

Christmas 2009

Newsletter



"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6

A Life Restored

This year has been a tremendous time of blessing and growth for our ministry. God has been faithful to us in every way, and we are looking forward with great anticipation to what He has in store for this upcoming year. We want to thank each church, family, and individual who has invested in us and God's work here this year. Without your faithful support and prayers we would not be able to do the work God has called us to do. Thank you for helping us change lives in Jesus name!

Special Thanks To:

Our Board of Directors –

Dr. Gwendolyn Allen, Charles Carroll, Debbie Johnston and Gary Smith

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Southside Baptist Church, Brownwood
Greater Faith Community Church, Brownwood
New Beginnings Pentecostal Church, Brownwood
Living Waters Church, Cross Plains.

And to our prayer warriors, monthly supporters, room sponsors, and each of you who have given a gift this year – there are too many of you to list, but we are truly grateful to each of you for the personal sacrifices you have made to bless the work God is doing here. Thank you!

After five months in our program, one of our residents left the home and made a successful transition into the community. After years of hopelessness, God brought her to a place where she could finally understand His grace and begin to walk in His truth. We are happy to report that she is doing well, is still involved in our church and is continuing to grow and learn. She even had the opportunity to return to the juvenile facility where she was once incarcerated to share her testimony with the girls there. I can't explain how amazed I was by God's grace as I sat in that chapel, listening to her boldly share about the love and healing power of Christ. This young woman, who used to be considered a "worst case scenario" when she was incarcerated, who I used to beg God to rescue because she was so hopeless, now stood before dozens of incarcerated young girls, telling them about the hope she has found in Jesus, and that they can have life and freedom in Him. What an awesome God we serve! You can read more about her testimony on the page entitled "A Story of Hope."

We wish each of you and your families a very blessed and Merry Christmas!

For many of us, Christmas is a time of joy and of sharing God's blessings with others. But for some, it seems to be a time that magnifies the pain and loneliness they are already dealing with in their lives. Many girls we know in the juvenile facility here will spend a hard Christmas away from home. Many of them will not even get a visit from a family member, or a Christmas card wishing them a happy holiday. A couple of years ago I began mentoring a girl in the facility, and shortly after our first visit I sent her a card just to let her know that she was in my prayers. The next week when I went to see her, I found out that the staff had gone to her room and found her sitting on the floor under her desk, crying. When they asked her what was wrong, she held the card up for them to see and said through her tears, "Someone cares for me!" So often we forget how much a simple act of kindness can mean to someone who is hurting! Please pray for us as we continue to work with girls who need so badly to know the love and mercy of Jesus. Pray that God will bring girls to the home with their hearts open and ready to receive His truth. Pray that many lives will be restored by His grace!

But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our sins; the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and **by His wounds we are healed.** Isaiah 53:5

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We would like to especially thank the youth group of Southside Baptist Church in Brownwood for holding a car wash fundraiser for us! We were blessed by their hard work and willingness to give up their Saturday to bless us financially!



Hope Home Ministry operates solely on donations. Your support enables us to continue reaching girls with the love of Christ. Would you consider giving a year-end gift to make sure we can continue ministering to the young women God brings to our home? Every gift is greatly appreciated and will go directly towards the needs of the young women in our program. Full and partial room sponsorships are still available.

God bless and Merry Christmas! Chassidy, Chaley, and Beka

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Resident Testimony Inside!