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# Sew Precious In His Sight

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## Mission Statement

*Threads of Love™ is a sewing ministry meeting the needs of tiny premature infants. The ministry is about healing and binding together the hearts of parents at a time of uncertainty about their baby's health or when they lose an infant. Our mission is to show parents the love of Christ at a time when their personal pain is hard to endure and let them know that God is faithful. Through acts of obedience and donation, His work can and will continue. We pray that this ministry will have an impact far beyond our expectations.*

*We feel that this is a ministry the Lord would have others join in to blanket the country with Threads of Love™. There are three things that remain: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love. I Corinthians 13:13*

*God has given us all a talent that we are to use to serve Him. We have been taught to see where God is at work and join Him. If He is speaking to your heart now please write us at:*

Threads of Love™  
First Presbyterian Church  
P.O. Box 2006  
Baton Rouge, LA 70821

## Seeds Planted

The Lord has revealed His hand at work in this ministry so many times, you know this is His ministry. All the glory must go to Him for He has made this ministry possible. The seeds of this ministry have been planted through different articles that appeared in Family Circle (July 1997), Readers Digest (Oct. 1997), and Butterick (Spring 1998). This ministry has caught the attention of loving, caring people from all fifty states as well as Canada, Puerto Rico, Australia, Germany and countries in Africa. Between July 15, 1997 and July 3, 1998 there have been 2818 requests for information about patterns and copies of the prayers that are used.

Our goal is to have Threads of Love Chapters established in as many places as possible, so that mothers across America may receive the support that is needed at a painful time in their lives. It will take a joint effort by everyone. If the body of Christ joins together this ministry will spread, helping to bind broken hearts.

What is needed now are people willing to give of their time and registering with us as a chapter. What is needed to become a chapter?

1. A Love for the Lord.
2. A group of sewers.
3. Establish a contact person at a hospital to accept the gowns.
4. Register as a chapter.

By sending out our first newsletter we are in hopes of finding out who has been able to start making deliveries to hospitals in their home towns, and learn who would like to be put in touch with other ladies who are sewing or wish to become involved in this ministry.

We are now sewing Threads of Love labels on all our garments. It helps to get the name before the public and hopefully cut down on any inappropriate use of our love stitches. If you wish to order labels from us at our cost of \$3.25 per 167 labels you may do so.

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## Coming in next issue

Information on a Season of Hope.  
New updates about you.  
List of sewers.

Do you have an idea or story you would like to share in the next news letter?

Contact Us

Let us hear from you. Email us at: [rldavis@eatel.net](mailto:rldavis@eatel.net)

**The heart hath its own memory.** *Henry Wadsworth Longfellow*

Want to help bring a ray of sunshine into a broken heart in your community?

Contact one of the chapters listed below. They can always use an extra pair of hands.

### REGISTERED CHAPTERS

1. Christ Episcopal Church  
5943 East Irwin Place  
Englewood, CA 80122  
Contact person: Lucy Newman
2. St. Philip Presbyterian Church  
745 West Pipeline Road  
Hurst, TX 76053-4999
3. Oak Island United Methodist Church  
2970 DeVilbiss Lane  
San Antonio, Texas 78264-9302
4. First Baptist Church  
44 Academy Street  
Alpharetta, GA 30009
5. Adia Ghariban  
112 West Newell Ave.  
Ruthford, NJ 07070

Notify us if you have a change of address and if we inadvertently left your name off of this list.

A mailing list of names will be included in the fall newsletter from all the people who contacted me. If you do not wish for your name to be printed, return the form below. After filling out fold in half, tape closed, and mail back.

8. What would you like to see published in this newsletter ?

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1. Do you wish to stay on our mailing list ? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Would you mind if your name is on our list of sewers ? \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

3. Have you been successful in placing this ministry in your local hospital ? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Did you have problems finding a contact person ? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Any problems finding sewers ? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Have you started a chapter using the name Threads of Love™ ? \_\_\_\_\_

7. Are you interested in becoming a chapter ? \_\_\_\_\_

## Notes of Thanks

The following notes are from mothers who received one of our Threads of Love packets. This is what this ministry is all about, binding hearths together at a time of pain or uncertainty.

“ And the King will answer and say to thee, “Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers, of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.” Matthews 25:40

*Ms. Davis,*

*On Christ Day my fourth son, Christopher, was born at twenty-nine weeks. Unfortunately, he only lived nine hours. When they told me he had died, I immediately began to worry about how to dress my little two lb. ten oz angel. The social worker appeared and told us about your smocking group, and they then brought Christopher to me in that blue smocked gown. My mother smocked, She passed away four years ago. Needless to say, it brought me great comfort burying Christopher in the gown. I wanted to thank you and the ladies who work with you to make these gowns. It truly is a precious gift at a most difficult time. Thank You!*

*Dear Sissy and Anna,*

*Thank you both from the bottom of my heart for the precious dress, bonnet, and receiving blanket you made Mallory! I will treasure them always - remembering when she was so tiny and precious!*

*It was a pleasure meeting you both, and I thank you for allowing me the story! You ladies are so very special and your ministry does so much for so many! You have touched so many hearts with every thread you sow, every gown you create!*

*I know that there's another star in Heaven with every **LITTLE** angel you help clothe there or on earth.*

*May God continue to Bless You and Your Families always!!*

In our efforts to bind broken hearts together, we are also planting seeds about our Heavenly Father. We will never know how much of an impact this ministry will have on some families. Showing people the love of Christ at a time when they are in such deep pain can have a great influence on their lives. Perhaps souls will be won to Jesus.

### Blessing not counted on

In doing this ministry for almost five years now Anna and I have found we are not the only ones blessed. That it is a blessing to others as well as the parents who receive our stitches of Love. We have had mothers who want to sew for us in order to give back to others who are experiencing the same pain that they have. It

has also serviced those ladies who are shut ins. because of sickness or a sick spouse. One of our ladies by the name of Helen, who is a widow, says it gives her a reason to get up in the morning and helps her to get moving because of arthritis. We have a great-grandmother who is ninety-one years young who sews for us said it helps to fill her day.

## Gifts

Some of the ladies have expressed trouble with sewing the little burial gowns. I had the same problem in the beginning. Someone share this bit of wisdom with me and it help to change my out look. These little dress may be the only gift some of these babies will ever receive. Like the two abounded babies, who were furnished with a Threads of Love gown by our group. A little boy in 1996 and a little girl in 1998 were found in the trash here in Baton Rouge. With the help of a support group called Huggs and Threads of Love™ these babies were given a burial. The only gifts these babies received were given by strangers. After all our children are only on a loan to us from our Heavenly Father, they belong to Him. We see our little dress, as gift wrapping, to send them home to heaven.