



WISEMAN MINISTRIES, INC. NEWSLETTER

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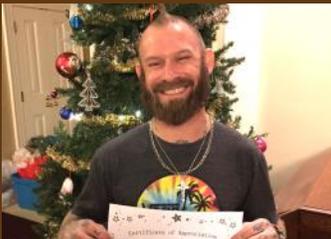
“If for only one”

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.



December Servant Leader:
Michael D.



January Servant Leaders:
Aaron H. and Michael M.



Runners prepare at House of Refuge 5k

Highlights



Miss Texas and Mrs. Texas attend the 3rd Annual 5k & 1 Mile Run for House of Refuge - Corsicana.



Thank you Mobblerly Baptist for donating a van to I58 Farms. This will help them get to church.



Wiseman Ministries was honored to help provide a bus for Rahab's Retreat & Ranch ministry.



Jensing with Gifts of Grace sets up a booth at Pursuing Eden Rentals.

“From the Heart” by Tim Wiseman, Executive Director

It has been my prayer since the inception of House of Disciples, that one day we could also minister to women and children. God has answered our prayer by allowing us this incredible opportunity to merge House of Refuge with House of Disciples. House of Refuge has been a staple in Navarro County for over 30 years. Wes and Liz Haefs have been dear friends of mine since I was a teenager. It is truly a great honor and awesome responsibility to carry on the legacy the Haefs have established. We hope the Lord will entrust us with another 30 and more years of service to women and children in Navarro County. Please continue to pray for us as we move into this new realm of serving God's people.



Ministries Include:



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House of Refuge - Corsicana

In January 1985, God called Wes and Liz Haefs to begin a ministry to anyone who needed a helping hand, but primarily to discover his or her only true Help is in the Lord. The facility at 627 W. Collin, Corsicana was in severe disrepair but was offered by a local church, so taking that first step of faith, we opened the doors. With no water or heat, we received our first residents the first weekend we were there. Within the first four months, 39 people were living in the house along with the Haefs' family of five. G.O.A.L. Ministries was born and incorporated as a 501c3 under the name Glimpses of Agape Love in May 1985. It was their prayer that all who stayed at the House of Refuge would find a glimpse of God's love and discover a hope and future in Him. The Lord refined and honed down the ministry to chiefly include battered and abused women and children, unwed mothers and financially destitute families. They were not able to accommodate single men. The miracles over the past 32 years are too numerous to enumerate, but God has so evidently carried the ministry. He led Wes back into the pastorate in 2007 in a small rural church outside Pittsburg, TX. They commuted back and forth leaving the daily administration of the ministry in the capable hands of a God-called, compassionate couple, Grady and Joann Pierson. But as Wes approached 70 years of age and Liz not far behind, they began to earnestly pray during 2016 concerning how the Lord might raise up younger and more equipped leadership to carry on the original vision. They laid the prayer request before



Wes & Liz / Joann & Grady



House of Refuge Facility

our Advisory Board made up of representatives from supporting churches in late November. Within literally one week of the prayer going forth, God began to move rapidly. God brought the name of Tim Wiseman and Wiseman Ministries to their minds and with one phone call began the miraculous unfolding of His plan. Tim was a former student at Corsicana Christian Academy where Wes and Liz taught and their children attended school. As a teenager, Tim was well aware of the ministry of the House of Refuge. He and others from Corsicana had been lead of God to found the House of Disciples in Longview, Texas. The Haefs had reconnected with Tim and watched, prayed and volunteered as the Lord built a strong and powerful ministry at HOD. Within 3 days of that one phone call, God began to confirm in multiple ways to the Wiseman Ministries board and the Executive and Advisory Boards of GOAL ministries, that a merging of the two would expand God's Kingdom purposes and bring glory to Him. So it was with praise to our Father God, that GOAL Executive Board of Wes Haefs, John Allen and Liz Haefs became emeritus with Wiseman Ministries taking our respective roles on Dec. 26, 2016. The best is yet to come!

December Birthdays:



Michael D. and Brandon W.

January Birthdays:



Brandon W., Colton S., Beau G. and Caleb J.

Know, Share, Multiply

How You Can Help:

- Pray for us
- Donate Toiletries
- Donate Can Goods
- 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

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Gifts of Grace



Gifts of Grace Resale Store would like to congratulate Mr. & Mrs. Moore for winning our Frequent Shopper prize. They are long time patrons of our establishment. We love to see their smiling faces and share some great conversation. GOG accepts donations of gently used clothes, furniture, and household items. Donate, Shop, Support our two locations.

Volunteer Highlight

Our Volunteer Highlight for Jan/ Feb is Elsie "Mimi" Spurlock. Mimi has partnered with us for many years. She is truly a blessing. Once a month she cooks lunch at HOD and she brings lunch to our Gifts of Grace staff every other Thursday. She and her friends regularly minister at our Friday Night Service, singing and performing dramas. Her kindness is not overlooked and we pray she will be blessed. If you would like to volunteer in any way, please contact our office at 903-553-0952.



Mobberly Remodels



We would like to thank Mobberly Baptist Church for taking on a large beautification project at HOD in Longview. Their team of volunteers have replaced the retaining walls by the street and have repainted the exterior of the facility. This is a tremendous blessing and we cannot thank them enough.



"My Story" by Richard Thompson

My name is Richard Thompson and I can't believe this is my life. Growing up I knew there was a God, but I wasn't sure if He loved me. The only example of love I had was the families I was tossed around to. One of my biggest fears was coming home to find that everyone had moved away while I was in school and I would be left to fend for myself. I would have a reoccurring dream that I would be at a one hundred foot super slide, overlooking the top edge and I would wake up right before I hit the ground. This dream has been very characteristic of my life. I was a people pleaser, so I would give you what you wanted, even if it was bad for you. I was trying to find love, only to find myself alone once again. When I first came to House of Disciples I didn't want to be here. In my mind, I felt I was better



than this place. I felt I would lose everything I had fought so hard to hold on to. However looking back, I have gained so much more than I've lost. I now know that God loves me more than anyone ever could. He reveals Himself and His power to me. He opens doors that allow me to grow closer to the person I was created to be. Without House of Disciples, I find it hard to believe that I would have made it. I love House of Disciples as well as the people who acted on God's calling to form it. I am forever grateful and now have; love, a respect for myself, and hope in a future. I know that God is doing a new thing in my life, even when I can't see it. I encourage you to guard your thoughts, think big and be specific in your prayers. Philippians 4:13, "I can do all this through him who gives me strength."

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