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—STATISTICS—

Total Life Recovery Bibles Distributed:
106,059

Total Bible Study Workbooks Distributed:
51,777

—VOLUNTEERS—

Fundraising Volunteers: **120**
Jail Ministry Volunteers: **16**
Office Volunteers: **44**
Patsy's Place Volunteers: **13**
Pen Pal Volunteers: **2**
Prayer Group Volunteers: **11**
Stepping Stones Volunteers: **13**

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Climb 'Til Your Dreams Come True

Often your tasks will be many,
And more than you think you can do.
Often the road will be rugged
And the hills insurmountable, too.

But always remember, the hills ahead
Are never as steep as they seem,
And with Faith in your heart start upward
And climb 'Til you reach your dream.

For nothing in life that is worthy
Is never too hard to achieve
If you have the courage to try it
And you have the Faith to believe.

For Faith is a force that is greater
Than knowledge or power or skill
And many defeats turn to triumph
If you trust in God's wisdom and will.

For Faith is a mover of mountains.
There's nothing that God cannot do,
So start out today with Faith in your heart
And "Climb 'Til Your Dream Comes True"!

- Helen Steiner Rice (1900 - 1981)

There are always mountains to climb, aren't there? There are always obstacles, snags and forks in the road where we find ourselves worried about what is to come. We're called to trust in the Lord and in 2014, we will do just that. This is the year that we will relocate and expand our workspace to allow growth as we move forward. While the tasks ahead are many, we have faith in our heart that we can overcome any obstacle with God's support. After completing the renovation, we can look back at the mountain that we climbed and ahead to the future of serving women more efficiently.

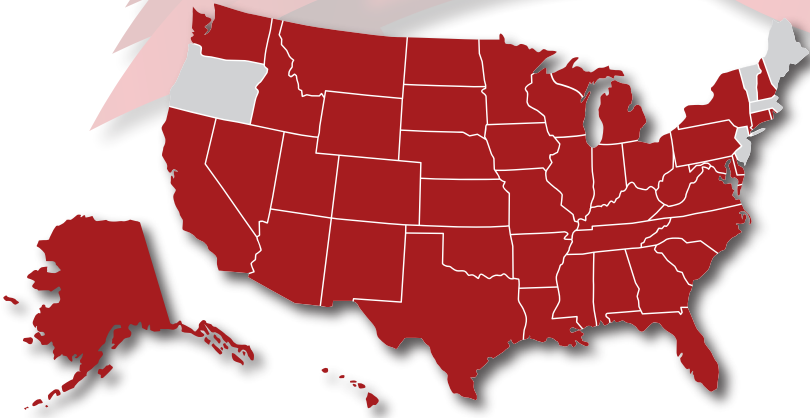
"Christ is the ONLY way to a successful life. He is the answer to every question and problem in life. I know that with my Savior I can be free of the lies that bind my mind to sin. I have experienced life with Christ and now I know that there is no other way to live. For with God, all things are possible!... This is God's will for my life - to go to Patsy's Place. I know that beyond a shadow of a doubt. I want this program so that I can learn to live freely & successfully in the world with a solid foundation of Christ as the center of my life. I want to be a part of Patsy's Place because it teaches successful living through the heart of Christ. ~Kathleen, Application to Patsy's Place

Thank You To Our Area Foundations For Supporting Sharing Hope Ministry!

Renovation Is Expected To Start This Spring!

- Josephine Anderson Charitable Trust
- Anonymous Foundation Support
- High Plains Christian Ministries
- David D. and Nona S. Payne Foundation
- In-Kind donations from Sims, Parge, Moya Architects
- Mary E. Bivins Foundation
- Hillside Christian Church - Home and matching gift

A Look Back and a Step Forward



I just want to thank you from the bottom of my heart not just for the material that you send, but for actually taking the time to read our summaries and respond to them personally. It shows that I'm not just another inmate on a list that wants a Bible! It says that someone took the time to read what I wrote and noticed me out of all that you do. Thank you for noticing me and realizing my struggle with understanding God's love for me when I feel like I'm good for nothing.

Tanisha, Raleigh Correctional Center for Women

2013 Stat Recap

Now serving... 264 facilities in 45 states!

- 9,556 Bibles given
- 26 New facilities added
- 16,548 Services provided
- Over 7,000 hours of volunteer work provided
- \$142,977 spent on Bibles and postage
- 20 Patsy's Place ladies served

A Year Full of "Bests!"

2013 was a blessed year, full of surprises. Hope Fest was wildly successful, thanks to the wonderful opportunity that Hillside Christian Church offered in matching \$20,000 of funds raised, which was successfully met! In May, the 100,000th Bible was mailed to a woman in Arizona which was an exciting and momentous occasion. Christmas in October was one of the best years yet, grossing the highest amount ever in overall funds, notably in the Bake Sale area (pumpkin bread, anyone?). Even more, many of our regular vendors and attendees of Christmas in October expressed their support and encouragement of the ministry, which was a change from past years. If you attended the craft show, you may have noticed signs informing customers that \$15.00 spent at the Bake Sale or Admissions would buy a Bible for a woman in need. Just \$15.00 makes a difference. Thank you for making 2013 a year full of "bests" and we hope to continue that trend starting with this year's Hope Fest on March 27th!

What's Next? *What lies ahead for 2014, you ask? Well, let us share with you...*

Goal #1: Start renovation on the Sharing Hope Ministry offices located in the building that houses Patsy's Place Transitional Home. The renovation will cover the ground floor of the existing building. The expansion will provide offices for the Sharing Hope Ministry staff, improved and expanded workspace for our volunteers and warehouse capability for thousands of Bibles and studies that arrive and are mailed from the office. The supplies that we will now be able to store will be used to aid our local women in an amazing way. Likewise, the new and improved workspace will help us to better serve women all over our country.

Goal #2: It is our goal every year to reach more women. The Lord has opened many doors for women to come to know Him and we are blessed to see His glory spread! This year, we want to reach more souls in new facilities so that more woman may change their lives through Him.

Goal #3: Start an annual fundraiser specifically for Patsy's Place. This fun-raiser will be designed to help Patsy's Place become more financially independent, while providing a fun event that the whole family will want to attend each and every year!

Goal #4: Most importantly, never forget who's in charge. We thank and trust God every step of the way.

"I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Jesus Christ."

Philippians 3:14

Star Parker

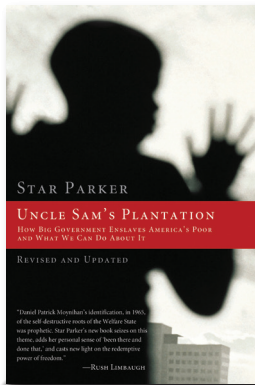
Star Parker is the founder and president of CURE, the Center for Urban Renewal and Education, a 501(c)(3) non-profit think tank which promotes market based public policy to fight poverty.

Before involvement in social activism, Star Parker had seven years of first-hand experience in the grip of welfare dependency. Now, as a social policy consultant, Star is bringing new energy to policy discussions on how to transition America's poor from government dependency.

Star has a BS degree in Marketing and Business from Woodbury University and has received numerous awards and commendations for her work on public policy issues. She consults with Republican legislators on numerous urban issues, has lectured on anti-poverty initiatives at more than 180 colleges and universities and serves on the advisory boards for several national organizations.

Star is a regular commentator on CNN, TBN, CSPAN, CBN, and FOX News and a sought after expert on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC. Articles and quotes by Star continuously appear in major publications around the world. She has written several books including Uncle Sam's Plantation and White Ghetto. Currently, Star is working on her next book: How the Poor Get Rich.

Today, in addition to heading CURE, Star is a syndicated columnist for Scripps News Service, offering weekly op-eds to more than 300 newspapers and internet news sites worldwide, including the *Boston Herald*, the *Dallas Morning News*, the *Orange County Register*, the *Korean Times*, the *Washington Examiner*, and the *Star and Stripes*, which is the largest newspaper serving the men and women of our Armed Forces stateside and abroad.



Hope Fest 2014

Just The Facts

What: 2014 Hope Fest Dinner

When: March 27th, 2014

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 Star Parker, founder of CURE: the Center for Urban Renewal and Education

How: Invitations will arrive by early March and tickets may be purchased for \$35 each

Sponsors Needed!

Sponsor levels start at \$500. Those providing their RSVP with payment by February 10th will be listed on the invitation.

Sponsors receive:

- complimentary seating for 8 people
- free copy of Star Parker's book: *Uncle Sam's Plantation* (offered to sponsors providing \$2,500)
- recognition on collateral materials
- recognition in the Hope Fest program

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