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—STATISTICS—

Total Life Recovery Bibles Distributed:
54,367

Total Bible Study Workbooks Distributed:
28,229

—VOLUNTEERS—

Pen Pal Volunteers: 7

Office Volunteers: 39

Prayer Group Volunteers: 4

Stepping Stones Volunteers: 7

Jail Ministry Team Volunteers: 12

Special Event Volunteers: 150

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The Psalm 119:11 Donation Sharing Hope Ministry Receives a \$100,000 Donation for Patsy's Place



*I have hidden your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.
Psalm 119:11*

An anonymous donation of \$100,000 has been very generously given for the purpose of establishing Patsy's Place Transitional home. What a blessing this gift will be to the women as they experience Christ's love and forgiveness, and learn to become a new person in Him. Past crimes, abuse, addiction, relationships, forgiveness and guilt are issues that these women are overcoming. The Christ-centered program that will be run through Patsy's Place will help these women find the spiritual, mental and physical strength to live free from drugs and crime. The Ministry is so grateful to God for providing the wonderful supporters that continue to allow His Word and after care support to be offered to these hurting women.

The women who will be living in Patsy's Place have already established a relationship with Sharing Hope Ministry through our jail programs and state Bible study program. These women have shown the desire to change their lives through a relationship with Christ. Statistics show that faith based programs such as Patsy's Place have a greater success rate than secular programs. In addition to providing the women with a firm spiritual foundation, Patsy's Place will also provide classes in job training, interviewing, financial planning, budgeting, parenting, health and nutrition, life skills, and cognitive thinking.

Patsy's Place would be an integral part of the growth of the community because it provides women with an opportunity for personal and professional growth and advancement, allowing them to become contributing members to the community.



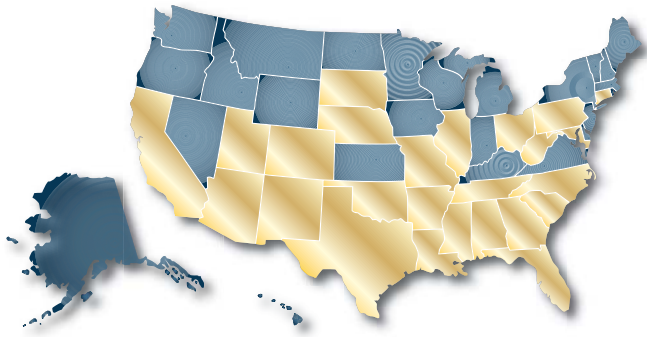
Patsy's Place

Transitional Home

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806-622-8399

EXPANDING OUR BORDERS!



Welcome Arkansas!

Our expansion is possible through those who support Sharing Hope financially, and by the volunteers that give their time to send each woman a Life Recovery Bible, studies, and words of encouragement.

Thanks to Amarillo College...



Students Ryan Brewer and Mark Hodges, under the direction on Donald Abel, Instructor of Language and Communication, filmed and produced our first ever Christmas in October commercial. Thanks for the donation of your time and talent to further the ministry of Sharing Hope.

But What Do Our Women Say?

Summary of Inmate Evaluations 2008

Of the inmates that responded:

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

93% feel they can now better control their tempers.

97% feel better equipped to cope with their situations.

94% feel they are better about following rules.

71% spend 5 or more days a week reading their Bible.

Inmate comments

"This Bible is awesome. The way it is written to reach out and let me know I can overcome addiction with God's forgiveness. It is just what I needed and I know in my heart and soul God has His gracious arms around me and I'm going to beat this addiction."

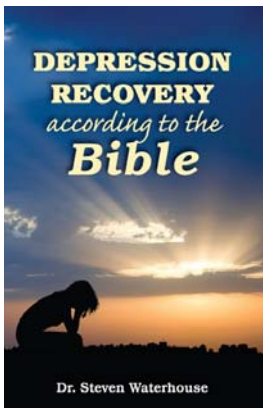
Chaplain comments

"Blessing upon the great work you do. The women love the Bible. God has truly blessed your ministry to have to have a Bible that women can understand."

"Many of our clients are homeless and indigent upon arriving at our facility and the free Life Recovery Bible is the only way they receive a Bible."

"Many of the ladies have expressed a deep appreciation for the Bible. It has opened their eyes to faith and hope in the Lord."

Depression Recovery According to the Bible



Thanks to Dr. Stephen Waterhouse from Westcliff Bible Church
The Ambassadors and Peacemakers Class from Hillside Christian Church
And Kimberly Lester with Graphic Designs by Kim

In 2007, over 50% of the women who were surveyed asked for a Bible study that covers the topic of Depression. Dr. Stephen Waterhouse provided a revision of an earlier research on the subject of depression specifically re-written for Sharing Hope Ministry's use. This booklet covers sinful, non sinful and medical causes of depression that are illustrated through the Bible

Kimberly Lester from Graphic Designs by Kim provided the cover design and technical assistance for the production of this book and the Ambassadors and Peacemakers Sunday school classes from Hillside Christian Church provided the funds to print up over 3000 copies to be used with the women in our program.

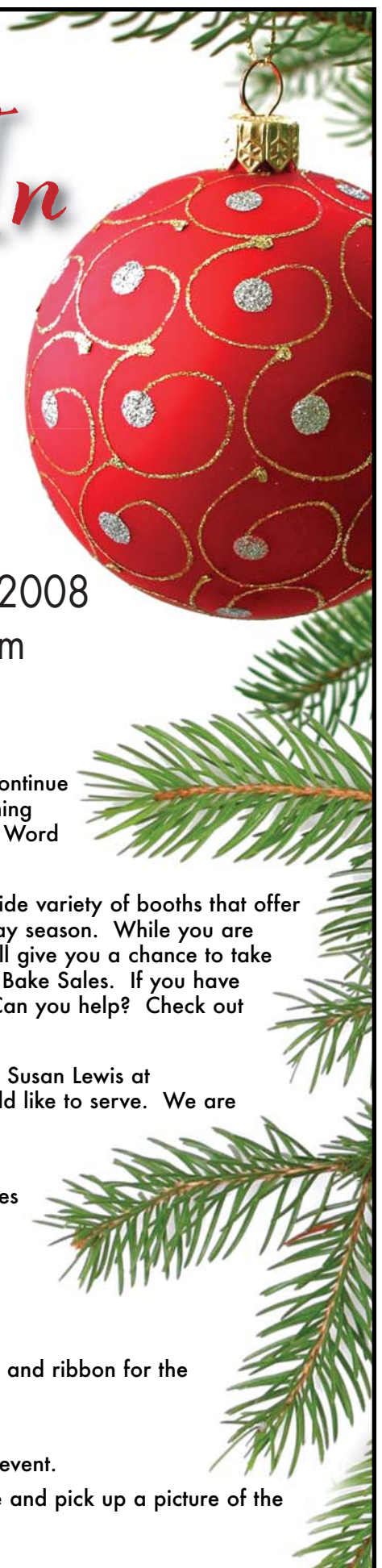
We recently received our first summary on this study. Linda wrote, "After finishing this booklet, I am awed and it is a great help. I plan to study this book over and over. It is going to be what will at least point me in the right direction. I am neglecting God and I have not been seeking Him. I can see where the sin is and that was one of the problems. I knew I had a lot of anguish/distraught inside and I didn't know where to begin. If I'm not on the right track spiritually when I leave here, I'll end up in a mess and on a train back. I know I can do it! And I am going to do it!"

The Eighth Annual

Christmas In October

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Gift and Craft Show



Sat., October 25, 2008
10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Sun., October 26, 2008
1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Amarillo Civic Center, South Exhibit Hall

The "Christmas In October" is another great opportunity to help Sharing Hope continue our ministry of assisting incarcerated women and women in recovery in overcoming destructive behavior by sharing God's love and hope through the teaching of His Word and by equipping them with life skills.

Some of the exciting things that can be found at "Christmas in October" are a wide variety of booths that offer gifts and handmade crafts. There is not a better way to get started on the holiday season. While you are there, stop by and see the beautiful Sharing Hope quilt. A \$2 dollar donation will give you a chance to take this wonderful quilt home. We are also gearing up for one of Amarillo's largest Bake Sales. If you have not participated in this event, you will be amazed at the sea of fabulous food. Can you help? Check out the items needed in the "Needed" section.

There will be many volunteer opportunities and we would love for you to contact Susan Lewis at Susan@sharinghopeministry.org or at 358-7803 and let us know where you would like to serve. We are looking for volunteers in the following areas:

- Volunteers to place promotional posters in area businesses
- Gift cards from Hobby Lobby and Michaels for "Christmas in October" supplies
- Workers during the event
- People to provide food items for the Bake Sale
- Women to make bows before the event.
- Helpers to decorate the bake sale items on October 24th.
- Women to provide Christmas or Fall containers, clear cellophane, decorations and ribbon for the Bake Sale.
- People who are willing to pray for the event and those involved in planning.
- Volunteers to address "Christmas In October" postcards to friends before the event.
- People to sell tickets for the quilt to your friends and family. Stop by the office and pick up a picture of the quilt and tickets or call us and let us mail a packet to you.

HELP!

Sharing Hope Ministry Has Several Needs:

- ❖ Speaking opportunities~ Let us speak to your women's club or civic group.
- ❖ Volunteers to pray over inmate requests.
- ❖ Brushes and combs for our hygiene bags.
- ❖ Paper towels, copy paper, large trash bags for the office.



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