

Threads of Love Video Transcript

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TIME	TRANSCRIPT TEXT
00:04	Threads of Love is a sewing ministry
00:07	meeting the needs of tiny premature
00:09	infants and newborns who died due to
00:12	Stillbirth, miscarriage, or infant death.
00:14	The ministry is about healing and
00:17	binding hearts together of parents at a
00:19	time of uncertainty about their baby's
00:21	Health, or when they lose an infant. Our
00:24	mission is to show parents the love of
00:26	Christ at a time when their personal
00:28	pain is hard to endure, and let them know
00:31	that God is faithful. The seed for this
00:34	ministry was planted in the fall of 1993,
00:37	when a pediatrician from Earl K. Long
00:40	Charity Hospital in Baton Rouge,
00:42	Louisiana saw a need for tiny burial gowns for
00:45	patients who are born prematurely, and
00:48	were too sick or too tiny to survive.
00:50	Regular newborn clothing was too large

00:53 for these babies, so several ladies from
00:55 a local church joined the endeavor in making the little gowns.
00:59 Someone donated a gift of \$100, then the
01:03 only thing the ladies needed to furnish
01:05 were thread and love. Thus our ministry,
01:10 Threads of Love was begun, reaching out
01:13 and helping families say their goodbyes
01:15 and helping to put a closure to the loss
01:18 of their baby. About 12.5% of babies, more
01:23 than half a million a year in the United
01:26 States, are born prematurely for reasons
01:28 that doctors don't fully understand.
01:30 While this is a sensitive subject that
01:33 most people don't like to talk about,
01:35 it's a much needed ministry. Hospitals
01:38 across the nation have a need for tiny
01:40 burial gowns for patients who are born
01:42 prematurely and are too sick or too tiny
01:45 to survive. There's also a need for
01:48 clothing for premature babies who spend
01:50 weeks to months in a NICU, clothing that
01:53 will work around all the wires and
01:55 equipment that's connected to these tiny
01:57 babies. For those who lose an infant,
02:01 finding clothing for their baby can be a

02:03 traumatic experience. When a parent is
02:06 faced with the death of an infant, we
02:08 reach out to them with a packet, showing
02:11 God's love through our sewing skills,
02:13 silently saying you are loved. When a
02:17 baby dies, all the choices of the parents
02:19 have been taken away, because if they had
02:22 just one choice it would be for their
02:24 baby to live. Through the Threads of Love
02:27 Ministry, parents have a choice to have
02:29 their stillborn infant dressed in the
02:32 items we provide, which helps to put a
02:34 closure to the loss of their baby. The
02:38 most important part of the packet is the
02:40 enclosed prayer and brochure. Threads of
02:43 Love has one goal, not to simply dress
02:46 babies, but to use these clothes as a
02:48 tool for reaching parents and families
02:51 at a time in their lives when they need
02:53 to be reassured that God is there and He
02:55 is always faithful. In addition to making
02:59 burial gowns, we also provide tiny
03:01 clothes for the babies in the NICU who
03:03 survive, but sometimes remain in the
03:06 hospital for months. It means so much

03:10 parents to see their babies dressed up
03:12 like real babies. We also provide a lovey
03:16 doll, which is given to the mother to
03:18 place in her bosom and transfer her
03:20 scent to the doll. Then the doll is
03:23 placed in the isolette for bonding to the
03:25 mother's scent. Also included in the NICU
03:28 packet is a prayer to the parents for
03:30 the premature baby. This is a gesture of
03:33 silently saying, "God loves you and He's
03:36 with you."
03:36 Threads of Love is a faith-based
03:39 ministry comprised entirely of
03:41 volunteers who show their love for the
03:43 Lord by using their sewing and crafts
03:46 talents in serving the Lord. All our clothing
03:49 and accessories are provided to the
03:51 babies and their families free of charge.
03:53 It's not necessary to know how to sew
03:56 and no special skills are required. All
03:59 you need is a willing and loving heart
04:02 with a desire to serve the Lord. There's
04:05 a place for everyone in the Threads of
04:07 Love ministry. Through acts of obedience
04:10 and donation, His work can and will

04:14 continue.