



# WISEMAN MINISTRIES, INC. NEWSLETTER

NOV / DEC 2018 ISSUE

## "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.

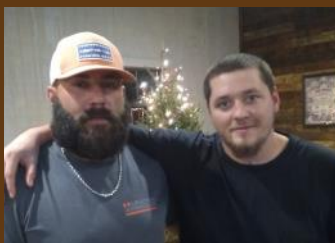
### Mission Statement:

To make disciples who know Christ, share Christ, and multiply Christ in the lives of others.

### NOV / DEC Servant Leaders:



**HOD - Longview:**  
Chad W.



**Isaiah 58 Farms:**  
Brandin W. & Dylan C.



Shipping out Trusses from our Trade School

## Highlights



Jennifer "Jensing" Beddingfield had the honor of sharing about Wiseman Ministries at the Henderson Texas Lions Club.



House of Disciples had a wonderful Thanksgiving Celebration.



We would like to thank Super 1 Foods for the generous donation of hams to feed our residents during the holiday season.



Wiseman Ministries staff and board members would like to wish you a Happy New Year.

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

While flipping through the channels one evening I came across a TV series called Ice Road Truckers. These truck drivers make a living driving 80,000 pounds of machinery and cargo over long stretches of lakes that are iced over during winter months in Canada. When the truckers first approach the entrance to the lake, they open their driver side door. Then they drive the next several miles over the ice with their right hand on the steering wheel and their left hand holding the driver's door open. They do this for fear that the ice will give way and before the truck plummets to the bottom, they can jump out. But just because they are fearful of the ice breaking through does not discredit the fact that they are still exercising their faith. It may be an "O ye of little" kind of faith, but since all eighteen wheels are rolling on the ice, it's faith. Once they cross over to the other side without incident and they are secure on a firm foundation of land, two things occur. First, they are relieved their faith was placed in a reliable source. Secondly, they have greater faith and confidence that the ice will hold them on their way back across it. Weak faith in thick ice brings positive results when it carries your weight. Life lesson: Faith is about the reliability of the object itself, not the amount of faith you have in it. If your faith is in something that brings positive results, then your faith is useful to you and the object.



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## "My Story" by Wendell Spotts

My name is Wendell Spotts and I am from New Orleans. I am 57 years old, a Marine vet and a father of two. For me, life has been bittersweet. I was brought up in a family that believed in GOD but still, something was missing for me. I thought if I went to college I would find what was missing, I thought if I went and served my country I would find what was missing. I later discovered that being in the service just brought out in me a side that I didn't even know I had, and wished I wouldn't even have discovered. In the service, I was given orders to do things I didn't think I would ever do and treat people in a way that I never thought I would treat people. Those things I done left a mark on my soul that I carried around for a long time. After the service I began to try and run from the past, run from God, I even tried to run from myself. I found myself running from

all those things and running to alcohol. I thought that would finally be the answer to all my problems. I thought drinking would provide a way of escape for me but I know now that I was very wrong and it was just a temporary solution. Drinking resulted in fighting with my family, friends, and people who I had never even met before. It was fueling the cold heart that I had to have while fighting for my country. I thought I better leave drinking alone, so I then turned to drugs to try and make me feel better. I found myself falling harder for drugs than I did the drinking. This kind of behavior went on for twenty-five years of my life. By the Grace of God, my path crossed with two men who would play a role in the true beginning of my walk with God. They told me about the House of Disciples and that they felt like God had a plan for me there. I took 25 years for me to

listen to what God had for me. I finally found myself on the Greyhound headed for Longview. I had no idea the plans God had for me, I just know I was ready to trust in him. I know now that I was always running from Jesus Christ and what he had for me. I am happy to know that you can only run for so long on your own strength before you collapse and have to call on God. Thank God for that because when I called on him he was there and broke the chains of bondage that I have worn for so long. I now know the price Jesus was willing to pay for me and I know that I owe my life to him. Thank you to everyone that was involved in guiding me towards Christ I am and always will be thankful.



## Nov / Dec Birthdays



**Isaiah 58 Farms:**  
Jamye S. & James S.



**THANK YOU to Mrs. Puryear's Pine Tree Vocational Class for spreading Christmas cheer and decorating our GOG store!**

## 158 Farms Update

From the Panola Watchman: Fairplay Baptist Church welcomed about 30 men from Isaiah 58 Farms on Oct. 27. Isaiah 58 is the passage in the Old Testament that speaks about the healing and recovery of the oppressed people of God. Isaiah 58 Farms is an extension of Wiseman Ministries in Longview. The ministry focuses on helping these men to recover and be restored to the society. The church welcomed these men and shared the love of Christ through the gift of food. One of the church members, Randy Barron, smoked and grilled several pounds of

meat. The ladies of the church provided many side dishes to go with the meat and many delicious desserts. After the meal, the men from Isaiah 58 Farms shared their testimonies of recovery and restoration and blessed the church with songs and music. The church is determined to continue to share the love of Christ with these men as they travel this road of recovery and restoration.



## Trade School

Residents at Isaiah 58 Farms are pictured learning a trade at the Truss Plant that has partnered with our ministry. Residents have the opportunity to learn carpentry, welding, and to get certifications such as driving a forklift. This is in addition to the skills they learn at the farm. This is a tremendous blessing to all of our residents.



## 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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## Volunteer Highlight

Our volunteer highlight for November & December 2018 is Tom Isaac. Tom has played a vital role in training our residents at 158 in building trusses. He has 47 years truss building experience. We are so thankful for his willingness to participate in the development of our truss plant. If you or your group would like to volunteer in one of our ministry outlets, please give us a call at 903-694-2995.



Don't miss our weekly discounts:

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

### 2 Day Fill-A-Bag Sales:

- > Jan 25th - 26th
- > Feb 22nd - 23rd

We would like to thank Longview Christian School for volunteering at our store. If you are your group would like to volunteer, please call our store at 903-234-2341.



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