



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:
Jon D.



November Servant Leader:
Steven K.



Highlights



The Wiseman Ministries team pose for a pic in Riga, Latvia, during their mission trip.

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Gifts of Grace-Denison Store Manager, Eric Endsley, poses with our volunteer, Diana.



Volunteers from Serenity Church serve dinner to our residents.



Residents, graduates and staff of HOD lead worship at the Cardboard Box City fundraiser!

“From the Heart” by Tim Wiseman, Executive Director

I recently read a statement about the interaction we have with others: "There are some people in life that make you laugh a little louder, smile a little bigger and live just a little bit better." If someone in your life makes that kind of an impact on you, consider them a true friend.



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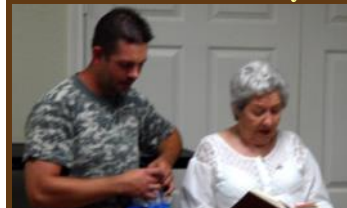
“My Story” by Frankie Tyler, HOD Graduate

My name is Frankie Tyler, 39 years old, from Dry Creek, Louisiana. My childhood consisted of my parents divorcing and moving from one school to another. I seemed to always carry around a feeling of complete helplessness. Although my parents and extended family were, in general, good people, they did not offer me much spiritual or emotional support when I was young and needed it the most. I came to know Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior one evening at vacation bible school. My experience with God was short lived when nobody at home seemed to be interested in it at the time. Both of my parents were successful in their careers so it was drilled into me to work hard and do well for myself. I came to believe that success in life centered only on the idea of working hard. I remember feeling extremely alone and not wanted, which resulted into me becoming a very angry person; all the way into adulthood. I began to drink during my teenage years and that carried on as a way to escape my feelings throughout my adult life. I got married and had three beautiful children. The marriage lasted for thirteen years. It wasn't until my divorce that I realized I didn't



know how to love another person or have a good relationship. I abused alcohol daily and during the latter part of my marriage my drinking became completely unmanageable. My family tried to reach out to me but due to a lack of trust and a relationship with them, I refused to listen to them and they didn't understand what I was going through. Through all of this God was calling me to look to Him as my father. I have fought for the last few years with trusting that even God could help me. Out of desperation, I came to the House of Disciples. Having been to various rehabs in the past, I was very skeptical about the program they offered, but something seemed different about this program. I felt peace for once in my life. I finally feel whole and that I have gained a purpose. I am whole, working on developing a Godly relationship with my kids, making amends to the people that I have hurt throughout the years, and helping those that God puts in my path. Through the House of Disciples, God has restored my life back to me and I will continue to live every day for His Glory. I have recently given my life over to God's ministry and look forward to what He has in store for me.

October Birthday:



Chris B. & Ms. Meyer

November Birthdays:



Wade W., Rudy C., James O., Jayson F. with Ms. Meyer.

HOD Band Update



The HOD Band ministered at the First United Methodist Church in Longview on Oct. 4. From Oct. 14 through 21, the ministry team was in Latvia leading worship at a Teachers Conference and helped process 10,000 Bibles. (The Bibles are pictured in boxes behind the band.) On Oct. 23, the band joined with 3 other bands to minister at a Friday Night Lights event at the First Baptist Church-ROC in Longview. On Nov. 15, the team ministered at the Refuge Church in Denison, Texas.

Volunteer Highlight

Our Volunteer Highlight for Nov/Dec is Rick Cone. Rick teaches in most of our curriculum rotations and serves as a mentor to the residents at HOD. He usually spends at least 3 days a week visiting and providing spiritual support for the men. He also has a construction company and has volunteered many times doing repairs at the facility. He is always ready to lend a hand and we are so thankful for his service. If you would like to volunteer your time in any way, please contact our office at 903-553-0952.



HOD-Texoma Food Drive



Kiddie Kampus Daycare in Denison has begun a food drive that will continue through December. They do this every year to benefit a local organization and this year they chose House of Disciples-Mission Texoma. HOD-MT is currently under renovations with plans to open the Life Recovery Center in 2016. Andrew (pictured on left) is one of our leaders and is helping with community relations. Thank you so much for your support.

How You Can Help:

- Pray for us
- Donate supplies
- 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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“New Hire” Jodi Maine, Detail Shop Manager

My name is Jodi Maine and I'm a new staff member of Wiseman Ministries. I moved to Longview, Texas, at the end of September after seeking out a new chapter in my life with God. Previously, I worked for a guitar and string manufacturer - and spent most of my time "on the road." I oversaw a fleet of mobile concert stages and the shows they were booked for. I travelled all across the country; driving hundreds of thousands of miles. I enjoyed the few years of doing this but needed to make a change. Having a family history of alcoholism, I slipped into the pattern. Alcohol gave me the illusion of a life I thought I wanted. I quickly lost control, and after struggling for a few years, I gave up and asked for God's help. God broke through and captivated my attention. I started wanting to put Him first and please Him - that's when I was able to quit drinking. On March 21st, 2013, I began to walk with Jesus without the distraction of alcohol. Continuing on in the music industry while maintaining sobriety was not ideal. I felt



like the only "adult" most of the time. Trying to follow Christ in such a tough environment left me feeling drained and wanting out. I had no support system. So I quit my job as a step of faith and told God that I just wanted to grow. I moved home and became more intentional in my Christian walk. Some very close friends of mine had moved to Longview to work for a church, and I went to visit them. I told God, "I'd like to consider moving to where my friends are to further my growth. If that's okay, please help me to find a place to live or a job opportunity." The last afternoon of my visit, I met Tim Wiseman. We started talking and wouldn't you know it, Tim offered me a place to live and a possible job. One month later I arrived in Longview with my car and all of my stuff. God blessed me with a new place to call home. I know that this is just the beginning because my prayer was for growth! I'm thankful that God has helped me to break free from alcohol and I'm grateful that he's positioned me for growth by way of working for Wiseman Ministries.