

**"If for only one"**  
Luke 5:4-7

### How You Can Help:

- Pray for us
- Donate supplies
- Volunteer at the Gifts of Grace Resale Store
- Teach classes
- Become a Grace Partner

### Grace Partners:

Wiseman Ministries, Inc. is a non-profit, 501c(3) organization. Our ministry operates solely on donations from individuals, churches, businesses and organizations. Please prayerfully consider becoming a Grace Partner. As a Grace Partner, you join with us to fulfill Matthew 25 & Isaiah 58 by providing food to the hungry, clothing to the needy, shelter to the homeless, to minister to those in prison and to help liberate those controlled by addictions.

### Mission Statement:

To make disciples who know Christ, share Christ, and multiply Christ in the lives of others.

*"This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!"*  
2 Corinthians 5:17



### "From the Heart" by Tim Wiseman, Executive Director



"I would like to convey my sincere thanks to you for your thoughtfulness in supporting House of Disciples in 2012. It was so kind of you to give of your time, wisdom and finances. I join together with the staff, board and the lives touched through House of Disciples to say that we are truly

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touched by your generosity, your spirit, and willingness to go out of your way to help. You are a true friend to this ministry. We are indeed blessed to have you in our lives. Thank you again for being so thoughtful."

In His Service,  
Tim Wiseman

### 2012 Preliminary Report

Because of your support, 2012 was another banner year of watching God provide for each and every need without fail. Preliminary year-end numbers show that we received over **\$530,000** in monetary donations in 2012. This is an increase of over **\$100,000** compared to 2011. This year we had **109** men come to our facility to receive food, clothing, shelter and most importantly – hope in Christ. We had **14** men complete the Life Recovery Program. We served **33,000** meals through our program, of which all was done with your food donations. With the help from our partners at Harvest Outreach Ministries, we had **64** Food Box giveaways this year; where on average, **120** families were helped at each giveaway. Approximately, **600** hot meals were served to the needy through the month of December. Through our Gifts of Grace Resale

Store, we had **40** families in need receive clothing vouchers and **7** families who lost their homes due to fire, received household items.

The House of Disciples band (formerly known as: White Chocolate) averaged **100** outreaches/ministry opportunities. Out of that, the band ministered at **8** different prisons, with close to **8,200** inmates being ministered to. From those inmates, we saw **304** first time salvations and **1,094** rededications to Christ. Praise God!

Your donations also made it possible to pay off our Longview building and remodel our dining room. Not only were we able to continue reducing debt, but also cover normal operating expenses. Thank you for your continued support and prayers. We know 2013 is going to be another great year of ministry.

### Feeding The Needy This Holiday Season

With the Salvation Army's resources spread thin from its annual Red Kettle fundraising program, they had to suspend their daily community meal service until January 2nd. When this came to our attention, we felt that we could be of assistance. The need this time of year can be overwhelming and the Salvation Army is doing more than their part by concentrating their efforts on a specific 700 families in need, including 2,000 children.

So to fill this gap, throughout the month of December, the House of Disciples provided around 600 evening meals to those in need. Thanks to the Longview Environmental Health Dept., we were issued a temporary permit to provide this service. Newgate Mission also joined in this effort by providing sack dinners, as needed. The Salvation Army should resume their regular scheduled meals on January 2nd.



## MAPA Music Recital



The children of Mobberly Academy of Performing Arts (MAPA) held a mini-recital in the HOD Chapel on Tuesday, December 4th. The music instructors were Mickey Allison, Jody Beddingfield and Josh Pair. Each instructor performed a solo following the performances from each of their students. The students were: Grace Craig, Bryan Grotheim, Zac Hickson, David Pascual, Josh Sanders, Carter Crouch, Preston Miller, Colton Brownlee, Jacob Rodgers, and Clayton Kennedy. We had a full house of parents and HOD residents. The children did a wonderful job.

## Global Heart Int'l

HOD had the opportunity to share a load of food items with Bubba Rutherford from Global Heart International out of Fairfield, Texas. Global Heart International feeds approximately 250 families each month. They have over 70 volunteers and 25 churches from many different denominations that help them every month. We are honored that we were able to help them with this effort, especially during this holiday season. *Acts 20:35, "Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."*



## LCF Youth Volunteers



On Saturday, December 8th, a group of eager volunteers from the youth group at Longview Christian Fellowship donated their time to help us at the House of Disciples and at the Gifts of Grace (GOG) Resale Store. They did yard work, cleaned windows, cleaned bathrooms, vacuumed, scraped off old paint, prepped the sales floor at GOG and put up the chapel Christmas tree. These kids were a true blessing and were very hard workers. The facility looks amazing and we are so thankful to all of them.

## Special Thanks This Holiday Season

### Party Hostess - Mrs. Meyer

Mrs. Meyer hosted a Christmas/Birthday party on site for our residents on Tuesday, Dec. 11th. Her and her team of volunteers provided refreshments, Christmas music and presents. Mrs. Meyer also read a Christmas story and brought her dog, Scout, along for a visit. Our guys had a great time.



### New Heights Church - Longview

Thank you so much to New Heights Church for hosting a wonderful Christmas party for the HOD men and staff, complete with food and gifts. The men had a lot of fun playing a Gift Swap Game and watching the Grinch movie. This was a memorable night for everyone.



### Pathway Church - Longview

We would like to thank Pastor Marty Strait and the congregation of Pathway Church for adopting the children of the HOD men. With the donation of toys and gifts, each father had the opportunity to wrap his own child's presents and put a hand written note inside. The men were extremely touched by this show of love and generosity.



## In Loving Memory

One of our friends and co-workers in the Lord, Milford Swanner Jr., passed away Saturday night, December 22nd, after losing his battle with cancer. He is now with the Lord! What a wonderful Christmas gift to be able to be in the presence of the One whose birth we celebrate this season. Congratulations on your promotion, Milford! Milford's family has made funeral arrangements in Kentucky, but we are also planning a memorial service for Milford here in Longview. Please visit our Facebook page or our website for more details and for the date.



## Upcoming Events

### Monday, Dec 31 @ 4 PM - Tuesday, Jan 1

HOD Offices & GOG are closed for the holiday

### Sunday, January 6 / 6:00 PM

HOD Band - Johnston Unit Prison, Winnsboro, TX

### Wed, Jan 23 (Men) & Thur. Jan 24 (Women) / 6 PM

HOD Band - ETX Treatment Facility, Henderson, TX

### Sunday, January 27 / 10:00 AM

HOD Band - The Refuge, Denison, TX

### Wed, Feb 13 (Men) & Thur. Feb 14 (Women) / 6 PM

HOD Band - ETX Treatment Facility, Henderson, TX



## A White Christmas at HOD

### HOD Christmas:

We were blessed to have Christmas lunch on site this year in our dining room. Although renovations are currently underway, we were still able to use the extra floor space. Some residents were able to go on an offsite pass with their families, while other men were permitted to invite their families to the facility. We spent most of the day eating, fellowshiping and having fun. Also, that evening we continued with our meal service to the homeless community. We have been feeding between 20 and 45 individuals nightly and were honored to be able to provide a hot Christmas dinner to them.

Chaplain Ken Taylor played Christmas music on his guitar and in addition to the meal, we gave out toiletry items and bags of food items and drinks.



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