



# WISEMAN MINISTRIES, INC. NEWSLETTER

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## “If for only one”

### How You Can Help:

- Pray for us
- Donate supplies
- Volunteer at the Gifts of Grace Resale Store
- Become a Mentor
- 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.



Congratulations to Jonathan C. for receiving a certificate for being a Servant Leader during the month of January.



Love never gives up,  
never loses faith,  
is always hopeful,  
and endures through  
every circumstance.

1 Corinthians 13:7

## “My Story” by Kyle Cobb, HOD Program Graduate



Hi, my name is Kyle Cobb. I was born in Longview, Texas in 1960. I attended both Longview and Pine Tree high schools. I have always been interesting in building and construction. So after high school, I got a job traveling all over the U.S. as an iron worker building convenience stores and banks, and canopies over gas pumps, underground fuel storage tanks and lines. Drinking and partying was a part of the job back in those days. To get the day started, I would do a few shots of whisky, a few pains pills, and 20 minutes later, ready to go. Whether it was on the ground or 150 feet in the air, working I-beams with no safety harness, being under the influence makes you make bad choices...and dangerous ones. When the job was finished, I would head home, sometimes not knowing how I got there. Very scary, knowing that I was putting myself and my crew and others in danger. I would get home to my beautiful wife, and start the process over again. She would always say “Kyle, you need to slow down, you need to stop for a while.” But I was hard-headed and continued for years. Once I came home and she told me she was pregnant. A baby girl, wow! What a time to celebrate, and I did. One and a half years later, another baby girl came and same thing. Time to party. Five years later a baby boy was born. With my kids almost grown and after so many times of her telling me to stop, she had enough. My girls and son were tired of

me calling them when I was drunk, crying, and feeling sorry for myself. One night I was walking by my mom's house and stopped to talk. I was drunk and the neighbor and I got in a fight. I ended up with a broken leg and two black eyes, among my other injuries. On January 2013 I had surgery and had no place to go. My sister and her husband called the House of Disciples and asked if they would take me in. They said, “Yes, we have one bed left.” On January 26th, I entered H.O.D. not knowing what to do or how to act. Never being in a place like that, just walking in and being dropped off by my daughter, it was very scary at first. My kids said, “If you don't go, don't ever call again.” I started at the bottom like everyone else and had to work my way up, even though barely able to get around, due to my leg. The fellows at H.O.D. looked after me, helped me, and guided me in the direction of a new life. They showed me there was a better way to live and treat people. Knowing Jesus Christ has become a big part of my life, to whom I give all the praise and glory. I give my special heartfelt thanks to H.O.D. for helping save my life and being a part of my life, then and now. I have graduated the program and have two years sober! I continue to be a part of the H.O.D. program. They are always there with their hearts and arms wide open. Whether it is me or you, they love you, care about you, and respect you. So again, to my great friends at H.O.D. - thank you for all you have done for me. I truly love every one of you. God bless you.

## “From the Heart” by Tim Wiseman, Executive Director

Part A

In 1 Samuel 22 & 23, we find the story of David being chased by Saul. In this story, there is a leadership principle that can be learned and applied. This principle is called the Law of Buy-In. In this law, one learns that people buy into the leader before they buy into their vision. We also learn that if people have bought into the leader, they will follow and be loyal without even the need for recruiting. As a result of having people following the leader, he or

she can then transform the followers regardless of their previous hurt, habits and/or hang-ups. The end result of the story of David is that he fought alongside his men and they turned into winners, rather than the losers' society had labelled them. So what made David's followers buy-in to him? At that time, David was a man of character and everyone knew that. Rather you are a preacher, a salesman or a CEO of our large company, the message and vision

you are casting is backed by the character of who you are. Another great thing that David did in this story, is that he did not count his people out based on their past. David's followers did not have a good track record, yet they became the greatest followers he ever had. Just because an employee struggled under one company's environment/leader, does not mean they should be overlooked.

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## “From the Heart” Part B

If they have the talent and abilities, help them to polish and fine tune them. You never know if they may be your next Colonel Sanders. The last thing that David did that caused his followers to buy-in to him, he cast the vision in a way that your followers believe they are making a different in this world. David's followers were not just fighting to protect a man, they were fighting to protect a king. His followers knew the legacy that David would leave, and they wanted in on that. When making your motivational speech to your salesmen or your state of the company address to the entire organization, say it in a way that the people feel like they will be living a legacy by buying into you and your vision. Everyone wants to feel they are part of something that is bigger than themselves.

## FBCL Fish Fry



This past month we were blessed with a delicious fish fry cooked up by Bob Ferrel and his Sunday School group from First Baptist Church - Longview. This was a great treat for the residents and staff. Not only was the food fantastic, but the fellowship was uplifting and much needed. God is so good.

## Volunteer Highlight

The Volunteer Highlight for the month of February is James & Kathy Madewell from Flint, Texas. This sweet couple have recently lost over 80 pounds each and have a new lease on life. With their new found energy, they want to give back and be a blessing. They have started volunteering at the Gifts of Grace Resale Store. If you would like to volunteer, please call 903-234-2341.



## January Birthday:



January's birthday boy was Jeff W. We are truly blessed to have a friend like Ms. Meyer, who each month hosts a birthday party for the men in our program. This senior saint bakes a cake, sets up refreshments, gives a gift, and says a birthday prayer over the birthday boys.

## Earl's New Smile

Choir members at First Baptist Church Longview raised the money for our own House of Disciples graduate Earl D. to really celebrate the new year with a new set of teeth. Earl's dedication to singing in the choir led to their sponsorship efforts beginning in July to bring back the smile he once had. Along with Dr. Guy Waldron's commitment by Smile Studio, Earl is able to appreciate the bountiful glory of the Lord's blessings this year and for many more to come.



## Friday Night Live Skit



During one of our Friday Night Live events in January, Ms. Mimi and friends put on a performance about addiction and how it can be overcome by the power of Christ. A few of our House of Disciples residents, John L., Johnnie C., and Tyler B, were also in the play. The skit was a lot of fun and had a powerful message.

## Restoration

The restorative power of God is evident every day at H.O.D. Take for example 2014 graduate Rudy C. "I thought my skills as a clock-maker were lost forever," he said. "The torsion clock is especially challenging to repair. Today, I've rebuilt two!" "For I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith the Lord." -Jeremiah 30:17



*"I am not sure exactly what heaven will be like, but I know that when we die and it comes time for God to judge us, he will not ask, 'How many good things have you done in your life?' rather he will ask, 'How much love did you put into what you did?'"*

– Mother Teresa

## Prison Pod Update

Our House of Disciples Prison Ministry at the Billy Moore Unit in Overton, Texas has been progressing very well. Our prison pod has more than 80 inmates and we have the honor of ministering to these men with curriculum consisting of: "Authentic Manhood", "Lord Change My Attitude", "Romans", and more. This min-



istry is being overseen by a graduate of our H.O.D. Program, Augustine Rincon. One of our prison teachers is Rick Cone. Rick is also a faithful teacher at our H.O.D.-Longview location. We look forward to God expanding this ministry to fulfill the Great Commission, but we need more teachers. If you feel

called to volunteer in this capacity, please contact Augustine at 903-553-0952.



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