

Sew Precious In His Sight

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FROM SISSY DAVIS, Director of Threads of Love.....

Hope all of you had a great Christmas and a Happy New Year. With the New Year, I just wonder what the Lord has in store for each of the Threads of Love chapters. My prayer for all of us is that God will continue to use each chapter in a mighty way again in the coming year as He used in the past year.

Reflecting back over the last year, there have been some high and lows with Threads of Love. Needless to say the low was having to cancel the Threads of Love convention. However cancel may not be the right word.....more like reschedule. Just because Katrina blew into our lives, we are not going to let her defeat us with our plans. Hopefully in the next few weeks I will be able to give you a date for the convention. Just wait and see.....the convention will be better than any of us can imagine. After all God is still in control!

With that low, there were many highs as well. With the help of many of the Threads of Love chapters we were able to reach out to not only to those families that faced an uncertainty in the lives of their babies, but also those who were displaced by Katrina. Threads of Love reached out not only to babies with baby clothes and other needed items, but we were also able to help meet the needs of some of the new "Katrina" mothers. Many blankets and quilts were donated to the relief centers and others were used as Christmas presents to make Christmas just a little sweeter for some of those children who where displaced by the storm. All of this was possible because of you and your love for sharing the love that Jesus has for all of us and wanting to share the good news with families that so desperately need hope in their lives. Thanks ladies!

I have seen the hand of God in His faithfulness not only this past year but in all the years that Threads of Love has been around. As all of you know I am not in favor of any kind of fund raisers. If I have learned anything I have learned that as long as we are doing God's will and giving Him all the glory, He will be faithful in meeting our needs. For the past twelve years, Threads of Love has been meeting the needs of lots of families and babies and not one time have I had to say that we couldn't reach out to a hurting parent because we didn't have the funds to do so. I am often asked how I raise money. My answer is this—I have the best CEO, and his name is God. He takes care of all our needs and He doesn't need my help. If any of you are faced with a fund shortage, please don't be anxious. Just depend on God to meet your needs and put your trust in Him. So many times Threads has has a need and like magic, the money would come in. Other times we would receive money, and shortly after, the need would show itself. Any time a little larger amount than usual comes in, I know that the Lord is about to show me a need. With the Lord at the head of Threads of Love, it can be a little like riding a roller coaster, so if you are new to Threads of Love, hang onto your hat for you are in for a ride of your life! Some of the "older" chapters tell me they are in need of a new hat due to the ride, so hang on and God will lead the way in showing you how He can and He will use you.

Much love,
Sissy

News Bulletin:

Watch for Threads of Love to be one of the focuses at the Martha Pullen Sewing Market in Arlington, Texas June 1-3, 2006. This year will make the sixth year that Threads of Love has had a booth at the sewing market. I always look forward to this each year, for it not only gives me a chance to tell others how they can be a part of Threads of Love, but it also gives me a chance to meet other Threads of Love members. This June we will have our booth as usual, only larger! One of the sewing machine companies will furnish sergers and machines so the attendees can come into the booth not only to learn about Threads of Love but also make a flannel blanket for preemie babies. On Saturday at the end of the show the blankets will be donated to one of the large hospitals in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. If you have not attended one of these shows, it's a must for any sewer. For a small fee, around \$17 a day, you get to attend the market to shop with lots and lots of vendors, and you also get a chance to take five forty-five minute classes each day. If the vendors don't have what you are looking for, then you don't need it. To learn more about the show check it out at <http://www.marthapullen.com>, and look for the Arlington, Tx show. Hope to see you there!

**Don't forget that
the Threads of Love
convention has been
postponed until
2006.
More details
to follow!**

May God forever bless you for your kindness. My daughter in law and son had a precious gift on January 1, 2006 her name was Kennedy Bernae. We were displaced from New Orleans doing the Ketrina hurricane and this added more sorrow to our lives. But because of your thoughtfulness Kennedy had a precious outfit. Thanks and We will forever keep you in our prayers.

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
X alting God most high
Y es, there'll be good times and yes some will be bad, but...
Z ion waits in glory...where none are ever sad!

A recipe to live by

Blend one cup of love and one half cup of kindness, add alternately in small portions one cup of appreciation and 3 cups of pleasant companionship into which has been sifted three teaspoons of deserving praise.

Flavor with one teaspoons carefully chosen advice.

Lightly fold in one cup of cheerfulness to which has been added a pinch of sorrow. Pour the tender case into small clean hearts and let bake until will matured. Pour out on the surface of society. Humbly invoke God's blessing and it will serve all mankind.



The Ultimate Resume

Applicant Name: Jesus Christ

Address: Ephesians 1:20

Phone: Romans 10:13

Website: The Bible. Keywords: Christ, Lord, Savior and Jesus

Hello. My name is Jesus -The Christ. Many call me Lord! I've sent you my resume because I'm seeking the top management position in your heart.

Please consider my accomplishments as set forth in my resume.

Qualifications:

I founded the earth and established the heavens (See Proverbs 3:19)

I formed man from the dust of the ground (See Genesis 2:7)

I breathed into man the breath of life (See Genesis 2:7)

I redeemed man from the curse of the law, (See Galatians 3:13)

The blessings of the Abrahamic Covenant comes upon your life through me (See Galatians 3:14)

Occupational Background:

I've only had one employer (See Luke 2:49).

I've never been tardy, absent, disobedient, slothful or disrespectful. My employer has nothing but rave reviews for me (See Matthew 3:15-17)

Skills and Work Experiences:

Some of my skills and work experiences include: empowering the poor to be poor no more, healing the brokenhearted, setting the captives free, healing the sick, restoring sight to the blind and setting at liberty them that are bruised (See Luke 4:18).

I am a Wonderful Counselor (See Isaiah 9:6). People who listen to me shall dwell safely and shall not fear evil, (See Proverbs 1:33).

Most importantly, I have the authority, ability and power to cleanse you of your sins (See I John 1:7-9)

Educational Background:

I encompass the entire breadth and length of knowledge, wisdom and understanding (See Proverbs 2:6).

In me are hid all of the treasures of wisdom and knowledge (See Colossians 2:3).

My Word is so powerful; it has been described as being a lamp unto your feet and a lamp unto your path (See Psalms 119:105).

I can even tell you all of the secrets of your heart (See Psalms 44:21).

Major Accomplishments:

I was an active participant in the greatest Summit Meeting of all times (See Genesis 1:26).

I laid down my life so that you may live (See II Corinthians 5:15).

I defeated the archenemy of God and mankind and made a show of them openly (See Colossians 2:15).

I've miraculously fed the poor, healed the sick and raised the dead!

There are many more major accomplishments, too many to mention here. You can read them on my website, which is located at: [www dot - the BIBLE](http://www.dot-theBIBLE). You don't need an Internet connection or computer to access my website.

References:

Believers and followers worldwide will testify to my divine healings, salvation, deliverance, miracles, restoration and supernatural guidance

In Summation:

Now that you've read my resume, I'm confident that I'm the only candidate uniquely qualified to fill this vital position in your heart. I will properly direct your paths (See Proverbs 3:5-6) and lead you into everlasting life (See John 6:47).

WELCOME! To our new Chapters

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Dear Threads of Love,

I just wanted to let you all know how valuable this ministry really is to parents and loved ones of babies in the NICU. I didn't even know about this ministry until my first child, Lydia was born March 25. No one prepared me for her need to go to the NICU. I thought she would be a healthy baby and stay in the room with me like all the other mothers I knew.

But after having to speed up her delivery because she was in distress, a quick c-section, and a few hours in the room with me, Lydia became very sick. She was in respiratory distress and was rushed to the NICU. She would stay there nine days. My first visit to her the next day was so comforting when I saw her little sock baby, positioner and knitted cap. She had it all and I felt so much better, knowing someone had thought of her.

Later, I learned the items were supplied by the Threads of Love chapter at Riverview Baptist Church in Trussville.

I treasure all the items and my daughter still uses the positioner to help with her reflux. She is a happy healthy baby. God truly is worthy of our trust and praise. Lydia's prematurity revealed lung and severe heart problems that were totally corrected by the end of the week.

I'm sorry it took me so long to write and let you guys know how much you all mean to me and my husband. I pray for your organization often and have contacted the Riverview chapter to become a "sewer."

The items, the prayer cards and the love for Christ you all demonstrate by caring for these little babies and their parents touches so many people. I am eternally grateful for making my baby girl's stay in the NICU a little more comfortable and for helping me and my husband deal with the stress and grief that fills your heart when your baby is away from you.

Love in Christ, Christie

God loves everyone, but probably prefers "fruits of the spirit" over "religious nuts!"

If God is your Copilot - swap seats!

Prayer: Don't give God instructions -- just report for duty!

The Will of God will never take you to where the Grace of God will not protect you.

We don't change the message, the message changes us.

thank you*thank you*thank you

Sissy,

I just wanted to tell you about something that happened here recently. For many years I was a dental hygienist. A patient who came to our office was in the funeral home business. His family started coming to the office when their children were young, and I was able to see the children grow up to be fine people.

A few years ago, they opened a family operated funeral home, and have been doing really well. The dad is the manager, the mom does the bookwork, the daughter works part time. The son is licensed as a mortician.

One day the son, Darren came in to have his teeth cleaned. I had that day brought in a couple of our TOL hospital outfits to show some of the ladies in my office. When Darren saw them he asked if I had been playing with dolls. I told him about the outfits and what our group did, and he said “ I wish I had known about y’all a while back. We had a family who lost little twin boys that were only a couple of pounds each, and we had nothing to put on them. The family brought some little clothes in, but they were so big. I had a hard time getting them to look good.” He also told me how hard it is to see the families go through losing a child, and trying to find clothes for them.

I asked him if he would like me to bring some of the small burial outfits for him to see. He said he would really appreciate it. I took several for him to choose from, and he wanted them all. I think there were 6 of them. I told him there were “strings attached”, that he could not sell them to the families, and he had to give them the card/prayer that was enclosed in the packet. He assured me that they would NEVER charge any money for them, that they do all infant funerals at cost. They never make money from that kind of situation. And it was no problem to give them the card.

This was over two years ago, and since I retired I haven’t heard from the family. Thank God we haven’t had to use their services!

A couple of weeks ago, I had gone out for the day, and when I got home I had several messages on my answering machine. Some from the church and some from ladies in our TOL group. All of them were a frantic call for a burial outfit for a 1 pound, 2 week old baby that had passed away. It seems Darren had called the church, they called me, and when they couldn’t get me they called some other ladies in the group, who then tried to call me. There was also a call from a lady who is a member of the church, who was calling in behalf of the family. I called Darren, and he said the family had just called to tell him they had something for the baby to wear.

It seems that the church member was the mother of a friend of the baby’s grandmother. She was able to tell them that we did the sewing for the hospital. The baby’s mother called the hospital, and they told her since the baby was actually born there (she had been sent to a Children’s hospital in Atlanta) that they would be glad to have her to come and see if anything they had would work for them. So the mother went and got what she needed for the baby.

I felt that we still needed to do something for them, so the next morning I took a little wrapper and bonnet keepsake set to the funeral home for the baby’s family. Darren just loved that, and took me to see the outfit the family brought. I recognized it immediately as being made by one of our most talented ladies. It was a tiny white dress and bonnet trimmed in pink, with lace ruffles all down the front of the skirt, just beautiful! The hospital had also given them a little Lovie doll, and a plastic canvas cross made by our group. The family was really touched by having such a beautiful outfit to put on their precious baby.

Darren told me that they had used all but one of the outfits I brought before. I asked him if he would like to have more, and some of the keepsake sets, and he said he would love it. He also said his dad (Horace) wanted to see me before I left. I thought he just wanted to see me because I used to clean his teeth, so I waited a little while until he could come see me. When he came in he slipped me an envelope. He said it was just a little something to thank our ladies for what they were doing.

Later when I opened the envelope, I found a generous check made out to our group. I was so touched by that. I will be sharing this with our ladies this Friday at our meeting.

I feel so blessed to be a part of a ministry like this, and I just wanted to let you know how much Threads of Love means to me, and to all the ladies in our group. So many of the ladies tell me how they pray for the babies when they make the cute little outfits for the hospital. Not all of them are able to make the bereavement clothes, they just can’t handle it emotionally. But the ones who do make them say it is such a privilege to be able to make them. They pray for the families, and put their best efforts into their project, because they know this will probably be the only gift that baby will get, and they want them to look loved as a child of God.

May God bless you MANY times over for starting Threads of Love.

With Love,

Sybil

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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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**There are three
things that re-
main: faith,
hope and love;
and the greatest
of these is love.
- 1 Corinthians
13:13**