

Hospitality House

"Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God"

 -William Carey, who is called the father of modern missions

"Sharing God's Grace with the Other Victims of Crime"

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s spring bursts into bloom with vibrant colors throughout our Prayer Garden and with an explosion of color in all the front flower beds this week my heart raced with excitement as I realized March is finally here. The long, long awaited month of March 2013! I have been anxiously awaiting this date since last September when my youngest daughter and her husband

announced to us that we were to be grandparents! I'm sure many of you can identify.

I began immediately thinking of all the ways that God has been blessing us lately and now a grandbaby, too. It is like the cherry on top of a hot fudge sundae!

Where to start? These past few months have been overflowing with blessings too numerous to count! But I'll try...

Our Celebration of Blessings...

CHANNEL 11 KHOU NEWS out of Houston featured us on February 18th on both their early morning show and their afternoon news programming. It was an incredible segment depicting the Hospitality House ministry at work and then as we rejoiced together with one of our guests as she was reunited with her husband after 23 years. You can watch the segment on our website or Facebook page.

On Wednesday of that same week, February 20th, a businessman from east Texas saw the same news segment on his computer at work on MSN news and felt the Lord leading him to bring us A CHECK FOR \$17.000!!! Praise the Lord!!!!

We began a new relationship with **RICE UNIVERSITY** in January when we were chosen by them to participate in their **CAPSTONE PROJECT**. A final project for post graduate students graduating this

May with their Masters in Business Accounting degree. It has been an amazing experience to work with them as they lend their expertise to help us develop plans for our future expansion and growth.

We've been chosen by **TWO BAPTIST STUDENT MINISTRY STUDENTS** participating in Go Now Summer Missions program to serve with us here this summer. You'll hear more about Katie and Myriam in our May newsletter.

DONNA MITCHUM who graciously consented to leave California and help here while I'm away helping my daughter with our new grandbaby. Have I mentioned I'm having a grandbaby?!

The ultimate blessing of all, the celebration of the **RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD** and His sacrifice for us!

Celebrate with me the blessings of this spring!

Debra







Guest Comments

"Dear Debra and all those who serve @ Hospitality House Huntsville,

I just wanted to thank you for my stay at HHH I felt truly blessed by the staff and guests alike. It felt so good to be given such love and kindness from strangers that I hope to call family & friends as time passes. You truly offer a wonderful service to others."

"Everything was Awesome! The love of God is so strong here. I've been coming for over 10 years. It's like when you walk in the door, its God's arms are here to wrap you up & love you! Thanks for bringing the love of God back where it belongs. Thank you for what you do!"

"You made me feel like I am part of the family here. The people who work here are very special and I love it here. Just keep up the wonder work that you all do. And God bless you all."

"If this house was not here I would not be able to come see my husband who is serving a 20yr. sentence, so I am extremely grateful."

"The people at Hospitality House are wonderful! They are warm and inviting. You are made to feel as if you are family the moment you walk in the door. The environment is very relaxing and comforting and it is a breath of fresh air in our times of need. Keep up the good work ladies it is an honor to know you."

Big Thank You to ...

Conroe: C3 Church, Riverpointe BC

Garrison: First Baptist Church

Houston: Tallowood BC, Mission Bend United Methodist Church

Huntsville: First United Methodist, University Heights BC Children, Elkins Lake BC Children, First United Methodist Children, Kats for Christ, and students from Sam Houston State University who all came and gave of their time to help us with projects!

Pasadena: First Baptist Church

San Antonio: Rainbow Hills BC

Warren: First Baptist Church

Jamie Bozarth

My path with the Hospitality House began three years ago when my boyfriend had to complete 12 hours of community service and brought me with him to serve. We say God works in mysterious ways and I can attest to that in that never would I have thought him receiving a noise violation would lead me to finding my true path in life. It goes without saying that this ministry means more to me than true words can explain and its mission forever possesses a special place in my heart. My work here has helped me come into my own as I transition from a young adult into a woman that I can be proud of. I've learned my strengths, weaknesses, and, most importantly, what I believe to be my calling. You see, being a part of the House brings something special out in everyone that is willing to open themselves up to it. It brings a joy that is hard to miss and within its walls, there is a safeness; an understanding. It is a place of Faith, Hope, and Love that I truly will be beyond sad to leave. It has molded me into a better person; a more faithful person and I am forever grateful. In the grand scheme, I can never repay the House for taking a chance on me and know that while the mark it has left on my life will last forever, I am just a small piece of its ever growing puzzle.



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We are up and running, updating daily with photos, guest comments, our "needs list,", and all the latest news thanks to Jamie. You don't want to miss out!



WHAT'S NEXT?

Chaplain's Corner

By Joe McCammon

Disney CEO Michael Eisner credited his wife, Jane, with the idea for the ad campaign in which victorious athletes claimed that they would be going to Disney World after winning the Super Bowl. In 1987, the couple dined with Dick Rutan and Jeana Yeager, who had piloted the first aircraft to fly around the world non-stop. After Jane asked what the pilots planned to do next, they replied, "Well, we're going to Disneyland." She later told her husband the phrase would make a great ad campaign. Disney launched the series following Super Bowl XXI on January 25, 1987 with a commercial featuring the Giants quarterback Phil Simms. He was paid a reported \$75,000 for his participation.

What do you do, where do you go after you've won it all!? Following the greatest miracle the world would ever know, Jesus knew what he had to do. Before going to be seated "at the right hand of God," he knew the importance of showing himself to his followers. He knew what it would do for their faith. According to Luke's account "he showed them his hands and his feet." And, so it is with all believers, we must go tell someone and show someone the evidence of the greatest thing in our lives – salvation in Him.

So, what's next for you? Do you still possess the "joy of salvation" daily? Maybe you should pray the prayer of David, "Restore to me the joy of your salvation," so that you can show others the way to victory in Him.



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You Can Help By:

Praying for the ministry of the Hospitality House

Becoming a Grace Giver

Volunteering your time to assist in HH Ministry

Donating food items for meals for the families

Inviting the Director to make a presentation

With Your Financial Help:

\$7 will purchase much needed Bibles

\$10 will provide meals for a child

\$35 snacks, drinks, and paper goods

\$85 sponsor a family of 6 for a weekend

\$135 will purchase much needed window A/C unit

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