

Sew Precious In His Sight

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New Year Brings Opportunity To Look Back and To Look Forward



My hat is off to all of the Threads of Love ladies, as we began our 16th year; who have given so much of themselves in making Threads of Love what it is today. I can't tell you how precious each and every one of you is to me and to those families whose lives have been touched with all of your stitches of love. Though those gifts of love you have shown the love of Christ to all of those families that would not have seen their little one dressed fit for a king. Without you, they would have had to try and find something for their baby that would fit those tiny little bodies.

This reminds me of a letter that I received, when we where just getting started, from a young mother who had lost her baby at Christmas. She had gone to the toy store looking for a doll dress that would fit her baby to be buried in. She stated how she wished that Threads of Love could have been around at that time, so she did have to shop for her dead baby, while other mothers where there shopping for toys for their little one's. What a terrible position for any mother to be in, oh how I hurt for

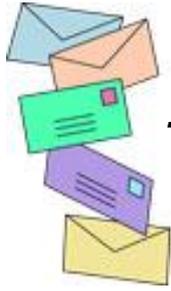
her. If only we could have been there for her. Who knows how many other stories are out there, where other mothers have been put into this position. Because of you all, think how many mothers have been spared that pain now that Threads of Love is meeting those needs.

As most of you know Threads of Love really got started in the fall of 1993. At that time we where not putting labels on our little articles of love. It was not until September of 1997 that we started putting labels on our gifts of love and as of today we have used 960,000 labels. We will reach a milestone sometime later in the year when I can say that we have donated one million items to hospitals across this nation.

Keep up the good work and keep those tallies coming in each month. What a great year this is going to be for all of us!

Happy New Year to each of you,

Your sister in Christ, Sissy Davis



MAIL BOX...

Dear Sissy,

I just wanted to share our latest good news. My group (Heart of Texas Chapter) has just recently crossed a milestone of delivering the ten thousandth handmade item! We were honored with a lovely appreciation luncheon last Tuesday by the St. David's Round Rock Medical Center NICU, and their Volunteer Group made a \$500 donation to our operating fund.

In August I looked at the last year's budget and expenses and had set my budget for \$3600, or \$300 a month for the next 12 months, starting in September. I had no idea where or how I would get this amount of money, but I was certain that the Lord would provide. Only a few days had passed when I received word that our largest benefactor for the last four years had increased their donation to \$2000 a year. A few days later another greater supporter from Walmart sent word he had submitted a request for twice his last donation and was approved and we got \$1000 there. We received another annual donation of \$300 from my husband his partners at Mr. T. This week my nephew Chase sent 10% of his summer earnings which was \$50. His parents matched that with \$50, bringing us to \$3900 in donations in the last 60 days. To God be the Glory!

When I first started the sewing room ministry you gave me the best advice. You said to go do my sewing and needlework and turn the fundraising over to the Lord, and to have faith that He will provide for our needs. So I turned it over to the Lord and instead of doing a fundraiser, I asked my congregation and friends to pray for the success of this outreach ministry and it has been an incredible journey.

I am so thankful that you set me on the right path of believing and receiving and trusting

that God will provide. This is truly an awesome ministry.

Blessings and Peace.
Georgia Tabor



I just received a phone call from my daughter-in-love. She has a friend (Jessica) that lost a baby girl a few months ago. She was 5 months. She called my daughter-in-love (Shawwna) to invite her over, first time since she lost the baby. She had pictures of the baby with a blanket next to her. Because of only being 5 months, she didn't want to put the dress or blanket on the baby because she didn't have any skin. Then the friend asked Shawwna, "Is your mother-in-law's name Renee?" She told her yes, and the friend pulled out the items from TOL. She said she was so blessed to have them.

She is going to buy a porcelain doll to put the dress on and display it with the baby. The baby was cremated and she didn't want to have that done with the dress on. Shawwna was crying the entire time she was telling me, and I needed to get some tissue out too. I was so excited that I couldn't wait to get to my computer to email you.

Love, Renee

Dear Ladies,

Our twins are currently in the NICU at North Austin Medical Center. They were born on December 17, two months early, but are doing fine.

I just wanted to thank you for all of the goodies we have gotten with the little tags that say "Threads of Love" on them - Christmas hats, ornaments and blankets. I even had a little pillow on my hospital bed for my C-Section. We were sad they had to be in the NICU on Christmas, but your handmade gifts assured us they were not forgotten.

Thanks again so much, Merry Belated Christmas and Happy New Year!

Sylvia and Michael (+ Ruby and Charlotte)



I just wanted to acknowledge **Threads of Love** with a belated, but heartfelt **Thanks!** I gave birth to a (1pound 8oz) little girl, who is now a wonderful and very active 4-year-old. At the time she was born, it was a trying time for me; I had already experienced two miscarriages prior to her birth, coupled with 6 years of infertility. Needless to say her birth was met with mixed emotions - Overjoyed that finally I had a baby, but very uneasy due to her premature condition. Seeing all of the tubes and wires attached to her little fragile, unclothed body was overwhelming.

It all seemed unreal, and so did the baby. One day, on one of my countless visits to the NICU at Woman's Hospital in Baton Rouge, I noticed a neatly placed packet that contained a small cap, a gown, a blanket, and a prayer; all with *Threads of Love* on them. I was so excited to finally get some clothes that fit my baby! She finally seemed like a real baby to me. Those items will remain keepsakes.

I had every intention of trying to find an address to contact you, but as you get home with the baby and try to get settled in, before you know it a year has passed, then two, etc. But I heard mention of *Threads of Love* name concerning taking responsibility for the burial of an abandoned baby and that brought to mind the unselfish act of kindness you were showing, and also that same kindness that you had shown to me and my baby. I am forever grateful and I want you to know that this ministry is truly a ministry of Love. Although you may not always be acknowledged, you are touching and blessing the lives of many. What better example of God's unconditional Love is there than the example that you have been over the past years. Know that **YOU ARE A BLESSING!!!! AND THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**  **YOU!**

Sincerely,
Greta K.



Threads of Love
Newest Chapters

Beverly Sanson
Aimwell, LA

Earline Statham
Calhoun, LA

Julia Nichols
Rock Hill, SC

Lisa Sterner
Waco, TX

Mary Ann Bombagetti
Knox, IN

Joan Liuzzi
Sherwood, MO

“For God so loVed the world
That He gAve
His onLy
BegottEn
SoN
ThaT whosoever
BelIeveth In Him
Should NNot perish
But have EVerlasting life.”

John 3:16

The Images of Mother

4 yrs of age - My mommy can do anything!

8 yrs of age - My mom knows a lot! A whole lot!

12 yrs of age - My mother doesn't really know quite everything

14 yrs of age - Naturally, mother doesn't know that, either

16 years of age - Mother? She's hopelessly old-fashioned

18 yrs of age - That old woman? She's way out of date!

25 yrs of age - Well, she might know a little bit about it.

35 yrs of age - Before we decide, let's get mom's opinion

45 yrs of age - Wonder what Mom would have thought about it?

65 yrs of age - Wish I could talk it over with mom.

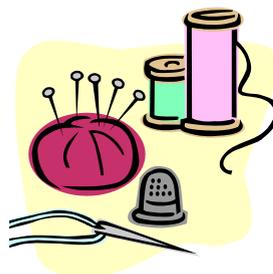
SEWING TIP



Next time you need to trim away a seam allowance let your serger do the work for you. This works particularly well on interfacing which needs to be trimmed before it is applied to a facing. Remove the needles from the serger. Measure the amount needed to be trimmed from the edge of the knife blade to determine which guide mark to use. Run the fabric through the machine and trim off the extra seam allowance.

In His Service,

Sissy Davis, Director-Threads of Love



Daily Rules from God for 2009



1. **Wake Up!!** Decide to have a good day. “Today is the day the Lord that made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.” Psalms 118:24



2. **Dress Up!!** The best way to dress up is to put on a smile. A smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks. “The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at outward appearance; but the Lord looks at the heart.” I Sam. 16:7



3. **Shut Up!!** Say nice things and learn to listen. God gave us two ears and one mouth, so He must have meant for us to do twice as much listening as talking. “He who guards his lips guards his soul.” Proverbs 13:3



4. **Stand Up!!** For what you believe in. Stand for something or you will fall for anything.” Let us not be weary in doing good; for at the proper time, we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good... Galatians 6: 9-10



5. **Look Up!** To the Lord. “I can do everything through Christ who strengthens me.” Phillipians 4:13



6. **Reach Up!!** For something higher. “Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not unto your own understanding. In all your ways, acknowledge Him and He will direct your path.” Proverbs 3: 5-6



7. **Lift Up!!** Your Prayers. “Do not worry about anything; instead **PRAY ABOUT EVERYTHING.**”

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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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*"Before I formed you in the womb,
I knew you
Before you were born,
I consecrated you"
Jeremiah 1:5*