

Sew Precious In His Sight

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Do All In The Name Of The Lord Jesus

And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father. Col. 3:17

Most of you have heard the story of how Threads of Love was started, but for those that have not heard my story; I would like to share it now.

It all started when I raised my hand in a ladies Bible circle meeting and said I would love to help. As I look back I can see how the Lord had prepared my heart for this ministry many years ago when, at the age of 12, my parents lost a baby boy at birth. On November 20, I was told that I had a new baby brother who was born two months early and then the next day I was told he had died during the night. I still remember the anguish, the emptiness that I felt in the loss of that baby brother. I had begged to see my baby brother who died, but it was not acceptable in society at that time. I remember well the emotions that my parents had to face. It was at a time in our society when you were expected to act like it never happened. You didn't talk about it; you were supposed to just sweep it under the rug as if it would vanish. I learned that the pain doesn't cease to exist, but only time helps in the healing and the sense of loss never goes away.

My brother may have only lived on this earth for eight hours before he was taken to live in Eternity with the Lord, but his little short life has counted for something. In the next

few years my Mother had three miscarriages. You see it is because of him and those other three babies' that this call tugged at my heart strings. Through those deaths I have been able to turn a heart break into something positive, not only for me but for all those parents that were to walk the path that my parents had walked some forty-seven years earlier. Now they can see their baby, no matter how small, dressed in a sweet little gown that fits them and was made just for them. It gives them a time to hold their baby and say their good-byes and start the healing process.

Because of the works of love, Threads of Love has given these parents permission to grieve and began the healing of the heart. Now some 15 years later God has not only blessed Threads of Love, but countless families and all the ladies that have prepared these gifts of love because of their love of our Lord. We know that we cannot earn our way to heaven; it's only by the blood of Jesus that we have a ticket to heaven. We do this to honor Him, because we are filled with the Holy Spirit, we want to serve Him.

Each believer will be evaluated by Christ for purposes of reward on judgment day. Will we see every item that we ever completed in a big pile at the judgment seat of Christ? I do not want hear the Lord say, 'Sissy, what you did as a servant was a poor job. You did not do your best. I want hear Him say, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

What will He say to you?

Words from Sissy Davis



MAIL BOX...

Hi Sissy

This email has come to your organization a few months late and for that I apologize. Last year our daughter and son-in-law lost their baby daughter in June. She was our first grandchild and the expectations we all had as a family was such a joyous occasion.

We live in New Zealand (down under) so it was difficult for us to experience our daughter's pregnancy but we all made the most of a difficult situation. Every week when we spoke on the phone we used to say "give bump a rub" we didn't find out the sex of the baby as it was going to be surprise so that is why we called her bump.

In June our son-in-law had to make the most difficult long distance phone call saying that the baby had died and they were inducing our daughter later that night.

It is the hardest thing a parent has to endure is the loss of a child, I have never experienced it personally however experiencing the loss of a grandchild is difficult as well and made worse when you live so far away.

We did get to visit our daughter within two weeks but missed the funeral. It was great visiting them and seeing the support they received from friends, family and different organizations like yourselves.

I as a parent and grandparent would like to thank your organization the support you have shown Annmarie and Tommy with the lovely remembrance box which was handed to them at the hospital. It was good for us to see the little mementos that they got to keep of Marley. It is so important that parents get to have these little boxes, as even though Marley died she is still part of the family.

Annmarie is now a member with the Threads of love in Ashville and I know she gets great healing from helping. I just wanted to thank you for the support you have shown our family and other families.

Regards, Janine

Dear Sue,
Thank you so much for the beautiful baby items. We appreciate all the time, energy and love that went into each one. Our clients are truly blessed to have individuals as yourself who help to support the center. May the Lord continue to bless and provide for your every need.
Sincerely,
Barbara
PS -- We love the baby prayer, it's awesome!"



All members of Rae of Hope,

Thank you so much for all the beautiful clothes, blankets, hats and other things you have so thoughtfully made for our mothers who have lost babies. My name is Lucille, RNC and I work in labor and delivery at Covenant Lakeside. I have had the honor of being a grief counselor and making it my mission to care for as many of the mothers in this situation as I can.

My daughter lost our first grandchild at 18 weeks and no one did anything for her regarding memories or follow up with grief, this is what led me to become a grief counselor through Resolve through Sharing. I am currently in my 30th year in labor and delivery, and have never been blessed to have such beautiful things to share with the mothers who have experienced a loss. Thank each and every one of you for your kindness and God Bless. Lucille Neely RNC



I am sorry of the delay to get this note to you. I am the nurse manager of Labor and Delivery at Covenant-Lakeside. I want to thank you and your group for providing the clothes and blankets for our babies. I can only tell you what a blessing this is to our patients and their families. Your ministry has touched so many. Please pass on my sincere thanks. If you come by sometime, please ask for me. I would love to meet you.

Respectfully and sincerely,
Ann Smith, RNC
Nurse Manager of
Labor and Delivery

Dear Sissy,

I thought it important to share with you some things that transpired just recently concerning the Tampa Chapter of Threads of Love.

Let me begin by telling you that my personal life being overwhelming at times due to my Mother and her health issues, I was considering taking a break from the Ministry but not stopping entirely. I thought that by not having that pressure I would be able to deal with things and have less anxiety. Although, I knew in my heart that if I allowed myself to back away from the ministry that I would eventually allow something else to fill that void and then not continue and probably just let it fade away.

I have said since day one, "God has taken care of this Chapter, and I believe He always will". As soon as I sent out the message to my sewers that I needed to take a break for a while, God decided He had to send me some messages that would let me know I had gotten off the path He wanted me on. Prior to this decision, I had put out the word that I was looking for someone to take over the Leadership of the Ministry. I could not find anyone that was willing to take the responsibility of all the administrative duties.

First off, I struggled with the email I was sending out. Took me all day to write it and re-write it, and re-read it, and finally I pressed "Send" and it didn't feel very good. That was my first message.

The very next day, I got a call from a Hospital that we have been trying to get in to for 5 years. They had told us they would not allow our inserts because they had a church name on them. If I would remove that information, they would allow our gowns to be given to the families.

Well, of course, I couldn't do that so I walked away. I have had several volunteers as well as recipients of TOL that have offered and tried to get someone to allow us to donate to University Community Hospital with no results. Then I get this call. A woman has taken over the Bereavement Department of University Community Hospital and told me that our inserts are more than welcome and they would be proud to have our donations. They are re-designing their Bereavement Area and are making an organized space to hold our items. They are very excited and of course, I am too. Actually, I was a little speechless.

I went to my husband's office and sat down across from him and said, "I think I just spoke to a messenger from God." I knew right then that I was not taking a break from TOL and I was not even going to consider that ever again. I felt very strongly that the Lord was telling me to continue and He was right there in the midst of it and was not going to allow me to stop the process. I know that He knows that a call from UCH would be a loud and clear message and He knows I would know that it had to come from Him.

Now, if that wasn't enough... Today - My Pastor told me that he baptized a couple that started coming to our church because of Threads of Love. He said they lost a baby and received our packet and were so impressed by the mere fact that there were people out there making these items for families going through what they went through that they decided they wanted to check out this church. They started attending Grace Family Church, accepted Christ and were baptized this weekend. Praise God! This is like the ultimate outcome anyone could possibly ask for. Isn't this what it is all about? I was so humbled to hear this. It was hard for me to control my emotions. (I might add, our church is quite large, so for my Pastor to even talk to me, is a big deal.)

So Sissy, I said all this to say this: Threads of Love is not an easy ministry because it takes a dedication that most don't want to make, but once those who have made that dedication, experience how the Lord's hand is on this ministry, it is life changing. Threads of Love came into my life by way of prayer, which told me from day one that the Lord had sent it into my life. I pray now that more women will recognize the ministry and the glorious opportunity it gives them to serve Christ.

I salute you, Sissy, for having the courage to start this Ministry and dedication to continue it all these years. I know it has been tuff at times and I, as a Chapter leader, know how much work you must put in it. Thank you. God Bless you. Don't ever quit.

With much love and appreciation,

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**TOL
NEWSLETTER
BY EMAIL**

If you are currently receiving this newsletter by mail and would like to receive it by email to help us with the cost of postage, please email Sissy at sissy@threadsoflove.org

Give me your email address and we will be happy to send it to your computer!
Thanks

MORE FROM THE MAILBAG:

Dear Threads of Love,

Thank you for the precious hats and christening gown that you donated to my daughter. It was nice to have some hats that fit her little head. It's nice to know that there are kind & caring people like you still in the world.

God Bless you, Brigette, Felix & Oliva

Dear Mrs. Davis,

I grew up at First Presbyterian church in Baton Rouge and I distinctly remember hearing testimonies and stories about Threads of Love and the wonderful things the women involved were doing. I never imagined that they would one day minister to me.

But on Dec 6th, I entered Woman's hospital to deliver my stillborn son after carrying him through five months of pregnancy. I'm not sure there is anything that can ease the pain of that loss other than the touch of God and your ministry, the gifts that you provide, were the hands of God to us though this time. The nurses at the hospital all sang the praises of your ministry when we told them that we went to church at first Presbyterian and how Threads of Love started. Thank you and all who are a part of this beautiful ministry. Because of you we have some wonderful things by which to remember our son and we were able to bury him in a beautiful white gown. I thank God for your wonderful ministry.

Thank you for how you have blessed us.

In Christ, Ashley

THE HOLY ALPHABET



Although things are not perfect
Because of trial or pain
Continue in thanksgiving
Do not begin to blame
Even when the times are hard
Fierce winds are bound to blow
God is forever able
Hold on to what you know
Imagine life without His love
Joy would cease to be
Keep thanking Him for all the things
Love imparts to thee
Move out of "Camp Complaining"
No weapon that is known
On earth can yield the power
Praise can do alone
Quit looking at the future
Redeem the time at hand
Start every day with worship
To "thank" is a command
Until we see Him coming
Victorious in the sky
We'll run the race with gratitude
Xalting God most high
Yes, there'll be good time and yes some will be bad, but...
Zion waits in glory...where none are ever sad!

Congratulations!

**Congratulations to the following
Chapters celebrating 10 Year
Anniversaries:**

April:

Threads of Love
Linda Maraldo
Houston, TX

May:

Threads of Love—Leona Buller
Sarah Webb
Ville Platte, LA

June:

Threads of Love—Sarah
Liz Page
San Antonio, TX



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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 hearts 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. Pray that this ministry will have an impact far beyond our expectations.

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*The shortest distance between a
problem and a solution is the
distance between your
knees and the floor.*