

# WISEMAN MINISTRIES, INC. NEWSLETTER

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## “If for only one” Luke 5:4-7

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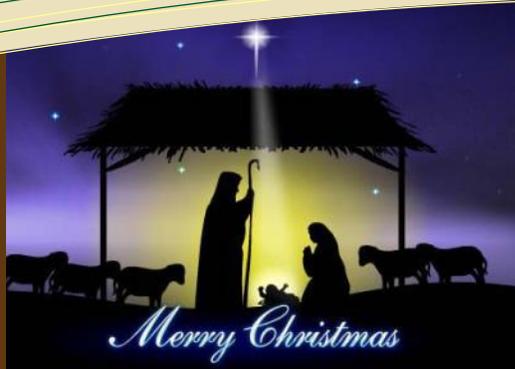
Wiseman Ministries, Inc. is a non-profit, 501c(3) organization. Our ministry operates solely on donations from individuals, churches, businesses and organizations. Please prayerfully consider becoming a Grace Partner. As a Grace Partner, you join with us to fulfill Matthew 25 & Isaiah 58 by providing 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 Gary G. for receiving a certificate for being a Servant Leader during the month of November.



## “My Story” by Steve Justice, HOD Program Resident



My name is Steve. I was born in Houston and raised most of my childhood in Jasper, Texas. It was so far back in the woods they had to pump in sunlight. Right after I was born, my father joined the Marines and left for California. I was about 2 or 3 years old when he came back and from then on, I was told that my parents had problems. He was in and out of the picture, so I was primarily raised by my mom in the early years. My mother's family were drinkers, so that's what I was raised around. I took my first drink when I was about 13 years old. When I took that drink something happened. It was like a marriage. It was a warm and loving type of effect. Little did I know that it released a demon that I would fight for the next 44 years. At times, we would drive into town and pass by our kinfolks' house and see my uncle passed out along the road. He, his son and my best friend all died from alcoholism. Soon after his death, we moved to Dallas and my mom started drinking pretty heavily. She became the worst alcoholic I have ever seen. As a result, my brother and I were neglected to the point that our home stayed trashed. I remember her getting drunk and mad and yelling at me. When I started jr. high, my father's job demanded moving to Singapore. Our alcoholism increased and I failed terribly in school. We stayed about a year and then returned. I remember it was beautiful over there. The gardens and animals were unique. After a year back in the States, we left for Korea. There I was introduced to pot, which led to stronger drugs. In high school, I became a football and track star. You might say while I was popular with everyone, the beast inside

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me was growing stronger. We left Korea and came back to the States, where I was trained to be a machinist and became very skilled. I later met a beautiful woman who became my wife. She also liked to drink and I had become a full-fledged functioning alcoholic. We soon had a gorgeous daughter who later became a lawyer. Shortly after she was born, we were introduced to meth. This brought destruction in the lives of all three of us. At that time, we owned 3 houses, boats, cars and a lot of stuff. We slowly started losing it piece by piece, until it was all gone. The downward spiral soon led to the loss of my wife and daughter. Over the years I remarried and divorced several more times. My drinking led me on a roller coaster ride. Due to my training and skills, I had many business opportunities from all over the United States. Boeing called me from Washington State and wanted me to head up a designing and machining project with experimental aircraft parts. I was also asked by some government agency to head up a team of 50 machinists to help repair and rebuild Kuwait. By this time my drinking and drug use was so bad, I could not function and forced me to want to hide. I ended up in 23 different treatment centers and 7 mental institutions. I learned a lot and eventually would even take part in teaching the classes. Finally, I ended up at House of Disciples. I believe this is where God wanted me to be all along. At the House of Disciples, I truly trusted in Christ and He healed me, molded me, and is still working on me to become the man that He wants me to be. I thank God for HOD. Their ministry truly comes from the heart. I pray this helps other people know Christ, because He is the only way to our Father in Heaven. God bless us all.

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

I would like to convey my sincere thanks to you for your thoughtfulness in supporting Wiseman Ministries, Inc. in 2014. It was so kind of you to give of your time, wisdom and finances. I join together with the staff, board and

the many lives that are touched by your generosity, your spirit, and your willingness to help us help others. We are indeed blessed to have you in our lives. As we end the year, we ask that you consider making a year end

donation to help us end strong and realize our 2014 financial goals. We are still \$14,000 short of our goal this year. Our future has so much in store and we are so thankful that you have chosen to partner with us. Thank you!

## Remodel of Showers

HOD is getting an update on its shower room. When finished, it will have three new stalls, new cabinets and a countertop made by Garrett Construction. God always provides and this time He brought us Gary G., who has been overseeing the project with his many years of construction experience. We know the men will be grateful for the updated showers. Look for the full story coming February 2015.



## Pine Tree Food Drive



House of Disciples was invited to Pine Tree Elementary School on Monday where the students had recently completed a food drive. Over 1,700 items were awarded to House of Disciples, and we would like to say thank you to the school and a special thank you to Connie Harper for her supervision of the process.

## Volunteer Highlight

Our Volunteer Highlight for the month of December is Gail Turner and her team at Sport Clips located on Gilmer Road in Longview. They give all the residents at House of Disciples free hair cuts. We are thankful they give of their time to be a blessing to our residents. For more information about volunteering opportunities at HOD, call our office at 903-553-0952.



## November Birthdays:



November's birthday boys are John V. and Jacob K. The celebration, hosted by Carol Meyer, is a monthly event where each resident with a birthday is sung to by the entire house, given a special gift and prayer.

## MERRY CHRISTMAS



**November Baptisms:** This past month, Cody B. and Andrew B. made decisions to follow Christ through water baptism. They were baptized by Pastor Hilliard of First Baptist Church-Longview and we are overjoyed in their choice to put God first in their lives.

## December Drive

As it gets cold this season, we are seeing more and more people coming to visit us at our ministry center in need of blankets, toiletries and canned food. If you can help in any way, please contact the House of Disciples at 903-553-0952, or you can drop by any toiletries, blankets or canned food items at either the House of Disciples or Gifts of Grace Resale Store. God bless you.



## Thanksgiving Feasts



The residents of the House of Disciples were blessed with two Thanksgiving feasts this past month. The first was from the M.A.C. Sunday School class at First Baptist Church - Longview and the next was from members at New Beginnings Church. For information about how your group can provide a meal for the residents at HOD, please contact our office at 903-553-0952.

## HOD High Island



On Sunday, November 16, two of our High Island program residents, Eddie and Austin, were baptized at Cornerstone Church in Winnie by Pastor Kevin. We are pleased that they decided to follow the Lord in water baptism. Also, this past month, the HOD-HI men caught enough fish to enjoy a mouth-watering fish fry.



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## Cardboard City

On November 14th, several of our residents, Tim G., Caleb H., Johnnie C., Stacy G., and Joshua P., lead worship and shared their testimonies for the participants at the Cardboard City event. The annual event was held at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church and was sponsored by the Longview Interfaith Hospitality Network. This event lasts for one night and is a fundraiser and



awareness campaign. L.I.H.N. is a communitywide ministry that supports children and families experiencing homelessness by



helping them achieve their goals and pursue a course to a stable future. Make plans to be a part of this event next year.

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