## Sew Precious In His Sight



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## GOD ALWAYS HAS A PLAN

"You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it." John 14:14



**Mission Statement:** Our mission is to show parents the love of Christ, especially at a time when their personal pain is hard to endure, and let them know that God is faithful. Through acts of obedience and donations, His work can and will continue. We pray that this ministry will have an impact far beyond our expectations.

**Our Purpose:** Threads of Love is a sewing ministry meeting the needs of newborns and tiny premature infants.



Welcome to 2017.

Hope you all have a great year.

How many items do you think that Threads of Love has donated since September of 1997?

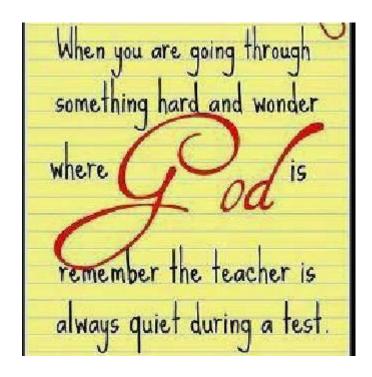
- A. 300,000
- B. 900,000
- C. 1,000,000
- D. 1,500,000
- E. 2,000,000
- F. MORE

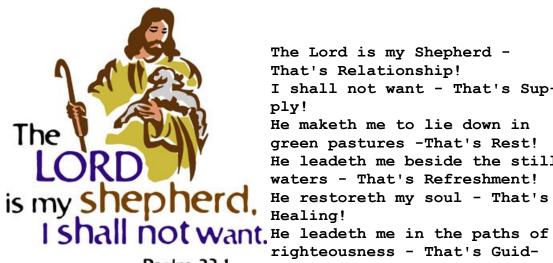
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Keep up the great work ladies in reaching families with the love of Christ.



Trust in God's timing. It's better to wait and have things fall into place, than to rush and have things fall apart.





The Lord is my Shepherd -That's Relationship! I shall not want - That's Supply!

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures -That's Rest! He leadeth me beside the still waters - That's Refreshment!

righteousness - That's Guidance!

Psalm 23:1

For His name sake - That's Purpose!

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death - That's Testing!

I will fear no evil - That's Protection!

For Thou art with me - That's Faithfulness!

Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me - That's Discipline!

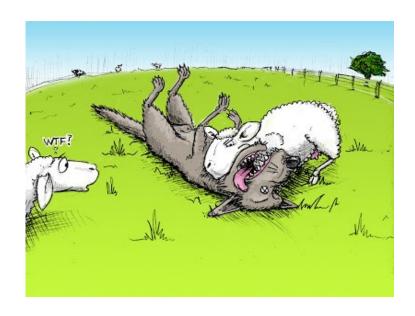
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies - That's Hope!

Thou annointest my head with oil - That's Consecration! My cup runneth over - That's Abundance!

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life - That's Blessing!

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord - That's Security!

Forever - That's Eternity!



Jeremiah 29:11 "'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future."

His plans for us are so much better than we can ask or think. We know what we "want", but He knows what is best.

So in this new year, lets remember He has plans for us. Sometimes we think He isn't listening or doesn't care, but just remember He is working all things for our good if we trust Him.

Let's not tell God this year what our plans are, but let's become a part of what He has planned for us..

I had rather be in His care than my own any day. I only mess things up.

So as we go through the new year, remember, God has plans for your life.

How many items donated by Threads of Love since September 1997? Answer: 2,116,744



I can't believe another year has come to an end. It's been a great year for Threads of Love. In July 2016 we reached a total of 2,066,744 items donated since we began tracking donations in 1997. This couldn't have happened if it had not been for the dedication of all the ladies across this nation who love the Lord and put stitches of love into each little item of clothing they make. Just think of all the lives that have been touched. Each item sewn has brought comfort and encouragement to a parent who had a baby in the NIC unit. For those that didn't get to take their baby home, it provided the comfort of seeing their baby dressed in a gown that fit along with making a sweet memory of their precious little one. Thank you, ladies for making this all possible.

It was been a heartbreaking fall for those of us who live in south Louisiana. As you know, we experienced a catastrophic flooding in August. Eleven people lost their life, and over 150,000 homes were flooded in 20 parishes (counties). We had 37 inches of rain in 72 hours.

Several TOL chapters and members in the area were affected by the flood and lost almost everything. Our Greenwell Springs TOL chapter had six ladies that were flooded and lost their homes along with their sewing machines and sewing supplies. Our church had three of their four buildings damaged by the flood. Afterwards nearly 200 Samaritan's Purse disaster relief workers were housed at the church, which left us nowhere to meet for our sewing workshops. We have been unable to meet since August. In November some of our members met for lunch just to have a fellowship time. Normally our chapter has a covered dish dinner and gift exchange at Christmas, but not this year. We did a little something different. We had finger foods and fellowship. We decided we wouldn't exchange gifts since so many had flooded houses to deal with. The ones that didn't flood donated money and we were able to purchase about \$200 of sewing supplies to replace some of what our members lost. When everyone arrived for the Christmas luncheon, we had them sign in for door prizes. The ones who flooded didn't know their names were the only ones going in the pot. As names were called, they were told not to open the gift until all winners had been selected. When it came time for them to open the gifts, they realized the winners were those who flooded! We all had a good old crying time of joy. Seeing them get their sewing supplies replaced was our gift to each other. The Lord saw to it that each lady who had lost their sewing machine was able to receive a donated machine to replace the one lost in the flood.

Threads of Love also donated \$931.85 to the fold relief for baby food, diapers, bottle and etc. My ladies made baby blankets and throw for the young children who had lost their blankie in the flood waters.

I'm wishing each one of you a Happy New Year, and know how much I appreciate each one of you.

Keep up the great work. Sissy



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## Chapter Update for 2017

Note: This form is to be filled out electronically and emailed to <u>sissy@threadsoflove.org</u> If you fail to return this form with your current information your chapter will be listed as an inactive chapter for 2017 on our roster and will not be posted on our web site. Deadline for the current information is January 15, 2017.

TO FILL OUT THE FORM ON YOUR COMPUTER, CLICK ON THE GREY WORDS AND TYPE YOUR RESPONSES. THE BOXES WILL EXPAND AS YOU TYPE. IF THERE IS NO INFORMATION FOR A BOX USE N/A. WHEN THE FORM IS COMPLETED, GO TO "FILE" AND "SAVE AS" YOUR CHAPTER NAME. REMEMBER WHERE YOU SAVED IT ON YOUR COMPUTER SO YOU CAN ATTACH IT TO AN EMAIL MESSAGE AND SEND TO SISSY AT THE ABOVE EMAIL ADDRESS. FILL OUT THE COMPETE FORM AND PLAESE DON'T LEAVE ANY BLANKS EVEN IF THE INFORMATION HAS NOT CHANGED FOR 2016.

Chapter name as listed: Chapter Name Chapter leader name: Chapter Leader Name

Chapter leader for this chapter for 2016: 2016 Leader

Street Address: Chapter Street

City: Chapter City State: Chapter State Zip: Chapter Zip

Phone #: Phone# Cell#:Cell#

Email: Chapter Email

Co-chapter leader name: Co-Leader Name

Phone #: Co-Leader Phone# Cell#: Co-Leader Phone#

Email: Co-Leader Email

If you are working under the umbrella of a church, please list that information.

Name of church: Church Name Church street address: Church Street

City: Church City State: Church City Zip: Church Zip

Church phone #:Church Phone#

Approximately how many sewers do you have in your sewing group? Volunteer #

Place where you meet: Meeting Place

Street Address: Meeting Street

City: Meeting City State: Meeting City Zip: Meeting City

How often do you meet? Meeting Frequency

Time: Meeting Time. On what day: Meeting Day



And if you are not ALERT, you will not be on the mailing list for 2017. Your chapter will be place on the inactive roll of chapters.

Please return update form by email!

All of you should have received an email with the Chapter Update for 2017 attached. If you did not receive your update form from Sissy please contact her immediately.

PLEASE: Make sure you fill it out COMPLETELY. Even if things haven't changed, still fill it out.

With all Sissy and her chapter are going through trying to put things back together after the flooding, it would make her life so much easier.