

**“If for only one”**  
**Luke 5:4-7**

**How You Can Help:**

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**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.



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**HOD Celebrates Five Years** by **Phill Briggs, Operations Manager**

This past month, we celebrated our fifth year of fulfilling Matthew 25 and Isaiah 58. Over the past five years we have had the privilege to meet over 500 awesome men as they entered our program. We have had to date 30 men complete the 12 month program. We have five graduates who have made the commitment to become staff/support staff with Wiseman Ministries. All of this would not have been possible without your faithfulness in being obedient to help fulfill our mission of “Making disciples who know Christ, share Christ and multiply Christ in the lives of others”. Here’s a look back:

**First Year**

**July 2008** - At our first “Party In The Park” the “White Chocolate” ministry team lead worship with those living in and around the park and shared the love of Christ by giving away clothes and food. That day we met James who would two weeks later, become our first disciple.

**Aug. 2008** - Our second “Party In The Park” would see five people come out of homelessness to live in Tim and Misty’s home.

**Sept.- Oct. 2008** - Rented our first two home’s with five residents at one location and nine in the second location. Established our first curriculum based class. House of Disciples became the official name of our ministry.

**Feb. 2009** - Condensed all residents into one location to begin operating the program with a live-in director.

**June 2009** - HOD had its first program graduate.

**Second Year**

**Oct. 2009** - Signed contract for purchasing the old Welch Funeral Home in downtown Longview to help accommodate over-crowding of current property.

**Feb. - Mar. 2010** - Renovations were completed and HOD had a new place to call home, with a capacity to house 30+ men. Five men graduated our program and committed to full-time ministry, serving in various roles. HOD partnered with House of Hope-Madisonville to establish a Life Recovery Program. Ministry Team “White Chocolate” launched prison ministry.

**Third Year**

**Oct. - Dec. 2010** - God used a semi-truck load of cookies as a way to sustain the ministry financially.

**Jan.- Apr. 2011** - Local church raised the funds to install new kitchen.

**Fourth Year**

**Feb. 2012** - HOD partnered with Harvest Outreach to provide a monthly food box give-away to 200+ families.

**June 2012** - Local church raised funds for our new Dining Room.

**Fifth Year**

**Sept. - Oct. 2012** - Local supporter paid off Longview facility’s mortgage. White Chocolate changed its name to House of Disciple Band. Established the third location for the HOD Program on High Island by Galveston.

**Feb. 2013** - Had our first banquet in the newly renovated dining room. Sent leadership team to reside in High Island. Established the Food Service Program for community groups to assist/provide scheduled meals for residents.

**Apr. 2013** - Band attended its first overseas mission trip to lead worship for a Teacher’s Conference in Latvia.

**June 2013** - Program residency in Longview reached full capacity of 36 men with a waiting list.

**“From The Heart”** by **Tim Wiseman, Executive Director**



I have experienced seasons where I have hit a ceiling and have stopped growing and expanding in an area of my life. Being that I was at a ceiling

would suggest that I was at the top and had maxed out my current situation. The temptation that I face in these seasons is to settle with where I currently am. But each time the Holy Spirit reminds me that I should break through the ceiling and use it as the floor for

my next level. This is a crossroad that many face. What causes one organization to expand to regions, nationally or even globally, while others with the same opportunity stand still? What causes one person with little to no resources to advance, while another with many resources gets stuck? I believe it is when people settle for good instead of great. Jim Collins states “Good is the enemy of great.” We strive to create a culture at HOD that good can never be good enough. God challenges His children to continually multiply what

He has given them to steward over. “Catching a break” or “getting lucky” is not in God’s vocabulary. Waiting at a ceiling, hoping for a canon of an opportunity to blast you to the top is the same as the man who received the one talent and buried it. Jesus said to be faithful over the few things you may have now, then He will make you ruler over more. It’s a matter of trust. Can God trust you to not settle with where you currently are? Can God trust you to move from doing a good job to a great job? I believe He can! And I believe God is excited about your future!



**Congratulations to Joe R. and Rudy C. for receiving certificates for being Servant Leaders for the month of July.**

## HOD Band Update

The House of Disciples Band had the pleasure of opening for comedian Tim Hawkins on June 30th with 750 people in attendance (pictured). All of our HOD program residents were also invited to attend. Several of our men volunteered to serve as parking lot attendants. They all had a great time serving and laughing at the show.

This past month, the band ministered at three venues. On the 17th, they ministered at the East Texas Treatment Facility Prison with 286 inmates. The next day,

they ministered to 108 female offenders at the same unit. Pastor Tim and Pastor Phill shared on "What it means to be a disciple of Christ" and JennJenn ministered through a dramatic painting. Both nights had a great response, as many stood for prayer at the conclusion of the services. On the 30th, the band had the honor of leading worship for the Celebrate Recovery group of New Beginnings Church in Longview. In addition, a couple of our residents shared their testimonies.



## Answers to Prayer

God is always showing up and showing out. Many of the things that we pray for are donated the same day. Here are some of the recent examples of donations that were answers to prayer at HOD:

- Two Large Print Bibles
- Christian Music & Movies
- New Vacuum
- Beverage Cooler for Dining Room
- Dental Care
- Kitchen Items:
  - Oil & Grease
  - Onions & Potatoes
  - Stew Meat

God always provides. Amen!

## Mr. Keys Gets ID



Mr. Keys was very excited to open his mail and find his legal identification document. With no social security card, no other valid ID, and no birth certificate; this accomplishment was not an easy task. Seven years ago, he had lost all of his documentation and didn't know what to do to get new ones. After several months of trying, we were finally able to meet the requirements. God is so good.

## Expectant Heart



This past month, we had the honor of donating bottled water to this wonderful pro-life, Christ-centered ministry. Expectant Heart Pregnancy Resource Center was founded in 2011 on the belief that no one should go through a pregnancy alone. They provide services such as: pregnancy tests, equipping classes, counseling, just-for-men classes, mentorship programs, emotional support, and option counseling. All their services are free of charge, confidential, and available regardless of income, race or religion. If you would like to get involved with this wonderful organization, visit their website at [www.expectantheart.org](http://www.expectantheart.org) or call them at 903-931-3124.



## July Birthdays:

On July 14th, Mrs. Meyer and her assistants hosted the July birthday party for our residents, Robert, Paul and Michael.

## October Fundraiser:

Mark your calendars now for our Second Chances fundraiser on October 5th featuring Jim "The Rookie" Morris. This event will be held at the new Spring Hill High Gymnasium. It is a free event and love offerings will be accepted. Visit our website for more information.



## High Island Missions:

A group of youth and adults from Whitehouse Assembly of God Church participated in a mission trip to HOD High Island. They worked hard painting the newly remodeled rooms and also joined with the youth at First Baptist Crystal Beach for a special project. Thanks guys for all your hard work!

## Director Attends Training

Our Senior Program Director, Brett Foster, had the privilege of attending the Texas Behavioral Health Institute Annual Conference in Austin this past month. This is an excellent opportunity to learn from nationally recognized experts, discover available resources, and network with other professionals. The East Texas Council of Alcohol and Drug Abuse sponsored Brett, who previously received his certification as a Peer Recovery Coach. Brett will bring the skills he learned back to HOD to help our programmers in their recovery. He also has plans to further his education and become a Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor.

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**MEGA SALE**  
**\$1 items**

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## Upcoming Events

**Saturday, Aug 17 / 7 PM**

HOD Band - C.O.O.L. Church, Houston, TX

**Wednesday, Aug 21 - Thursday, Aug 22 / 6 PM**

HOD Band - ETX Treatment Facility, Henderson, TX

**Sunday, Sept 8 / 6 PM**

HOD Band - Johnston Prison, Winnsboro, TX

**Thursday, Sept 12 / 7 AM**

HOD Band - Polunsky Prison, Livingston, TX

**Saturday, Sept 14 - Sunday, Sept 15 / TBD**

HOD Band - Refuge Church, Denison, TX

**Wednesday, Sept 18 - Thursday, Sept 19 / 6 PM**

HOD Band - ETX Treatment Facility, Henderson, TX