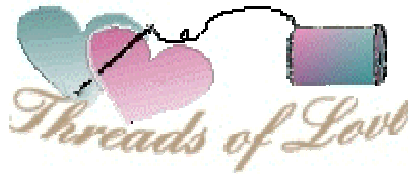


Sew Precious In His Sight

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Sitter or Server?

“Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.” Galatians 6:2

How would you answer this question – are you a sitter or a server? I attended a revival a few weeks ago and that was the subject of the message. It’s a good question to all Christians. Are you doing something that shows the love of Christ or do you just attend church and have become a pew warmer?

In Galatians we are instructed to carry each others burdens, which has been the purpose of Threads of Love for almost sixteen years now. We can’t change what happens to all those precious babies and their family, but we can and have made a difference in support of them. From the stories that I have received, each tells of how those stitches of love have shown the love and how it helped to carry that family’s burden of dealing with the loss of an infant or a sick, premature baby. It must gladden the Lord’s heart each time He looks down and sees the effect that those stitches of love have on those families.

“Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.” Isaiah 41:10

There are other organizations out there that are meeting the physical needs of these families but not the spiritual need. We don’t know if the families that receive our gifts of love are Christians or not, but as a Christian, I would think in such a situation we would do one of two things: Run to the Lord and ask to be carried through this difficult time; or get mad at God and say “How did you let this happen.” Through our prayers and the love that is sewn into each of the item that has been donated by Threads of Love, not only have we met the physical need, but our clothes are the vehicle by which we reach those families who are hurting and afraid. We want to be there to remind them that God is always there and will never forsake them at anytime. If they have not received the gift of salvation, then maybe through our gifts showing the love of Christ, they too will reach out and accept Him and receive the gift of salvation.

As most of you know Threads of Love started in September of 1993, it was not until September of 1997 that we started adding labels to our stitches of love. With the help of each of you we have passed a milestone of a million items donated; we are now at over 1,016,000 items that have been made and donated from donations and by volunteers.

In His service,
Sissy Davis



MAIL BOX...

My name is Mikelle, and on Nov. 25, 2009, I had a baby girl Bella, at St. Agnes Hospital. Almost immediately after she was born, Bella had obvious breathing problems. The day after she was born she was taken to Valley Children's Hospital. During the first 72 hours we were bombarded with "worst case scenarios" and had to prepare ourselves for our daughter being at the hospital for a while. It was all very overwhelming and the not knowing was so incredibly difficult.

Needless to say one bright light for us in those very dark hours and days was the little doll provided by Threads of Love. Being able to clutch that doll close to me while I sat by Bella and watch her struggle to breathe everyday from morning to night was of great comfort. When the nurses changed shifts at night and my husband and I had to leave (we have three other children at home), it helped that at least I had the doll to leave there with Bella. Just knowing that my scent was on it gave me strength and helped me to reconcile myself to leave her side, even though it broke my heart.

I just can't thank you enough or put adequately into words how much your ministry helped me, as a mother that was struggling, to be strong. Bella did improve and started to turn the corner around day five. By day ten we were released from Valley Children's and she has continued to be strong and feisty. We are so blessed.

May God bless your ministry and all who are a part of this ministry.

Sincerely,
Kevin and Mikelle

Thank you so much for the beautiful gown, hat and blanket. I walked in the NICU and saw my little boy had his hat on. He looked so cute. I asked his nurse where he got it. She handed me the prayer card and when I read it, it brought tears of joy to my eyes. I had such a peace after reading that prayer. Your work is a wonderful thing and I pray God will continue to bless you and to continue your ministry.

-A grateful parent



Here's a tip from Sissy...

I own one of those acrylic slanted tables to prop up my sewing machine, but they are a little expensive and cumbersome to carry to workshops. If you purchase two rubber door stops at the hardware store and prop up the back of your sewing machine, you have almost the same results for two dollars, AND the door stops fit in your machine case! This works great and saves the back and neck when doing machine work for a long period of time. You now have saved enough money to go out and buy MORE fabric!

MARTHA PULLEN MARKET SIT AND SEW SUCCESS

The annual Martha Pullen Sewing Market roared into the Metroplex and set up shop at the Arlington Convention Center. Threads of Love was one of many booths that participated in the market. This sit and sew gave market-goers a chance to sew a Guardian Angel doll for preemies and then donate to a local hospital. 80 Guardian Angels were completed after three days of sittin' and sewin'. "It also gives us the opportunity to sew on a real fancy sewing machine," says Kelley Butler.

There are 100 Threads of Love chapters sprinkled throughout the US, with three internationally located. Threads of Love donates handmade items to local

hospitals to distribute to the Labor & Delivery, ER, and NICU departments. Families of preemies receive these items as a comfort aid in a time of uncertainty.

The 'sit and sew' was made possible by Martha Pullen, Babylock, Sissy Davis and the sewing machine reps who patiently taught us how to handle the machines.



Congratulations!

Celebrating 10 years as a TOL Chapter
Threads of Love,
Marge Hoffmann
St. Catherine of Sienna CH
Wake Forest, N.C.



Did you know???

The Bible contains
1189 chapters

The Old Testament has 929 chapters and
The New Testament has 260 chapters
The longest chapter in the Bible is Psalm
119

The Shortest is Psalm 117

The longest verse is Esther 8:9 and the
shortest is John 11:35.

Well, now you know!



Threads of Love Newest Chapters

- ☆ Emma Daubert
Cameron, NC
- ☆ Anne Wickman
Endicott, NY
- ☆ Dawn Keiser
N. Richland Hills, TX
- ☆ Leilani Avila-Fairchild
Manchaca, TX
- ☆ Belinda Brooks
Mobile, AL
- ☆ Rebecca Lewis
San Antonio, TX
- ☆ Darlene Brown
Birmingham, AL

A KEPT WOMAN



I Am a '**Kept**'
Woman?
You see, there were a
few times when I
thought I would lose
my mind,
But GOD **kept** me sane.
(Isa. 26:3)
There were times when

I thought I could go no longer,
But the LORD **kept** me moving. (Gen
28:15)

At times, I've wanted to lash out at those
whom I felt had done me wrong,
But the LORD **kept** my mouth shut..
(Psa. 13)

Sometimes, I think the money just isn't
enough,
But GOD has helped me to **keep** the lights
on, the water on, the car paid, the house
paid, etc..
(Matt. 6:25 -34)

When I thought I would fall, HE **kept** me
up.

When I thought I was weak, HE **kept** me
strong! (I Pet. 5:7, Matt. 11:28-30)

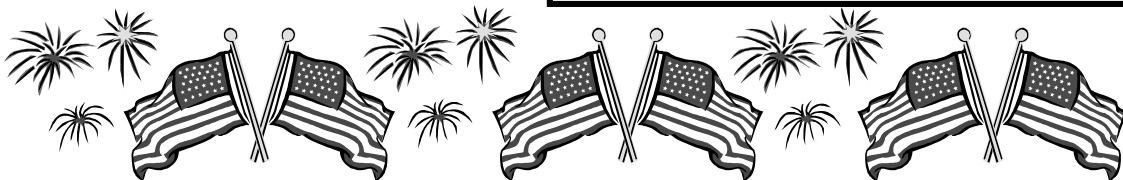
I could go on and on and on, but I'm sure
you hear me!

I'm blessed to be '**kept**'

Do you know a '**kept**' woman?

If so pass it on to her to let her know she is
'**Kept**'

I'm "Kept" by the Love and Grace of God



GOD'S ACCURACY

How lovely to think about the way our Creator God planned everything so carefully and perfectly, everything with a plan. As His highest creation, 'we are fearfully and wonderfully made.'

God's accuracy may be observed in the hatching of eggs.

For example:

The eggs of the potato bug hatch in 7 days;

Those of the canary in 14 days;

Those of the barnyard hen in 21 days.

The eggs of ducks and geese hatch in 28 days;

Those of the mallard in 35 days.

The eggs of the parrot and the ostrich hatch in 42 days.

(Notice, they are all divisible by seven).

God's wisdom is seen in the making of an elephant. The four legs of this great beast all bend forward in the same direction. No other Quadruped is so made. God planned that this animal would have a huge body, too large to live on two legs. For this reason He gave it four fulcrums so that it can rise from the ground easily.

The horse rises from the ground on its two front legs first.

A cow rises from the ground with its two hind legs first.

How wise the Lord is in all His works of creation! God's wisdom is revealed in His arrangement of sections and segments, as well as in the number of grains.

Each watermelon has an even number of stripes on the rind..

Each orange has an even number of segments.

Each ear of corn has an even number of rows.

Each stalk of wheat has an even number of grains.

Every bunch of bananas has on its lowest row an even number of bananas, and each row decreases by one, so that one row has an even number and the next row an odd number.

The waves of the sea roll in on shore twenty-six to the minute in all kinds of weather.

All grains are found in even numbers on the stalks

The Lord specified thirty fold, sixty fold, and a hundredfold - all even Numbers.

God has caused the flowers to blossom at certain specified times during the day, so that Linnaeus, the great botanist, once said that if he had a conservatory containing the right kind of soil, moisture and temperature, he could tell the time of day or night by the flowers that were open and those that were closed!

Thus the Lord in His wonderful grace can arrange the life that is entrusted to His care in such a way that it will carry out His purposes and plans, and will be fragrant with His presence. Only the God-planned life is successful.

Only the life given over to the care of the Lord is safe.

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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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