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Total *Life Recovery Bibles* Distributed:
41,043

Total Bible Study Workbooks Distributed:
20,044

—VOLUNTEERS—

Pen Pal Volunteers: **13**

Office Volunteers: **37**

Prayer Group Volunteers: **4**

Stepping Stones Volunteers: **5**

Jail Ministry Team Volunteers: **15**

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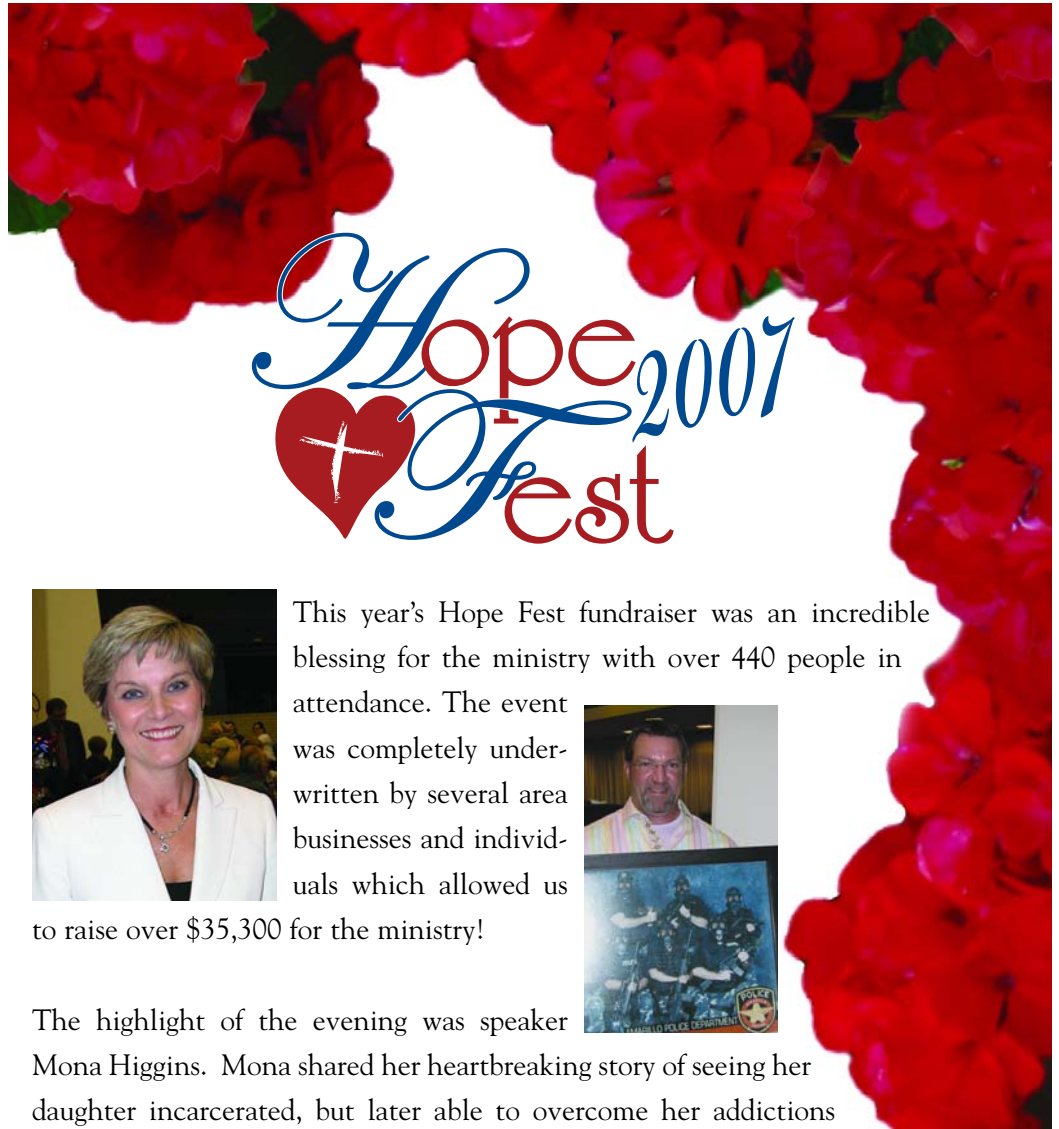
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This year's Hope Fest fundraiser was an incredible blessing for the ministry with over 440 people in attendance. The event was completely underwritten by several area businesses and individuals which allowed us to raise over \$35,300 for the ministry!



The highlight of the evening was speaker Mona Higgins. Mona shared her heartbreaking story of seeing her daughter incarcerated, but later able to overcome her addictions through her relationship with Christ. Mona shared how Sharing Hope Ministry provided services that helped her daughter turn her life back around.

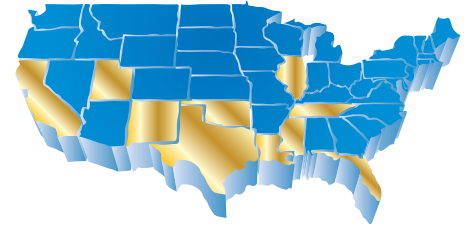


A very entertaining live auction with volunteer auctioneer, Jim Shelburne, featured vacation getaways, a day of training with the Amarillo SWAT team, a dessert-a-month for a year, beef and more! Other entertainment featured music from



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Hope 2007 Fest



EXPANDING OUR BORDERS!

"The Martini's" jazz band, 54 fabulously decorated tables and over 100 silent auction items.



Sharing Hope Ministry would like to give our sincere thanks to co-chair Wanda DeVoll, and committee members Julie Ashby, Mindy Briggs, Carolyn Holmes, Betty Knudson, Kim Lester, Dianne Sagan, Laura Sims, Sammye Stark, and Lota Taylor. We also are thankful for Potter and Randall County for assistance



with the facility set up and tear down, the Soroptimist Club, and all the volunteers who decorated tables, solicited donations, and worked the day of the event.



Sharing Hope Ministry welcomes Mississippi and Tennessee to our area of service!

As of April 2007, Sharing Hope has added provided services to women from the states of Mississippi and Tennessee. This brings the total of states in our ministry to ten!

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 our Hope Fest Sponsors

Thanks to the following individuals and businesses for their support:

Josephine Anderson Charitable Trust, Shirley Daniel, Jim and Laura Sims, Becky and John Logsdon, Ron and Cheri Boyd, MTS Transportation & Co., Mindy and Doug Briggs, Don and Sammye Stark, and Amarillo National Bank.

Other businesses and individuals provided in-kind support for this event. Thanks to Krissa Brown, Joe Geoffrey, Matt Holley, Graphic Designs by Kim, and Panhandle Laundry.

I pray that God blesses every one of you for your efforts. I have found that your Bible is so helpful. I've noticed that many of the women right away relate to the side notes on the devotionals that are included. I have seen how your Bible has changed lives. There are no words that could actually explain what the Bible you sent me has done for me and others behind bars. May God bless you and keep your ministry within his hands.

Thank you, thank you. Olga

Christmas in October

**Christmas in October is scheduled for
October 6th and 7th at the
South Exhibit Hall of the Civic Center.**



There will be many volunteer opportunities and we would love for you to call the Sharing Hope office at 358-7803 and let us know where you would like to serve. We are looking for volunteers in the following areas:

- Sponsors who are willing to underwrite \$500.00 or more of expenses for the “Christmas in October” fundraiser.
- Gift cards from Hobby Lobby and Michaels for “Christmas in October” supplies.
- Workers during the event
- Those who can provide items for the Bake Sale
- Women to make bows before the event
- Fluffers and Foofers to decorate the bake sale items.
- 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

We L♥ve Our Volunteers!

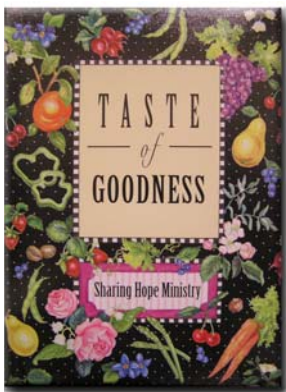


Sharing Hope volunteers provided over 6,000 hours last year working to assist over 13,000 incarcerated women in the State of Texas in their recovery from destructive behavior, by sharing God’s love and hope through the teaching of His Word.

These volunteers, representing about 40 different churches, come together to show God’s love to the incarcerated women who need Him

to make the changes necessary to live a life full of hope. We appreciate not only those workers who come each week but also our donors who keep providing the Bibles and studies that are sent out, and those who keep the ministry lifted up in prayer.

Need a Great Mother's Day Present?



We still have Sharing Hope Cookbooks available for \$12.00 each. These make great Mother's Day presents. This cookbook has 500 fabulous recipes submitted by bake sale participants, volunteers, staff and friends of Sharing Hope.

Call or come by to pick up your cookbook. All proceeds from the sales of these cookbooks benefit Sharing Hope Ministry.

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