



Hospitality House

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

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"I had a very meaningful experience here in your beautiful spirit-filled home! It is truly God's work you are doing, and I felt His touch while I was here. May God continue to bless your efforts to soothe our wounded souls." M.

House Happenings by Debra McCammon, Executive Director

What a delightful time I had recently on a Saturday night. The house was full of families almost half of them brand new. One of the ladies, Grandma Nana, had brought her 4 year old granddaughter for the first time. She was extremely shy and quiet amongst the boisterous antics of the other children who were regulars. As they began playing yet another game together, she slipped away into a different part of the living room to look at a book. I called them all together and began showing them the brand new Christian children's books that had been donated that afternoon. Her eyes lit up as she saw their bright colorful covers! I asked her if she would like for me to read one to her and she nodded "yes" shyly. I read the first, *A Time for Everything* based on Ecclesiastes, with her avidly watching my face and listening to every word. Then as I proceeded to read the second one, she prompted me to "read more" and she began mouthing the words with me.

While reading to a child may not seem important to some it is one of the ways we help encourage the children of offenders to do well in school so that they can make different choices than their dad or brother and will not become a state statistic. "70% of Texas children with a parent in prison will go to prison themselves" according to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Pray for us as we seek to change this!

Breaking new ground as we have started expanding our ministry by building our **Children's Activity Building!** We will be able to offer our Art Against the Odds program and our new Reading Readiness program to help the children improve their reading skills in a more conducive area than our kitchen. Blessed with the amazing leadership of Dan Phillips of Phoenix Commotion as our general contractor the building plans have been approved, permit posted, foundation holes and forms in place, passed our foundation inspection, building materials donated, delivered and we are now awaiting the Texas Baptist Men building team to arrive June 9th to start construction! What an awesome future is ahead for HHouse as we strive to have a spiritual and positive emotional impact on the children who visit here. The new CAB will also enable us to have two more bedrooms for the families in the main house once we move our storage supplies out to the new building. Be sure to check out ways your family or church can help in this newsletter or call us!



We are very excited to welcome Gina Crossley as our new summer missionary! Gina is a senior at the University of Texas in Arlington. She has a heart and passion to serve the Lord. Serving on the leadership team for the Baptist Student Ministry at UTA she has had a lot of opportunities to share the Gospel. Her bright smile and sweet spirit has already endeared her to our recent house guests.



A Moment of Thanks!

by Jamie Bozarth, Development Coordinator

With so many amazing blessings coming into the Hospitality House, I'm foregoing my usual newsletter article in order to have the time to say "Thank You" to each and every kind-hearted person that has taken the time to pray for and love the Hospitality House. Whether you attended our Ladies' Tea fundraiser, sent in a donation, came by with groceries, or helped spread our mission, the Hospitality House would not be holding strong without your faithful support. We have so many changes coming in the future as we continue to grow in order to meet the ever increasing demands. It is beyond comforting to know that as the growing pangs occur we have a support group unlike any other to help us along the way.



HATS OFF TO MOMS

Chaplain's Corner

By Joe
McCammon

TANGLED

It was the worse mess I had ever seen! While helping several 1st graders in a classroom, I noticed that Marcus, who was preparing to do a computer activity, was struggling with earphones which were in a tangled mess. He began to get frustrated with it so I offered to help. As I examined the numerous knots, I came to realize that this mess had apparently resulted from a lot of little hands trying to fix the problem over a LONG period of time. The only way that this problem was going to be solved was to carefully take out each knot one by one. It took a while but I finally got it untangled. It reminded me of a public safety announcement that I saw years ago, "The faster

the speed, the bigger the mess." This was definitely an example of a bigger mess created by frantic measures to fix a problem.

The Bible reminds us that spiritually each of us are in a tangled mess because of our sin and only Christ can remove the knots that hinder us from becoming all that God created us to be. All our efforts to make things better only seem to cause bigger problems for us. We must trust Him to unravel our biggest entanglements.

"Life isn't logical or sensible or orderly. Life is a mess most of the time. And theology (our belief system) must be lived out in the midst of that mess." (Charles Colson, *Loving God*)



4-Month Statistics

People 873	Speaking Engagements 57
Churches Giving 202	Volunteers 801
Seeds Planted 107	Executions 7
Gave Bibles 65	



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Thank you for responding to the gospel message by supporting the Hospitality House with generous donations of time, talent, effort, and money!

You Can Help By:

- Praying** for the ministry of the Hospitality House
- Bringing** a construction team to help with repairs
- 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:

- \$10** will provide meals for a child
- ~~\$40~~ **chairs Provided**
- ~~\$50~~ **tables Provided**
- \$65** will purchase florescent lighting and bulbs for CAB (still need 5 more)
- \$85** will sponsor a family of 6 for a weekend
- \$125** will purchase new solar lights for the Prayer Garden
- \$435** "Adopt a Set of Cabinets" for art supplies and books in the new CAB (or you can adopt a partial set lower or upper)
- \$800** will purchase a much needed new office computer

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