



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.



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Highlights



Thank you Longview Christian School for volunteering at Gifts of Grace Resale Store



Thank you Donnie Powers and Panel Truss, TX for your support



(Top) Board Members Pictured: Kirk Henderson, Ronnie King, Michael Black and Jerrod Allen
(Bottom) 2019 Spring Graduates: Kyle, Marlin, Jay, T.J., Joey, Jamye, Russell, Stephan, and Joseph. (Not Pictured: Tyler and C.J.)

"From the Heart" by Tim Wiseman, Executive Director

Did you know that 60% of people who visit the ER at hospitals are treated as a primary, or secondary diagnosis, for chemical addiction issues? For example, an individual may go to the hospital due to complications with their liver, however the root issue is damage caused by an addiction to alcohol. Although our hospitals are doing an excellent job within their clinical capabilities, the problem is, they are not designed to deal with the long term care addiction treatment required to see an individual through recovery. Clinical and Social detox facilities offer their services until insurance lapses or terms are fulfilled. Then the individual is released to figure out on their own how to live out recovery. This is why we formed **Addicted to Hope**. **Addicted to Hope** is a "Continuum of Care" that takes a person from an inpatient, medical detoxification to a long term, residential program on to stability in our after care programs. In other words, when a person enters **Addicted to Hope**, no matter what condition they come to us, we take their hand and walk with them through all their life issues. They may come to us desperate for their present need for detox, but we will offer them so much more: long term services for addiction treatment, case management for legal issues, educational opportunities, family restoration and job placement. Why have a person desperately seeking help go from one place to another where they will have to start over each time? With **Addicted to Hope**, they come to us in any condition, they leave healed, whole, stable, with a plan, a purpose, and with hope. Join with us today! We need your support to transform people's addiction to drugs to **Addicted to Hope**!



GOAL : \$2 million
AMOUNT RAISED: \$253,150

Ministries
Include:

**House of
Disciples**
Life Recovery Center

**Gifts of
Grace**
Resale Store

HOUSE OF DISCIPLES
KNOW · SHARE · MULTIPLY
MINISTRY TEAM

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FARMS**
ISAIAH 58 FARMS

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"My Story" by Clint Hodges

I arrived in Longview on July 6th, 2017. My brother moved his family to Longview about 3 years prior and he knew that I was struggling with addiction. He also knew about the House of Disciples. He explained the program to me but I was reluctant to seek help. Finally, after totaling my car and being in my second wreck in a four-month period, I was ready. My Dad drove me to HOD. I remember my brother pulling into the driveway and being very happy to see him, but I could tell he was not too happy to see me. I remember meeting Tim and Josh and talking about music. I couldn't focus on anything except the feeling that I was in an unfamiliar place, and that I didn't know where I was going to get any painkillers. I knew when I woke up the next day, I would be going through withdrawals. It was time to "get checked in". I sat down across from Kevin and he asked me if I was willing to make a 12-month commitment to this program. I looked at him and said No (and that is putting it nicely), he said, "Just give it 30 days and let's see where you are at". The next day I woke up in full-blown opiate withdrawal. I was trying to stifle the escalating panic that was slowly setting in. I told the program director that I was leaving and that I needed my phone to call an

Uber to take me to the greyhound station only to find out that Longview did not have Uber yet. I was dead set on leaving. Tim tried his best to talk me into staying. Both he and my brother convinced me to check myself into the emergency room. Before going to the ER, I sat in my brother's car, and told him point-blank "I CAN NOT DO THIS". "I CAN NOT STAY HERE." My brother looked at me and said: "Just stay for 30 days, clean yourself up, and get healthy". He was the 4th person in twelve hours to tell me the same thing. After hearing my brother say it, something in me broke. I finally hit a point where I knew I had to stop fighting and trust that other people had my best interests in mind. I started uncontrollably crying, I let out every ounce of strength and self will I had left. My brother prayed over me, as I flooded the floorboard of his truck with tears, snot, and sweat. Again I screamed at the top of my lungs, "I can't, I won't do this" He was finished praying, and I looked up and asked him to take me to the hospital. I believe at that very moment, he realized he had his brother back. When I checked out of the hospital, I checked back into HOD. I was ready to surrender my will over to GOD. I trusted that the people I had met in the first few

days here, had my back, even if I didn't have my own. I learned what God's love was, through the actions of other people.

I still use what they told me that day. Take it 30 days at a time. That's all we can do. I tell others: "Don't get ahead of yourself, don't get ahead of God. He will bless you in ways that you cannot imagine." I have served in several different roles at the House of Disciples and don't plan on leaving any time soon. Every day is a training exercise and you will fail, but don't get discouraged. We fall over and over again so that we can learn how to pick ourselves up.

I have been through all types of rehab programs, inpatient, outpatient, detox clinics, and nothing stuck until I ended up at HOD.

God truly showed me His face, through the faces of the people in this ministry.



Tim Wiseman, Executive Director, hosts Anne Hazlett, Senior Adviser for Rural Affairs for the White House office of National Drug Control Policy and Jamye A. Delano, Policy Analyst, on a recent tour.

I58 Farms



Another Harvest in the books. From Harvest Kick-off to Picker Appreciation. We are so thankful

for all the ways the community participates on the farm. I58 Blackberries are a vital part of allowing us to remain self sustaining. It is also a great opportunity to teach the residents a variety of trades associated with agriculture.



Trade School



The Truss Plant is in full production mode. With the partnerships of community businesses we are able to provide marketable skills to residents. Certifications are underway in many areas of our Truss Plant.

Volunteer Highlight

Our volunteer highlight is Jackie Merket of Merket Farm. He has been a valuable resource for our staff and residents of Isaiah 58 Farms. He has spent countless hours teaching and mentoring. We are so thankful for volunteers. If you or your group would like to volunteer, please give us a call at one of our ministry outlets.



Don't miss our weekly discounts:

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

2 Day \$10 Fill-A-Bag Sales:

- AUG 30th - 31st
- SEP 27th - 28th

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SELECTED
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WE LOVE OUR
VOLUNTEERS

Upcoming Events

Fall Graduation
Mid-October
Bar None Cowboy
Church
9162 Hwy 43 East
Tatum, TX

How You Can Help:

- Pray for us
- Donate Toiletries
- Donate Can Goods
- Volunteer
- Become a Mentor
- Become a Grace Partner

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