

**“If for only one”  
Luke 5:4-7**

### How You Can Help:

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

### 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.



Congratulations to James K., Connor D. and Robert M. for receiving certificates for being Servant Leaders for the month of December.



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## 2013 Preliminary Report

Because of your support, 2013 was another tremendous year of watching God provide for each and every need without fail. Preliminary year-end numbers show that we received over **\$155,000** in monetary donations. We had **130** men come to our facility to receive food, clothing, shelter and most importantly – hope in Christ. We had **8** men graduate from the Life Recovery Program. An average of **164** volunteers served each month in one of our ministry outlets. We served **38,500** meals in-house, through our program, of which all was done with your food donations. With the help from our partners at Harvest Outreach Ministries, we had **27** Food Box giveaways this year; where on average, **250** families were helped at each giveaway. Through our Gifts of Grace Resale Store, we had **120** individuals and families in need receive vouchers for clothing



and/or household items.

The House of Disciples band had **57** outreaches/ministry opportunities with over **10,000** in attendance and **2,068** responded to Christ. Out of that, the band ministered at **3** different prisons, with close to **5,500** inmates in attendance. Praise God!

This past year held some great blessings. We sold our Shreveport facility and received a donation of a building called the Inspiration House, which will be used for AA and other classes, as well as much needed office space. Your donations also made it possible to begin operations at our new House of Disciples branch in High Island, Texas. 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 2014 is going to be another great year of ministry.

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



One of my all time favorite songs is the Heart of Worship by Matt Redmon. The lyrics to the chorus: “I’m coming back to the heart of worship and it’s all about You; all about You, Jesus. I’m sorry Lord for the thing I’ve made it, when it’s all about You. It’s all about You, Jesus.” For 2014, my personal theme is “I’m coming back to the heart of worship”. There is no better time than now for me to check my pulse and make sure it is still beating hard for Christ and people. So often we can get caught up in routine and tasks that we forget why we are

evening doing what we are doing. I want 2014 to be a very effective year for the kingdom of God. Where that starts is with a heart check. Is it truly all about Jesus, or have I allowed a little too much me to creep in? Do I perceive my service to others as a form of worship to God or am I looking for a pat on the back? Am I still making myself vulnerable; living openly and transparent with those I lead or am I allowing the fear of rejection to box me up? These are just some of the questions I’m asking during this month of self-evaluation. The line in the chorus that states, “I’m sorry Lord for the thing I’ve made it, when it’s all about You. It’s all

about You, Jesus.” I’m finding myself repenting because my worship, my seeking and my prayer time had become about what I could get from Him, rather than for who He is to me. I want a true heart of worship where I come into His presence because of who He is to me. It’s all about Jesus. Do you find yourself only praying when there is a great need in your life? Do your prayers only consist of asking for the material things in life that you want? Has praying and bible reading become more of a challenge and hassle? You may need a heart check, as I have, to bring your worship back to its true place- It’s all about Jesus.

## Leadership Conference

Wiseman Ministries' staff and leadership team participated in Leadership Conference 2014 to review the 2013 year of ministry and make plans for a successful 2014. There were 15 leaders in attendance from House of Disciples, the HOD Band and Gifts of Grace Resale Store. A number of formats were featured at this year's leadership conference starting with a group session led by Executive Director, Tim Wiseman; followed by three breakout sessions; and concluding with a roundtable discussion. This was a great jump-start to the new year and built camaraderie and enthusiasm.



## Shawn's Testimony



My name is Shawn and I was a resident at the House of Disciples. I may not have graduated the program, but the time I spent there, changed my life forever. When I was at my worst, they took me in. At that time I had nothing. I felt hopeless. They showed me hope in God. Now I have a beautiful wife, a 16-month-old baby girl, two great step-daughters and I now see my other two girls. Special thanks to Tim Wiseman, Phill and JennJenn Briggs, Mike and Wanda Smith, and Jody and Jensing. I would also like to thank Pathway Church. I love you all. If you are struggling or need a friend, call HOD. It will change your life. To GOD be the glory. Let His will be done.

## LFA Food Giveaway



The House of Disciples has the honor of assisting with the food giveaway through Longview First Assembly Church on the second Thursday of each month. Attendees have the opportunity to attend a short service with refreshments before the food is distributed to each car. What a tremendous blessing this is to the community.



**Christmas Party:** On Tuesday, December 17, Mrs. Meyer hosted a Christmas Party for our residents. Pictured are John and Kyle receiving their gifts.



**Lions Club Donation:** We would like to thank the Lions Club and Albertsons Grocery Store for their recent donation. We were able to purchase almost a \$1000 worth of much needed groceries. Praise God!

## HOD Band Update

The House of Disciples Band had four ministry events this month. The band ministered at the East Texas Treatment Facility in Henderson on Wednesday, the 18th, with 248 male offenders in attendance and on Thursday, the 19th, with 150 female offenders in attendance. They ministered on the 29th at the First Baptist Church in Longview (pictured) and on the 31st at New Beginnings Church for their Celebrate Recovery's New Year's Eve Celebration.



## Gifts of Grace



This past month, Gifts of Grace Resale Store provided over a dozen clothing vouchers to those in need and distributed 7 pallets of free water. Gifts of Grace accepts donations of gently used clothes, furniture and housewares, which they then offer at a reasonable price to the community. Proceeds support the House of Disciples. If you have a donation, contact GOG. Donation receipts are provided for tax purposes.

## Pathway Angel Tree

All of our residents at the House of Disciples would like to thank Pathway Church and its congregation for their generosity. Parishioners bought presents for the children of every HOD resident. The fathers were then able to wrap the Christmas gifts and give them to their kids. The church even paid for postage for gifts that had to be mailed. May God bless everyone who participated in this marvelous act of kindness.



## Connor D. Baptized:

This past month, Connor D. was baptized by Pastor Cary Hilliard of First Baptist Church in Longview. Connor is an amazing guy with a lot of compassion for others.



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## Volunteers Needed

We are always in need of volunteers at the House of Disciples and Gifts of Grace Resale Store. From group projects, to regular rotations, there is something for you to do. Duties range from food service, answering the phones, sorting donated items, working as a cashier at the store, teaching a class, to being a peer mentor for our men. If you are interested in helping in any way, give us a call today.



## Upcoming Events

**Friday, Jan 4 / 7:00 PM**

Elsie Spurlock - Fri Night Live at HOD-Longview

**Friday, Jan 10 / 7:00 PM**

Jacob Ramos from FBC - Fri Night Live at HOD-Longview

**Wednesday, Jan 15 / 12:00 - 3:00 PM**

HOD Band - Longview Christian School - Chapel

**Friday, Jan 17 / 7:00 PM**

Chuck Roberts - Fri Night Live at HOD-Longview

**Friday, Jan 24 / 7:00 PM**

KT & Sunshine Band - Fri Night Live at HOD-Longview

**Friday, Jan 31 / 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM**

Gifts of Grace Resale Store - \$5 Fill-A-Bag Sale