



# WISEMAN MINISTRIES, INC. NEWSLETTER

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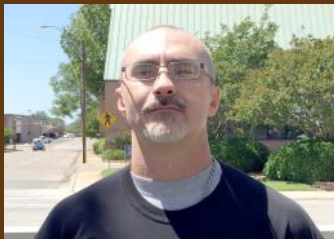
## "If for only one"

### Grace Partners:

Wiseman Ministries, Inc. is a non-profit, 501(c)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.



March Servant Leader:  
Gary B.



April Servant Leader:  
TJ D.



May 2018 Graduates

## Highlights



Residents pose for a photo in front of House of Disciples.

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121 cyclists line up at the start of the 1st Annual Ride for Recovery Event.



Walt Cade from Storage Wars Texas stops by Gifts of Grace Resale Store.



Colonial Hills Baptist Church of Tyler provided dinner and wonderful fellowship.

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

John Maxwell says that when one member of your staff grows in leadership qualities, the whole organization grows. Wiseman Ministries, Inc. is growing! The addition of Dr. Cary Hilliard, to care for our area of development, has taken our ministry to new heights. Not only has he been my pastor and friend, he is now a team member and co-worker. What an honor it is to have Cary on board with us!



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## "My Story" by Winston Ray Dorris

My name is Winston Ray Dorris, and I've been at House of Disciples for about thirteen months. Before I came to HOD, I was lost with no guidance in my life; roaming the streets and finding nothing good for my interest. I was kicked out by my father and dropped off at Burger King with only a bag of clothes and no ID. Do to my drug abuse and behavior, I could not blame him. I did not want to be homeless so I made contact with my mom's side of the family. Reluctantly, my brother ended up taking me in. He didn't have high hopes for me, and neither did I. I was lost in a cycle of marijuana and bad choices. After three months, my brother kicked me out for drinking. I had burned yet another bridge and accomplished nothing. I was dropped off at Highway 80 and continued my labyrinth of mistakes and dead ends. One day after being homeless on and off for two years, I met my cousin Kristopher in the dollar store parking lot. He had been plugged into a church since he was young and wanted to help me get on the right track. He told me about the House of Disciples and I knew



I needed to make a wise decision to change my life for the better. I've been here ever since reaping the benefits that have been provided to me. I was able to build a new stronger work ethic. I have been developing my character and good morals. The hardest thing to learn was that I had a new Christian identity. I realized that I had to drop and forget my past and forge a new future. If your

tired of being tired, and you feel like the past is weighing you down, don't lose hope. For anyone who may be going through what I have, you are not alone. God is always there with you. No matter what you have done, He loves you and will not forsake you. Allow God to direct your future and He will heal and restore relationships that may have seemed completely lost. He will bless you tenfold, just like His Word promises. How do I know this? Well, I've seen this happen in my own life and many other lives at HOD. I would like to thank the House of Disciples, their staff, and everyone at First Baptist Church of Longview.

## April Birthday:



Rosevelt A.

## 158 Farms Update



Isaiah 58 Farms Facility Director, Josh Brooks, has been busy preparing for the harvest but took time to teach the residents how to weld. (pictured) Additionally, 158 Farms has been installing new trellis wire and rows for the blackberries that they planted last year. All of the berries are blooming and the peaches are getting bigger! They are almost ready for their third harvest season!

## Congrats Graduates



We are excited to congratulate all of our graduates. We had 11 men graduate from House of Disciples-Longview, 7 men graduated from our Restorative Justice Program inside Billy Moore Correctional Center, and 4 ladies graduated from House of Refuge in Corsicana.

We want to thank all the teachers, mentors and volunteers that so freely give of their time and talents to make this possible.

## R4R Update

Ride for Recovery was a great success. Thank you to all our sponsors and participants. Because of you, we were able to raise \$5000 for Graciously Broken Ministries, Inc. For more information about Graciously Broken Ministries, Inc. visit [www.graciouslybroken.com](http://www.graciouslybroken.com).



## Welcome Dr. Cary



Please join us in welcoming Dr. Cary Hilliard to Wiseman Ministries, Inc. as Development Director. We are excited to have him as part of our team because of his heart for our organization and his ability to connect with our community.

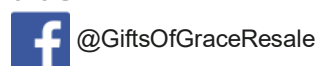
## Gifts of Grace



**May**  
25th | \$7 Fill-A-Bag

**June**  
14th-16th | 20% Off  
Anniversary Sale  
29th | \$7 Fill-A-Bag

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## Volunteer Highlight



Our Volunteer Highlight for March / April is Bruce Hinton. Bruce has served with Wiseman Ministries, Inc. as an advisor, mentor and most recently as Board President. His knowledge and leadership has been invaluable to our growth and development. His dedication to our ministry will be felt for many years to come. Join us in thanking Bruce for all he has done and will continue to do for the kingdom. If you would like to volunteer in any of our ministry outlets, please call our office at 903-553-0952.

## In Memoriam



James (Jim) Franklin Powell  
1941- 2018

Jim Powell, a beloved educator, and principal at the Billy Moore Correctional Center passed away on April 18. Mr. Powell was instrumental in helping us establish our Restorative Justice Program. His legacy is one of unconditional support and caring for his students. He was an honorable man who positively touched the lives of so many. He will be missed.

## 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

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