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— STATISTICS —

Total Life Recovery Bibles Distributed:
23,779

Total Bible Study Workbooks Distributed:
8,092

— VOLUNTEERS —

Pen Pal Volunteers: **280**

Office Volunteers: **32**

Prayer Group Volunteers: **3**

Stepping Stones Volunteers: **1**

Visitation Team Volunteers: **12**

Teaching Team Volunteers: **4**

— BOARD OF DIRECTORS —

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Sharing Hope Ministry,

I just wanted to write and say Thank You so very much for being able to send me a Bible. Saturday afternoon another inmate asked if I would like to read some scriptures together. I agreed and what seemed like something small turned into a several hour event. You see she has a Life Recovery Bible and I was really checking it out. We would read something, talk about it and read some more. God was truly with us because we were being led to scriptures that related to the daily devotional readings that we had also just read. God is GREAT! Together the two of us prayed for me to be able to receive the Bible and that evening as mail was being called, I heard my number. It was your envelope stating that I would receive my Bible shortly and information about the Bible studies. I just wanted to let you know how grateful I am.

Thank you so much.

Jodi

Did you know?

Sharing Hope volunteers have already donated 10,184 hours this year.

Sharing Hope has provided services and support for 12,904 female inmates this year.

Sharing Hope volunteers represent over 40 churches from Amarillo and Canyon.

Sharing Hope's weekly Prayer Group prays for every inmate who writes and shares prayer requests.

Sharing Hope House Clean Up



Randy Breh



David Hudson



Christi Jones

An adult outreach group from **St. Stephen United Methodist Church** gave the Sharing Hope exterior a facelift! The group took out dead wood from trees, pruned bushes, and took care of some pretty determined weeds. Their prayer was that their manual labor would honor God by providing a nicer environment for our volunteers, and also that their gift of labor would allow other volunteers more time for hands-on ministry with the inmates.

A heartfelt *thank-you* is extended to these kind folks!



John Grist



Leisa Grist



Kelly Jones



The following wish list appears on the "Blessings Board" at the Sharing Hope Ministry office. We call it the "Blessings Board" because the individuals who take care of these needs are a big part of the ministry's blessings!

- ★ Speaking Opportunities – We would love to present Sharing Hope Ministry to any women's group, Sunday School class, or business.
- ★ One four-drawer filing cabinet 28" to 30" deep.
- ★ One white or gray topped seminar table (6' X 18")
- ★ Good used commercial grade carpet for the workroom
- ★ One hour of Housecleaning

Thank you to the *Christmas in October* Volunteers

We applaud you for the great job that was accomplished!



We had another successful year with our Christmas in October Arts and Crafts show and we couldn't have accomplished this without all the hard work given by the almost 300 volunteers who did everything from baking food items to setting up and breaking down the civic center.

A special thanks to our volunteer leadership teams that coordinated all the effort that went into this event.



Raffle Winner - Penny Scott



Come Shop at the Sharing Hope Office

We have a wonderful selection of Christmas and special occasion gift bags for sale at the Sharing Hope Office. The bags rang from \$1 to \$3 depending on the size of the bags. We also have Christmas ornaments for sale. Stop by and let us help make your holiday season a little easier!



MATCHING GRANT COMPLETE

Sharing Hope Ministry was able to raise the match for the grant that was awarded earlier this summer. Our challenge was to raise up to \$15,000, to receive a match dollar-for-dollar for every donation that was earmarked towards that matching grant. The foundation that awarded this grant has requested to do so anonymously.

Thank you to all that were generous and helped us meet this goal. It was a wonderful opportunity to double our contributions and the gifts will be used to continue the mission of Sharing Hope Ministry.

Sharing Hope Volunteer Receives Special Recognition



Randall County hosted a volunteer appreciation luncheon on September 9 where Randall County Sheriff Joel Richardson recognized volunteer Laura Sims with a special award for volunteering an outstanding 290 hours at Randall County Jail. Laura is the Teaching Team Coordinator, and is on the Visitation Team that visits the jail weekly. Laura is also the Pen Pal Coordinator.

Thank you Laura, for all that you give through Sharing Hope!



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You're Invited...

To join the OWA (Office Workers Anonymous)

Do you have a few hours to put together files and check names? Our busy Bible Babes are running out of folders. Can you help us stock up for the next few months?

Do you have a hard time getting free during the day? Then the PEN PAL program is perfect for you! You can offer written support to an inmate who requests a Christian mentor as she seeks to follow God's instruction. All letters have Sharing Hope's return address and your first name is all that you need to provide.

Stepping Stones is a wonderful opportunity to provide one-on-one Christian caregiving to women as they come out of prison. Each volunteer is asked to make a two-year commitment, which includes time spent in the training program.

Would you like us to save you a seat with our exclusive group?

RSVP at 358-7803

To become one of the few, the proud, the PRAYER WARRIORS!
The Prayer Group has been meeting Tuesday mornings, 10:00 To 11:00 a.m. to pray for inmates that have submitted prayer requests. Day care can be arranged through Suzanne Greer by calling 488-2214.

To join the sisterhood of BIBLE BABES.
Volunteers are needed for three hours or more a week to help answer requests for Bibles, create client files, and package Bibles for mailing.

To be part of the HIVE OF HOMEWORK HONEYS.
Volunteers are needed for several hours a week to send out bible studies.