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—STATISTICS—

Total *Life Recovery Bibles* Distributed:
39,449

Total Bible Study Workbooks Distributed:
18,847

—VOLUNTEERS—

Pen Pal Volunteers: **17**

Office Volunteers: **36**

Prayer Group Volunteers: **7**

Stepping Stones Volunteers: **5**

Jail Ministry Team Volunteers: **15**

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From a Parent's Heart

Join us for the annual Hope Fest Dinner and Silent Auction on March 23rd at 6:30 p.m. This is a great time to enjoy a delicious meal and entertainment at the Grand Plaza Room at the Civic Center. This year we will be looking at Sharing Hope Ministry from a parent's perspective, with our guest speaker, Mona Higgins. We will be entertained by "The Martini's" Jazz Band and we are gearing up for another competitive live auction featuring some "can't live without" items. Don't forget about our silent auction which is the highlight of the evening with a variety of gift items and certificates from area businesses and individuals.

Hope Fest is our primary fundraiser. The proceeds will allow Sharing Hope to continue its mission of providing Bibles and study material for incarcerated women and women in recovery. This evening of entertainment, fellowship and fun is also an opportunity to introduce your friends to the Sharing Hope Ministry.

Ticket cost is \$25 for individuals or two for \$45. A full table for eight may be purchased for \$160. Reservations must be made by March 9th. Red geraniums will also be sold for \$8.00 if pre-ordered or \$10.00 at the event. Call and order yours today!

Hope Fest Sponsors

Special thanks to Josephine Anderson Charitable Trust, MTS Transportation, Shirley Daniel, Ron and Cheri Boyd, Mindy and Doug Briggs, and Don and Sammye Stark for their sponsorship of the Hope Fest Dinner and Silent Auction.

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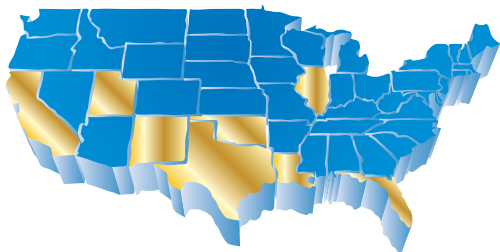
- ❖ Hope Fest Volunteers: Table Hostesses, Auction Helpers, Ticket Sales, Greeters, Set-up and Clean-up crews.
- ❖ Hope Fest gift or filler items for the Silent Auction. Do you know a business owner that would donate an item?
- ❖ Supplies for the office including copy paper, paper towels, Kleenex, and large garbage bags.

A Year In Review

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- 10,368 women received a *Life Recovery Bible* and or Bible study materials.
- Our Jail Ministry teams spent over 1139 hours ministering to 1448 women at Potter and Randall County Jail.
- Our Prayer team spent over 525 hours lifting up 762 women's requests in prayer.
- 32 women were provided on-going Christian support and encouragement through the pen pal program.
- 11 volunteers guided 56 recently released women through the transition of re-entering the Amarillo Community with Christian support through the Stepping Stones Program.
- 36 new facilities were added to our area of service.
- The Patsy Britting Benevolence Fund was established to further assist Sharing Hope clients in successfully transitioning back into our Amarillo community.

SHARING HOPE WELCOMES 7 NEW STATES AND 14 REHABILITAION FACILITIES TO OUR MINISTRY!



Incarcerated women from California, Florida, Illinois, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Utah are now receiving the *Life Recovery Bible* and other services through our ministry. Also being served are women residing in rehabilitation facilities throughout the State of Texas. Our expansion has been made possible due to the support of our volunteers and donors and our success in recent fundraising events. Last year, the Hope Fest Dinner and Silent Auction and the Christmas in October Arts and Gift show raised 40% of our 2006 income. We appreciate all who support this ministry. We ask that you continue to be a part of our program to change the lives of these troubled women.

WHERE IS SHARING HOPE MINISTRY HEADED?

With the help of those who wish to partner with Sharing Hope Ministry, we plan to continue supplying the *Life Recovery Bible*, study material and aftercare to women nation-wide. These services are instrumental in assisting women in overcoming destructive behavior by establishing a relationship with God.

Research shows that even a released woman who has established a strong foundation in Christ will still have overwhelming issues upon transitioning back into a positive lifestyle. Upon release, the female offender's situation often has not changed for the better and resources generally have not been provided to assist in facilitating a lasting change. Sharing Hope has acknowledged this problem and is actively working to assist these women in establishing a positive future.

The Patsy Britting Benevolence Fund is one of the ways that we provide additional support for a woman who is showing positive progress in her recovery.

You can be a part of evangelizing these incarcerated women by supporting Sharing Hope Ministry, or as a donor you can stretch out a helping hand to women in transition by supporting the Patsy Britting Benevolence Fund.

Summary of Inmate Evaluations Winter 2006

Of the inmates that responded:

99% of the *Life Recovery Bibles* were shipped within 1 weeks of receipt of request.

98% feel that they have a closer relationship with God.

99% feel that their outlook for their future is more positive.

98% showed improvement in talking more freely about God's love with others.

72% spend 4 or more days a week reading their Bible.

Evaluation Comments

"I would like to say thank you, and God Bless ya'll for this beautiful Bible that you sent me. I have read the Bible before but I didn't understand it. But praise God with this beautiful Bible my life has changed because I understand God's word now and what I have to do to be saved~ thank you from the bottom of my heart."

Mary Angela C.

FROM INMATE # 985515

My name is Kathryn and I am in the Bexar County Jail. I would surely appreciate it if you would send me the *Life Recovery Bible*. I am 41 years old but I've been a drug and alcohol addict since I was twelve. I have tried a lot of different ways to stay clean. I am very tired and weary, and every time I fall off the wagon, I lose more confidence. I've attended AA meetings in the jail but I believe the *Recovery Bible* will help me understand a lot more than just learning how to stay clean and sober.

Thank you, Kathryn.



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DONOR CARD

I would like to partner with Sharing Hope Ministry in providing Bibles and study materials to female inmates.

Name _____ Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

MONTHLY PLEDGE: I will make a contribution of \$ _____ each month.
 Draft my bank account each month for this amount.
(Please complete the bank draft authorization below.)

ONE TIME GIFT: Enclosed is my one-time contribution of \$ _____.
 I would like my gift to go to the Patsy Britting Benevolence Fund.

BANK DRAFT AUTHORIZATION

I authorize Sharing Hope Ministry to initiate debit entries to my checking account named below.
(You may attach a canceled check or deposit form in lieu of filling out the bank information requested below, but your signature is still required.)

Depository Name _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Transit/ABA No. _____ Account No. _____

This authority remains in full force and effect until Sharing Hope Ministry receives written notification from me of its termination in such time and in such manner as to afford Sharing Hope Ministry a reasonable opportunity to act on it.

Name (print) _____ Social Security Number _____

Date _____ Signed _____ Signed _____

A Pinch of Joy and a Dash of Happiness



The "Love Beyond Measure" measuring spoons that were sold at the Christmas in October fundraiser with the Sharing Hope cookbooks are now available. These heart-shaped measuring spoons are great presents for bridal showers, newly married couples or basically any woman who has a kitchen. The spoons have sayings on each handle that remind the recipient that they are loved. The set of spoons are \$5.00 each or \$15.00 for a cookbook/spoons set. Call or stop by the office to see these wonderful gifts.



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