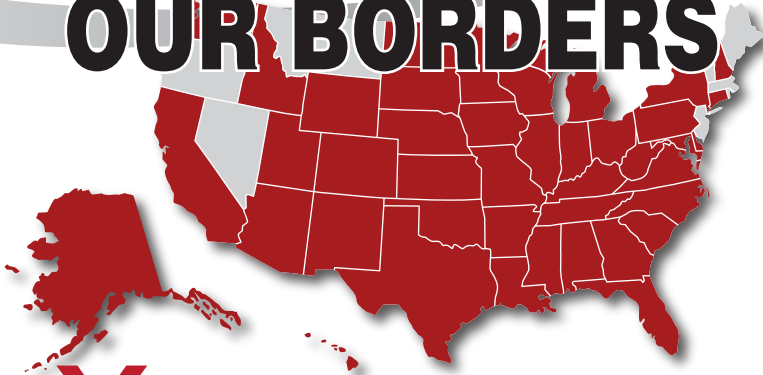
Looking forward to 2013 brings an exhilarating, white knuckle type excitement. Being part of God's plan is often like an adrenaline rush! There are only 29 additional state and federal facilities across the United States that are left unopened to receive our services! Locally, Patsy's Place Transitional Home is bulging at the seams as the incarcerated women across Texas are hearing about our program and sending in their applications.

AND, another Sharing Hope Ministry dream is about to be realized. Plan on attending our Hope Fest event on April 18th for the big announcement! We praise God for those wonderful women and men who make up Sharing Hope Ministry for giving their time, talent and finances which allow us to touch the lives of so many women.

*"I have had a lot of abuse from the time I was in the 6th grade until 1991. I have never addressed my situation with anyone, but I believe that it causes problems in my life today. I'm not really sure how to deal with it head on. If you know of any studies that I could do to help I would very much appreciate it. I need to learn how to deal with it for mine and my family's sake. Thank you"*

~ Janet, Wrightsville, AR

# EXPANDING OUR BORDERS



## VISION – EVERY Woman in EVERY Qualified Facility!

*"...I hope that you guys can keep up the good works you have done. I have left your address for those in my building, and I just hope the girls will write you for a Bible and studies. I want to say thank you for these studies, because they have helped me out like no other. I just want you know that I appreciate having a chance to know Jesus Christ as my Heavenly Father. Thank you! God bless you at Sharing Hope Ministry!" ~ Misty, Utah State Prison*

Year after year, we receive thousands of heart-felt pleas for help. We've been doing our best to place a Life Recovery Bible in all of their hands. Since our expansion began in 2006, Sharing Hope Ministry has been answering as many of those requests as possible from women across the United States. Sadly, in 2009 and 2010 women from 94 unopened facilities had to be turned down for Bibles because the need was greater than our resources.

Thankfully, this WASN'T the case in 2012. Twenty-six new facilities and seven additional states were approved, and for the first time, women in those facilities could freely receive our services. We look forward to opening the last 29 state and federal facilities that are waiting to be approved to receive Bibles, studies and prayer. It will be a day worth celebrating when EVERY woman in EVERY qualified facility can request and receive these wonderful materials that can lead her to a relationship with Christ.

Sadly, the need to introduce Christ to these women is increasing due to issues with addiction, poverty and abuse. You can show one of these women the way to a new life by giving her the Bible that will introduce her to Christ. You can be the one to answer her plea for help by financially supporting Sharing Hope Ministry. Contact our offices at 806-358-7803 or access our website at [www.sharinghopeministry.org](http://www.sharinghopeministry.org) to see how easy it can be to touch a life for Christ.



A Program of Sharing Hope Ministry, Inc.

We started 2012 with three residents, and today we have twelve women and a full house! What an incredible year we had. The vision of a place for formerly incarcerated women to be nurtured, mentored, and shown the love of Christ has indeed come to fruition. We have had the pleasure of serving some truly incredible women. Each of them has a unique testimony of hope, restoration, and God's grace. One resident said, *"I feel so blessed to have the opportunity to better my life and become a healthy Christian woman."* It is amazing to see women bloom and transform right before our eyes day by day.

2012 was not without its challenges, we had to say good bye to some of our beloved residents but also welcomed some new ladies into our family. God uses the work we do at Patsy's Place to do something special in the lives of each woman He brings to us. Some of the women only stay for a short time, while others will stay the whole year, however, no matter how long they stay, we are convinced that God does not waste time or experiences. One of the biggest praises is that each woman feels like she is at home when they come to Patsy's Place. One of the women wrote on an evaluation, *"It feels nice to be around positive people, it feels like what I think a functional family should be."* This is mostly because we have been blessed with some of the best staff, volunteers, and supporters on the planet. It would be nearly impossible to care for these women without each of them. We look forward to what 2013 has in store for us.

*~ Ersela, Patsy's Place Program Director*



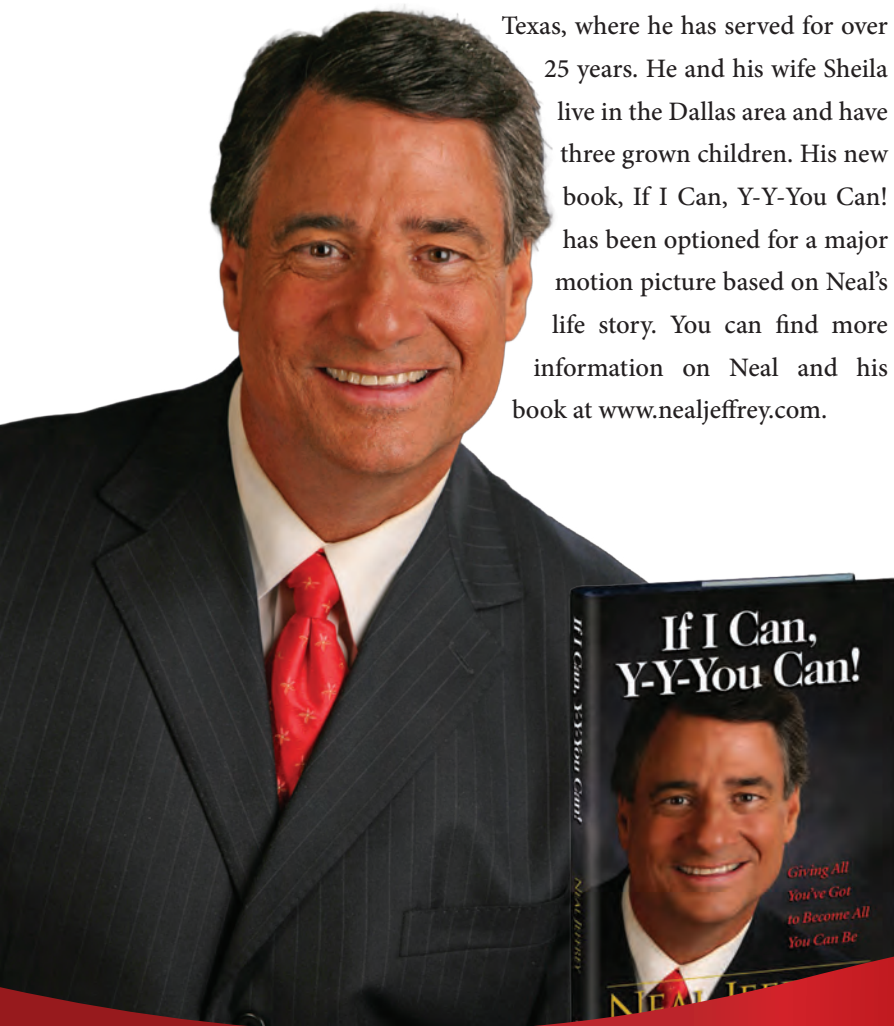
*SHM Volunteer Julia Browder with the robes that she makes as a welcome to the women who come to Patsy's Place Transitional Home*

# NEAL JEFFREY

*"Neal Jeffrey has helped me in every area of my life. Way to go, Neal! I'm still here!"* **Andy Pettitte** – All-Star Pitcher, New York Yankees

*"I respect Neal for his faith, his success on the field and what he stands for!"* **Lovie Smith**, past NFL Coach, Chicago Bears

Neal Jeffrey, a former All-American quarterback at Baylor University and quarterback for the San Diego Chargers, learned the meaning of overcoming early in life. A stutterer since childhood, Neal had to find a way to "get through what he couldn't get over" to achieve his lifelong dreams. Today, he is one of America's most powerful and passionate communicators. Everywhere he goes he inspires audiences to go "higher, swifter, stronger" in the critical areas of life. In addition to a busy speaking schedule, Neal serves as a speaking/teaching minister at the 28,000-member Prestonwood Church of Dallas, Texas, where he has served for over 25 years. He and his wife Sheila live in the Dallas area and have three grown children. His new book, *If I Can, Y-Y-You Can!* has been optioned for a major motion picture based on Neal's life story. You can find more information on Neal and his book at [www.nealjeffrey.com](http://www.nealjeffrey.com).



## Just The Facts

- What:** 2013 Hope Fest Dinner
- When:** April 18th, 2013
- Where:** The Heritage Room at the Amarillo Civic Center
- Why:** Monies raised benefit all programs of Sharing Hope Ministry and are instrumental in the support of Patsy's Place Transitional Home
- Who:** Guest speaker Neal Jeffrey and entertainment by 'Wylie Chaney and the Bob Hopkins Trio'. Watch for the amazing raffle that you won't want to miss!
- How:** Invitations will arrive around March 25th. Tickets are \$40 each or you can purchase a table for \$300 and bring your friends and family

## Sponsors Needed!

Sponsor levels start at \$500 to \$5,000. Those providing their RSVP with payment by March 8th will be listed on the invitation.

- Sponsors receive a copy of Neal Jeffrey's book
- A table for 8 at the event
- Recognition on collateral materials and in the Hope Fest program.

Contact the Sharing Hope Ministry office for more information.

# Hope Fest 2013

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