



WISEMAN MINISTRIES, INC.

NEWSLETTER

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"If for only one"

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.



February Servant Leaders:
Steven K. and Bill B.



March Servant Leader:
Leslie H.



Highlights



Tim Wiseman is pictured signing the contract on our new Recovery & Restoration Farm.
Picture by: Michael Cavazos, Longview News Journal



New Beginnings Church provided our residents with a feast from the Olive Garden.

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Residents and staff threw a celebration service honoring Ms. Meyer, who is retiring from hosting our monthly birthday parties.



Our residents were treated to a delicious mouth-watering feast catered by Catfish On Wheels.

"From the Heart" by Tim Wiseman, Executive Director

"Since our recent expansion and acquisition of a farm, the scripture 1 Corinthians 3:6 has a whole new meaning to me. The realization of our need for God to provide an increase, year after year, now comes in two forms: souls & blackberries. Here is the encouraging part for all of us: The results? Well, that's left up to God. That's His part. Our part is simple: be willing to plant and water grace, love and compassion into other people's lives as opportunities present themselves. Don't be concerned when someone does not respond favorably to your kind gesture. In due season, God will do His part to grow the seeds we plant. Keep believing. God's love never fails."



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"My Story" by Leslie Hooker

My name is Leslie Hooker and I have just completed the program at the House of Disciples. I'm a recovering alcoholic and drug addict. I grew up in Jacksonville, Texas, and came from a good family. My dad was a World War II veteran and my mother was a piano teacher. I have two brothers and a sister. Alcohol and drugs played a big part in my life. From my first taste of beer, my life went to hell. I had good jobs and more opportunities than most people, only to lose it all because of my addiction. Watching my mother lie in a hospital bed for 30 days before dying, took a toll on me as a 19-year-old. She was a good mother and made a big influence on all of us children. For many years, I hated God for taking my mother and rebelled. That is when my real roller-coaster began. I drank hard and strong and did plenty of drugs. I wanted to commit suicide, but couldn't pull the trigger. I was mad at the world, so I self-destructed everything in my path. I had everything and lost it all, due to my crazy thinking and bad choices. My family

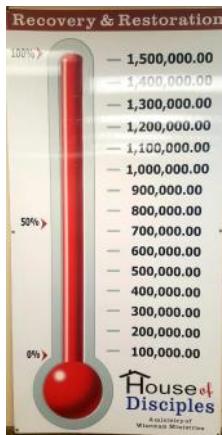


didn't want me around because of the way I acted. Then one day as I was driving down the road I thought to myself, "Oh God, please help me because the devil is trying to kill me." I wanted to change, but I didn't know how. I spoke with Brett Foster and he told me about the House of Disciples. On April 9, 2015, I checked myself into the program. I struggled some at first, because of the rules and I was hard-headed. Things finally started to make sense, after I began hearing the Word of God, and soon I turned my life completely over to God. I put my trust and faith in the Lord and for the first time, I am free. Since I've been at HOD, I have been blessed many times over. I thank God for His grace. If it wasn't for HOD, I would probably be dead or in prison. Today I have a new life. This is what I have to do to stay clean and sober: 1) stay connected, 2) be around positive people, 3) attend Celebrate Recovery, 4) talk with my sponsor, and 5) go to church. Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength."

House of Disciples Life Recovery Center



FARM EXPANSION PROJECT



As of April 1, 2016, we have raised \$1.5 million through donations and three-year pledges and have purchased this farm.

"Recovery and Restoration" is the first fundraising campaign of Wiseman Ministries, Inc. The reason: we operate at 80% self-sufficiency. Considering this expansion is already an income-producing farm, we will be able to continue reaching our 80% self-sufficient mark. This campaign will allow us to house 40 men on 150 acres with room to grow and expand.

Since 2003, Wiseman Ministries, Inc. has been active in outreach to those seeking freedom from life-controlling issues. In 2008, Wiseman Ministries founded House of Disciples Life Recovery Center in Longview, Texas and, along with our local community, we've grown beyond our walls. Now,



Wiseman Ministries is growing House of Disciples to serve the greater East Texas area with a 150-acre farm.

This expansion will allow us to teach life skills, such as farming, welding, mechanics, logistics and livestock care. Furthermore, we will provide character building opportunities through faith-based studies and life recovery classes.

There are still opportunities that exist to help us with renovations and remodeling thru Naming Opportunities, pledges, and one-time donations. The reason for the naming opportunities is to improve the conditions of the existing buildings and giving local businesses or individuals the opportunity to support House of Disciples while advertising their business as well.

Please consider partnering with us in this expansion project. You can contact us by email at info@wisemanministries.com or call 903-234-8017. You can also visit our website for more information: www.houseofdisciples.com.



February Birthdays:



Wes J. & Jon M.
with Ms. Meyer

March Birthday:



Daniel P. with Ms. Meyer.

How You Can Help:

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

Gifts of Grace Resale

Monthly Promotions:

- Every Tuesday: 10% Senior Discount Day
- Every Wednesday: Double Punch on Frequent Shopper Cards
- Last Friday of Month: \$7 Fill-A-Bag Sale

Be watching for special promotions and discounts for our Anniversary Celebration coming in June.

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