



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.



October Servant Leader:
Roman M.



November Servant Leaders:
Dustin T., Justin K.,
Mitchell S., and Kenny W.



FBC 5th & 6th Graders Volunteer at GOG

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Highlights



Chinn Guitar Project donated another three guitars to the House of Disciples in Longview.



The Lion's Club and Albertsons donated an \$800 shopping spree to Wiseman Ministries.



Super 1 Foods donated hams to the House of Disciples to help with our holiday meals.



Olive Garden provided dinner and New Beginnings hosted a service and donated toiletries.

“From the Heart” by Tim Wiseman, Executive Director

I rarely watch the news, other than catching a few minutes in passing. However, this past election intrigued me and I found myself keeping the different news stations constantly on around my house and office. Maybe I have been in a cave and completely oblivious to the oppositions of political parties, cultures, and religious groups. But I have to say that I have been awakened by all that I have seen and heard. I struggled to watch the debates because of the personal attacks. I cringed each time I watched an interview with an activist. Having differences is a part of our society and is what makes us unique as individuals and children of God. Disagreements are to be expected. Confrontations are healthy. However, it is disappointing to see the level of immaturity among the influential people in our country that have no filter and drop personal attacks against others. In these times when groups from around the world seek to harm us and rejoice over our hardships, unity should be our aim. The Bible makes it clear that we should pray and respect the leaders of our country; whether we agree or disagree with them. The Bible also teaches us that the authorities that are in place have been given by God (Romans 13:1). Let's do our part and pray for each other. Let's support and serve the greatest country on earth, America. And let's glorify God by giving our life to Him, fully surrendered and ready for His call.

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2016 Overall Year-End Statistics

Because of your support, 2016 was another incredible year of watching God provide for each and every need without fail. Preliminary year-end numbers show that we received over **\$665,000** in monetary donations. We had **169** men come to our facility to receive food, clothing, shelter and most importantly - hope in Christ. We had **12** men graduate from the Life Recovery Program and **27** men continued in our After Care Program. We had **84** inmates receive discipleship monthly through our Restorative Justice Program at TDCJ. In June, **34** inmates graduated the program. **306** volunteers served in one of our ministry outlets. We served **60,060** meals in-house, through our program, and we served **10,600** meals to the community. Through our Gifts of Grace Resale Store, we had **157** individuals and families in need receive vouchers for clothing and/or household items. Through Isaiah 58 Farms, we were able to provide seasonal employment for **65** harvesters,

offer a Vacation Bible School to **20** of their children, and provide Crisis Relief for families who lost their home and belongings to fire, floods and other devastating events. Praise God!



This past year held some great blessings. We purchased a blackberry farm after a successful fundraising campaign. We opened a second location for our Gifts of Grace Resale Store. Staff members, Josh Brooks and Jodi Maine, were married in September. Mobberly Baptist Church began a beautification project at our facility. We just recently acquired a women and children's facility in Corsicana, Texas, called House of Refuge. In addition, not only were we able to continue reducing debt but also covered normal operating expenses. Thank you for your continued support and prayers. We know 2017 is going to be another great year of ministry.

October Birthdays:



Jeremy W., Troy H., Kerry W., Aaron H., Cody L., Dustin T., and Andrew H.

November Birthdays:



Patrick A., Kenny W., and Chad B.

Gifts of Grace



Gifts of Grace Resale Store was honored to have students from Longview Christian Academy volunteer at both of their locations. Students sorted through donations, tidied shelves, and cleaned the sales floor. If you or your group would like to volunteer, contact GOG at 903-297-4302.

Volunteer Highlight

Our Volunteer Highlight for Nov/Dec is Sean and Tracey Goram-Welch. Sean teaches a fatherhood class and is a mentor for some of our residents. Tracey and her staff at Sport Clips offer free haircuts to the men in our program. They are a wonderful and loving couple whose kindness does not go overlooked. If you would like to volunteer in any way, please contact our office at 903-553-0952.



Holiday Celebrations



We would like to thank everyone who participated in this year's Thanksgiving and Christmas celebrations. From those that donated food, to those who volunteered their time, to those that donated gifts for the residents, thank you for helping to make this season a joyous one for our men.



"My Story" by Darrin Peoples

My name is Darrin Peoples. I was born December 15, 1968, in Denison, Texas. I have 2 brothers and 1 sister. We were raised Baptist. I was saved when I was 8 years old. I was in the church choir, church camp, and VBS. I was a good student in school up until High School when I smoked my first joint. The alcohol and drugs led me to dropout and I did not get my GED until eight years later. My alcohol and drug use escalated until I was twenty-five when I checked into a treatment facility. I stayed sober for 11 months. I had many friends and we partied a lot, which led me back into my addiction. I would get sober for a while and then fall right back into my addiction over and over again. I met my ex-wife when I was 5 years sober and working in Fort Worth. She was going through a divorce and we met in N.A. We were together for 7 years. My mom got sick with cancer in 2008 and we moved to Denton to be close to her. After my mother passed away, we move to Burleson, Texas. Our marriage was strained and we grew apart and ended up in divorce. At this time, I was treated for pain management for a back injury and I got hooked on the pain medication. In December of 2011, I moved back to Denison. I was on unemployment for 2 years. My



addiction took root again. In 2014, I was shooting meth every day. Needless to say, I lost everything and ended up homeless. I was walking around and begging for money. By chance, I stumbled into Golden Corral and got a free meal and a phone number for a church in Denison called The Refuge. The next day I made contact with the pastor. He contacted Nate with HOD. He told me that there was a place in Longview and that they had a bed open. Nate came and picked me up and drop me off at the bus station with a one-way ticket. Chris, a resident driver, picked me up at the bus station in Longview and brought me to the House of Disciples. That was July 21st of last year. This past year I've been blessed with a place to live, new glasses, food, clothing, and great godly men who have become very dear to me. I was blessed to sing with the band for the Special Friends Ministry at First Baptist Church. Jer. 29:11, "I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord. Plans to prosper you, not to harm you. Plans to give you a hope and a future." My life is just getting started. I can hardly wait to see what lies ahead because God's word always produces good fruit. He pulled me out of the dark and brought me into the light of His love and mercy.

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

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