



Hospitality House

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



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House Happenings What an amazing year this is turning out to be! God is blessing each week in immeasurable ways.

Where to start: Hmmm... **First**, thank you for the fabulous attendance at our 25th Anniversary Celebration! 236 people celebrated and raised \$1,239 at our silent auction where most of the items were donated by offenders to show their appreciation for our helping their families. **Secondly**, we are celebrating the fact that we have been full 6 weekends in the last 7 weeks, keeping an ongoing waiting list, having to turn people away and busier on weekdays as well. God is so good and we are so very thankful for his continued provision!

House Statistics

1st Quarter 2011

504 Guests

357 Volunteers

3,467 Volunteer Hours

62 Bibles Given

79 Counseled

54 Churches participated

11 Bible Studies

3 Executions

40 Speaking Engagements

A Life Touched

Two young men from North Dakota arrived for the execution of their father. One worked on beaded initial ankle bracelets for them to both wear in memory of their father and the other was playing games on the guest computer. Both of them were having fun joking with one another for several hours as they waited. Their mother returned from the execution, told them what happened and then both began to curse angrily, shout, and then sob uncontrollably. The eldest fell into my arms sobbing, I began praying over him and talking to him gently as he hugged me so tightly I felt my ribs would burst. Telling him about Christ's love for him and the peace and comfort He would give him is what this ministry is all about.

"Did You Know . . ."

- SHSU Optimist Club and Track and Field team dismantled/moved furniture and tore out all 4300 sq ft of old carpet. Check out our website for the pictures of their work and pictures of the beautiful new carpet!
- Inmates and parolees came to help move furniture back in after installation of new carpet
- Families came to experience missions "hands on" by serving here together
- A Hispanic evangelist laid ceramic tile
- A weekly Bible study group has been started
- The SHSU Football team donated Easter Baskets for the children
- Donations of groceries/toys/furniture, carpet monies, and a new freezer keep coming in

How very blessed we are to partner with each of you in sharing God's grace!

Mark your calendar

Charity Golf Tournament
Nov. 5th, 2011
Raven Nest Golf Club
to benefit the
Hospitality House

New Opportunities

Praise the Lord we have now completed the upper terrace and lower Prayer Gardens! Now, we need to be able to keep the donated flowers and shrubs alive through the summer heat. The cost of a new sprinkler/mister system for the prayer garden and repair/replacement of the Rain Bird system in the front yard will cost approximately - \$3,000.

Our beds are very worn out and collapsing, they have lasted 25 years, but it is time to replace them. Weary and tired bodies arriving here after driving 17 to 23 hours need comfortable beds. Currently we need 3 new full size mattress sets – approximately \$450.00 each set.

Our ministry is being blessed with growth due to families, Texas Department of Criminal Justice employees, parole officers and Chaplains recommending us, so **we must expand**. The property adjacent to us has become available. In order to purchase the property (land and house), we are praying for 55 donors (individuals or churches) to donate \$1,000 each. This is a great opportunity we don't want to miss!

(If you are interested in helping with any of these needs please call our office – 936-291-6196)

Chaplain's Corner – Joe McCammon

An irate customer called the newspaper office loudly demanding to know where her Sunday edition was. "Ma'am," said the employee, "today is Saturday. The Sunday paper is not delivered until Sunday." There was a long pause on the other end of the phone, followed by a ray of recognition. "I'll bet that's why no one was in church today too." When was the last time you had a "senior moment?" They seem to be more frequent with me here lately.

Peter encouraged the readers of his first letter to prepare their minds for living a holy life. The Message Bible has verse 1:13 rendered, "Roll up your sleeves, put your mind in gear, be totally ready to receive the gift that's coming when Jesus arrives." Are you preparing yourself each day for God to use you in His fields, which are truly ready for harvest? He can use you in a great way today...if you're mind is in gear.

Many of you may not be aware that we are open 7 days a week housing inmates' families for:

1. Executions
2. General population weekend visits
3. Death row weekday visits
4. Funerals of inmates
5. Inmate releases Monday – Friday
6. Marriage Seminars - hosted by prison units.

Please pray for us as we seek to serve and minister to all the families who stay here.

Check our Calendar

We love to tell the story of the exciting ministry here at the Hospitality House. Please give us the opportunity to share with your church or service group. Please call (936) 291-6196 or visit our website to plan a date.



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You Can Help:

- Pray for the ministry of the Hospitality House
- Support the Hospitality House financially
- Volunteer your time to assist in HH ministry
- Donate food items for meals for the families
- Invite the Director to make a presentation to your church or group

With Your Financial Help:

- \$5 will provide devotional books or Bibles
- \$40 will provide lunch for the family of condemned on the day of execution
- \$50 will provide lodging/meals for a wife attending a 2 day marriage seminar
- \$75 will sponsor a family of 5 visiting for two nights

Thank you for your commitment to God's work!

You can give online at www.thehospitalityhouse.org