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### —STATISTICS—

Total Life Recovery Bibles Distributed:  
**110,757**

Total Bible Study Workbooks Distributed:  
**53,662**

### —VOLUNTEERS—

Fundraising Volunteers: **157**

Jail Ministry Volunteers: **15**

Office Volunteers: **38**

Patsy's Place Volunteers: **12**

Pen Pal Volunteers: **3**

Prayer Group Volunteers: **4**

Stepping Stones Volunteers: **11**

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## Discovering Divinity at Patsy's Place

*I want to establish a plan before I step out of these doors. I don't want to fall back into the same habits and routines. I want to stand grounded with God in my life and become a productive member of society. If you can help me become this person through your program, I would greatly appreciate your assistance. ~Kalene R.*

Patsy's Place is all about transformed lives! I have the incredible privilege of serving at Potter County Detention Center on Sharing Hope Ministry's visitation team as well as at Patsy's Place. Prior to the opening of Patsy's Place, members of the visitation team at Potter would occasionally encounter a woman who would pull us aside and express her determined desire to change but tell us she had no place to go except back to the same people and places where she got into trouble. She was wise enough to know that going back would be a set-up for failure. It takes a tremendous amount of courage and faith to walk away from the familiar to the unknown.

Patsy's Place exists to house, teach and love our residents through the overwhelming obstacles they face upon release from incarceration. Once inside our doors, they find themselves in the midst of a paradigm shift that has the potential to radically change their lives. They don't want to live in defeat any longer.

The volunteers and staff want the women we serve to know that we are no different than they are, even though the consequences may be different. We all need a Savior who loves us without condition, no matter where we've been or what we've done, and who can handle the depth of our need. We've all needed a second chance one time or another.

*Most of our residents are single moms desperately wanting to break the destructive cycle of extreme dysfunction, addiction and abuse for the sake of their children. I hope you will join us on September 6 to run/walk alongside our women and those in recovery as we applaud their efforts and their persevering spirits.*

~Connie G., Volunteer

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# Mark Your Calendars!

Many of you may have heard of Christmas in October and you may even know that the proceeds benefit Sharing Hope Ministry. However, do you know just how much this event allows us to spread hope across the country?

Last Christmas in October, the bake sale alone raised enough funds to provide nearly 400 *Life Recovery* Bibles to women who desperately needed God's word.

Christmas in October is not just exciting because you can find the newest trends or walk around with freshly roasted walnuts while picking out gifts for your whole family. Christmas in October helps Sharing Hope Ministry send the best gift of all: God's love.

*"One of my fellow inmates shared her Life Recovery Bible with me and I was overcome by how much it helped me understand how important God's word is for my recovery. I wish to request a Life Recovery Bible to help me with my walk with God and continue on the road to recovery. It's a good feeling to know we're cared about during this difficult time. God bless."* – Esther, Gatesville, TX

## YOU CAN HELP!

**Vendors & Crafters** – We are closing in on the last booths available. Reserve yours today and get exposure from roughly 3,000 people over the 2 day event. We accept a wide and unique variety of exhibitors.

**Bakers** – We need your help baking items for our famously big and delicious bake sale. Channel your inner Martha Stewart and donate your baked goods to the show. Goods are to be baked and dropped off at the Civic Center on Friday, October 24th.

**Volunteers** – It takes many from God's army to do an event like this. We need your help promoting Christmas in October before the event, setting up at the Civic Center and/or working a 2 hour shift either Saturday or Sunday. Can you help us by volunteering your time and energy?

**Sponsors** – Your support in underwriting Christmas in October allows us to use 100% of the proceeds to benefit the ministry. Your involvement keeps this event going year after year. Your gift of \$250 to \$5,000 is the reason we can send God's love and hope to so many hurting women. Email April if you're interested in sharing hope through sponsorship: [april@sharinghopeministry.org](mailto:april@sharinghopeministry.org).

To sign up as a volunteer or register as a vendor, please visit our new website: [www.christmasinoctobertx.org](http://www.christmasinoctobertx.org) or call 806.358.7803.

You are invited to attend

The Fourteenth Annual

# Christmas In October™

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Sharing Hope Ministry

Gift and Craft Show

Saturday, October 25, 2014

10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Sunday, October 26, 2014

12:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Amarillo Civic Center

South Exhibit Hall

Admission: \$5.00

(Children 12 and under are free)

For more information about Sharing Hope Ministry or Christmas in October, please visit:  
[www.christmasinoctobertx.org](http://www.christmasinoctobertx.org)



## Playhouse Raffle

Here's a raffle you do not want to miss. The Randall County Jail Trustees are a talented group under the instruction of men like Chief Deputy Bob Crump and Sargent John Hanke. This year, Christmas in October will feature an impressive, custom playhouse to raffle off. The playhouse will be delivered to the winner in December as the BEST Christmas present ever for some lucky child.

Call to purchase your tickets: 806.358.7803

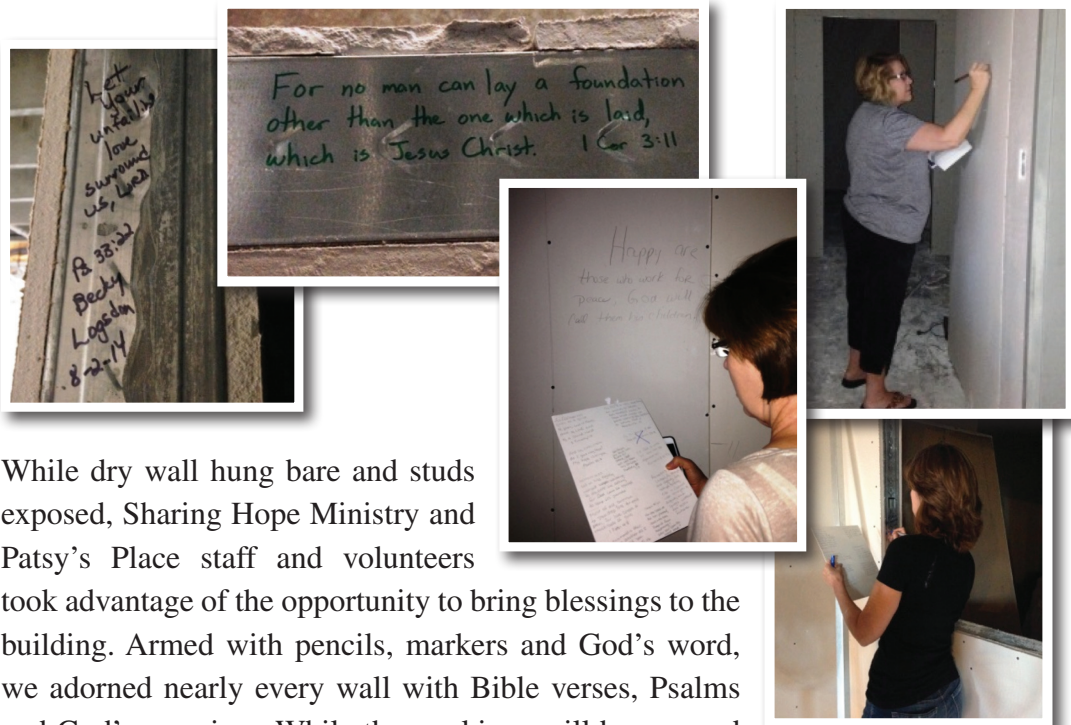
**\$5 each or 5 for \$20!**



# A Glorious Mess: Renovation in Progress

Renovation is in full swing and with each hammered nail and sheet of dry wall, we see the Sharing Hope Ministry offices come together!

Thanks to the Meadows Foundation and your generous support in reaching the match challenge, we were blessed with \$75,000 toward the renovation cost. We continue working on raising funds to finish other renovation needs including technology updates. Thank you for your provision while we make this God-sized leap into the future of the ministry.



While dry wall hung bare and studs exposed, Sharing Hope Ministry and Patsy's Place staff and volunteers took advantage of the opportunity to bring blessings to the building. Armed with pencils, markers and God's word, we adorned nearly every wall with Bible verses, Psalms and God's promises. While the markings will be covered with paint and spackle, the impressions will never be lifted from the foundation of the building, nor our hearts. The reminder will always be that God created and has sustained this ministry and all who are blessed by it.

*"You will be blessed when you come in  
and blessed when you go out." Deut. 28:6*



*Thanks to our board members who pulled cable for our technology! Joel Price, Dr. Robert Pinkston, Jim Burgess and Art Baker (not pictured)*



*A special "Thank You" to Royal Glass of Amarillo for providing beautiful windows for the new building!*

Thank you **Dan Hetrick** and **Jim Shelburne** for your years of service on the Sharing Hope Ministry Board of Directors!

# Memorials and Honorariums

April-July 2014

**IN MEMORY OF:**

**Bill Scantlin**  
By Darla & Mike Andrew

**Billie Winton**

by Sharon & Paul Stradley  
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by Kathy Gowdy  
by Charlotte & Fletcher Smith

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by Edward Landesman  
by Nellie & George Martin  
by Becky & Stan McKeever  
by Lana & Jim McKee  
by Gerald G. Morgan  
by Sue & Joe Norman  
by Helen Nunn  
by Leslie Oliver  
by The Potter Team  
by Heather Pfeifer  
by Jane Rice  
by Laura & Jim Sims  
by Marie & Albert Smith  
by Cassidy Speyers  
by Ruth Stout  
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by Pam & David White  
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by Marilyn & E. Leon Wood  
by Westside Church of Christ  
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**Nancy Jesko**  
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by Region 16 ESC

**Ranger**  
by Merle Rice

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by April & Dave Riggs

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**Virginia Henderson**  
by Marie Braboy  
by the Berean Circle

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by Kathy Gowdy

**Wendell Ashby**  
by Sharon & Paul Stradley  
by Darla & Mike Andrew

**Elwyn Glen Washer**  
by April & Dave Riggs

**IN HONOR OF:**

**Alice Skinner,**  
*for your birthday*  
by J'Melle & Gary Fletcher

**Joyce Cameron,**  
*for your birthday*  
by J'Melle & Gary Fletcher

**Nita Madden,**  
*for your birthday*  
by J'Melle & Gary Fletcher

**Tommye Pegram,**  
*for your 75th birthday*  
by J'Melle & Gary Fletcher

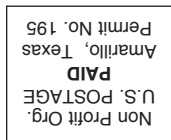
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by Sharon & Paul Stradley

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The family requests contributions be sent to

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