# WISEMAN MINISTRIES, INC. Newsletter

#### **NOV- DEC 2019 ISSUE**

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#### WE EXIST TO FULFILL MATTHEW 25 & ISAIAH 58 BY PROVIDING: FOOD TO THE HUNGRY; CLOTHING TO THE NEEDY; SHELTER TO THE HOMELESS; MINISTRY TO THOSE IN PRISON AND LIBERTY TO THOSE CONTROLLED BY ADDICTIONS.

## Highlights

#### **Grace Partners:**

Wiseman Ministries, Inc. is a non-profit, 501(c)3 organization. EIN 26-1524401

Our ministry operates solely on donations from individuals, churches, businesses, and organizations.

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.



Above: Thanksgiving at I58 Farms Below: Super 1 Foods made a generous donation of Hams for the Holidays. Above: Our residents engaged in a student-centered instructional strategy called "Fishbowl" Below: Longview Lions Club hosted a shopping spree at Albertson's





GOAL : \$2 million AMOUNT RAISED: \$289,480

#### "From the Heart" by Tim Wiseman, Executive Director

There is a scene in a super hero movie when an army comes out to face off against him. The super hero stands firm and still. The army lines up with their artillery, tanks and guns and takes aim. In a moment's notice the army blasts away. Dust is flying everywhere. Explosions are going off all around. After several minutes the army suddenly halts to let the dust clear and see what carnage is left. To their surprise, the super hero is still standing in the same spot, untouched and unharmed. They shot at him, but never shot him. This scene reminds me of how the enemy will often come at us to attack. He throws all of his arsenal at us to kill, steal and destroy. And if there is anything I've learned, it's not a matter of "if", but "when".



We will face difficult times and each one carries its own degree of challenges. But we have a promise from God that He is faithful to provide, protect and bring us through. If you are under attack by individuals, Isaiah 54:17 promises no weapon formed against you will prosper and every tongue that rises against you in judgement will be proven to be in the wrong. If you are facing health issues, Isaiah 53:5 allows us to apply His blood to our healing. If you lack resources, Philippians 4:19 teaches us that He will supply all your needs according to His riches. Whatever season we are in, God has the answers and the willingness to walk through it with us. So fight all your battles on your knees, stand on His promises and you will see victory every time.



## "My Story" by David Gilliland

I grew up with an alcoholic Dad and my parents split up at an early age. I had issues with being accepted and had a low self esteem from some physical and developmental issues. In 7th grade my mom met my Stepfather and things changed. Not having a good father in my life really affected me more than I knew. When I was 14, we moved to a town close to Austin. I met some people who accepted me. That's when I started drinking. I started breaking into beer stores and got caught and put on probation which led me to prison. I did over 6 years and

became a bitter man. Soon I began doing drugs, smoking weed and drinking. Then I discovered meth and it cured my stutter and gave me the confidence that I always lacked. When I wanted to speak, my words flowed without a flaw. I found myself at 47 years old and had been to prison 3 times for 14 1/2 years. Then I caught another charge. I did 3 months in County and got out on a P. R. Bond and I knew I didn't want to continue to live this way. That is when I came to HOD to turn my life around. The courts wanted to give me 15 years but God had other



have gotten out of jail and went right back to the same lifestyle but I chose to start over. He gave me another opportunity at life. Since I've been here, God has had favor on me. I graduated and was recently hired to coordinate logistics for Isaiah 58 Farms. Through God, HOD, 158 Farms and all the new friends and family I have here, I don't have to live like I used to

said I could

### DID YOU KNOW:

We started in 2003 as an Outreach Team ministering to the least, last and lost. We received our Non-Profit Charity status in 2006. We began our residential program, House of Disciples Life Recovery Center in 2008.

## **Resident** Life

Christmas is such a special time of year. Our residents with children were blessed by Pathway Church with gifts. They enjoyed taking the time to wrap each gift. Write "Thank you" cards. Thank you to those who donated. You make it possible for these guys to make memories for themselves and their children. If you or your group would like to donate visit www.wisemanministries.com/ donate



## How You Can Help:

- Pray for us
- Donate Toiletries
- Donate Can Goods
- Volunteer
- Become a Mentor
- Become a Grace Partner

## 2019 STATISTICS



177 MEN CAME TO OUR LIFE-RECOVERY CENTER



84 MEN WERE IN OUR RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PROGRAM WITH TDCJ





MEN GRADUATED OUR LIFE-RECOVERY PROGRAM



1) VOLUNTEERS SERVED EACH MONTH



300.000+ MEALS WERE DONATED TO 40 ORGANIZATIONS



MEN CONTINUED ONTO OUR AFTER CARE PROGRAM



INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES **RECEIVED VOUCHERS** 







YEARS SERVING OUR COMMUNITY



Don't miss our weekly discounts:

- Every Tuesday: 10% Senior Discount Day
- Every Wednesday: Double Punch on **Frequent Shopper Cards**

#### Sales:

- Feb 28th-29th \$10 Fill-A-BAG
- Mar 27th-28th \$10 Fill-A-BAG



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