

# Volunteer Connection

## President's Prose...

### Special points of interest:

- Volunteer hours in the State of Texas compute to \$24.66 dollars per hour. During the month of March youth service groups alone have accounted for 150 hours of service at Shepherd's Inn totaling the equivalent of \$3,699. Never underestimate the value of your time and talents.

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"*They*" hail from Reynosa, Mexico, Littlefield, TX and Yukon, OK. *They* have much in common, yet *they* have never met. One common trait is their dilemma. Each of them has a loved one incarcerated in prison. This fact engenders much difficulty. In nearly every case, *familia* decisions lay with them, like raising children left behind. *They* must maintain gainful employment, which in many, many cases, is just enough to exist!

*They* have a similar desire: to stay in contact with their loved one. Statistics continue to prove continuing family interaction with inmates lessens inmate recidivism rates. *They* didn't plan for their loved one to be separated from them! And so, in many of the cases, the family members on the outside are victims too in the sense of their great losses and deprivations; *they* wish their current situation had never occurred! And some, like one from NE Texas can't wait for the release date! A marriage, a move from bad influences, and more opportunity to begin again are in the works! We pray for them!

In common also is their destination: Shepherd's Inn in Port Arthur, TX. Because of the conviction, commitment and charitableness of CLCI volunteers and financial supporters, *they* are able to access Shepherd's Inn services. These are services that, if left to them as their personal responsibility, would hinder much of their interaction with their loved one behind the walls.

Why does Christian Life Crisis Intervention, Inc. exist? It exists so that through the Shepherd's Inn and Calvary House ministries it can minister to those who have so much in common! For one, they are created in God's own image and He loves them with the precious blood of His Son, Jesus Christ! For another, *they* are the epitome of "widows and orphans" who remain the greatest test of true religion. And, this ministry is the calling of like minded servants who can do no less than answer the call! Will you join with us to help relieve the suffering and pain of poor choices by presenting Christ in tangible ways to those who hurt? We sure could use you and the blessings God has committed to you in order to make a difference in the communities, cities and countries from which *they* come.

After all, *we* have much in common!

*Big Jim Salles*

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# Volunteers.... the of Shepherd's Inn



## FBC Lumberton

This month we were thrilled and blessed by the work of two groups from Lumberton that had work days at Shepherd's Inn. First Baptist came on a Saturday to paint, change light bulbs, organize the game closet, move bunk beds and much more.

The Monday of Spring Break week a group of twenty youth and adults from Crestwood came and spent five hours clearing a large outdoor storage shed that had not been sorted in years as well as marking and organizing the numerous items for the Garage sale.

We are able to provide quality care because of **YOU**, our dedicated and hard working volunteers.



## Capital Roof Campaign Continues

In the book of Matthew 7:25 "the rains descended". Every time it rains in Port Arthur, it rains in Shepherd's Inn; not ON Shepherd's Inn, INSIDE Shepherd's Inn. The long standing battle between the aging roof and the relentless elements is steadily being lost while waiting for the funds to replace the existing roof. At present there are at least six rooms with gaping holes in the sheetrock where water has collapsed the ceiling. That translates to six rooms that cannot be used for visiting families. There are multiple lesser leaks that require a towel here or a bucket there.

While we have thankfully received the support of numerous donations and fundraisers, we are still approximately \$40,000 short of our goal. Please keep this matter in prayerful consideration.

## Calvary House...It's a BOY!

Last month we mourned the loss of one of our Calvary House family and this month we celebrate with the birth of our first Calvary House baby.

Amir Joseph Khalil Edwards was born March 7 and weighed 7 lbs 9.3 oz. He was welcomed home by sisters Ariel 5 and Galaxy 2. Calvary House ministry has

been working with this family since March of 2015 and has been successful in facilitating their transition from relief based support to an independent status.

## Legacy Academy Spring Mission Day 2016

We are excited about the Legacy Academy High School group coming to Shepherd's Inn on April 13 for a work day. The Senior Class of 2016 will be doing another cooking project and the list of needed supplies is as follows:

### Grocery list (gift cards ok for perishables)

**21 sticks of butter (6 pkgs of 4), 8 dozen eggs, 7 packages of dry cornbread mix (8.5 ounces), 7 cans of creamed corn (14.75 ounce cans), 7 cups sour cream, 7 rotisserie chickens, 7 boxes chicken broth, 7 cups chopped celery, 7 cans cream of chicken soup, 7 pounds of cubed Velveeta cheese, 7 cans Ro-tel tomatoes, 7 (16 oz) cans pumpkin puree, 7 unbaked piecrusts, 7 double pie crusts, 14 cans apple pie filling, 7 pounds ground sausage, 16 cups of half and half.**



Thank you for your support of our ministries and the student's efforts to serve their community.

## Garage Sale Extended...

Due to the inclement weather last Saturday that put a damper on the start of the Garage Sale we will be repeating with a follow-up on **Saturday, April 2, from 7 am until Noon.** We did have some visitors but there are still a lot of great bargains: little girls clothes in great condition, bunk beds, two hospital beds, handicapped bath chair, silk flowers and greenery, dishes and glasses, knick knacks of all kinds, free books. This fundraising effort is to purchase paint for the Lamar students who are working on painting the front living area and plants and potting soil for the students from Legacy next month to work on the landscaping and vegetable garden.

Multi-Family  
Garage  
Sale

## Golfers...Save the Date...June 3, 2016

This year's 4th Annual Golf Tournament will be held in June at the Bayou Din Golf Club.



Plan early to attend this exciting event. Proceeds go toward Shepherd's Inn and Calvary House Ministries.



Dion Ainsworth  
Memorial Golf Classic  
June 3, 2016

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***“Every Room Ready!”***

Supply list for Shepherd’s Inn

\*Coffee

\*Spray bottles of disinfectant  
cleaner

\*Individually wrapped snack  
packs like Goldfish

\*Dawn detergent

\*someone with a pick up to pick  
up a load of dirt before April 13 :)

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