

Sew Precious In His Sight

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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.

There are three things that remain: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

- 1 Corinthians 13:13

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Happy Harvest!

The last four months have really been an abundant harvest for Threads of Love as well as for me. Since the last news letter we have had large increase of ladies who love the Lord and have joined with us in our effect to spread His word and work.

I was invited to bring Threads of Love to the Quilt Academy, put on by Martha Pullen in Huntsville, AL last month. What a marvelous experience to meet so many sewers and ladies who are interested in the work that Threads of Love is doing. It is always inspiring to meet and talk with someone who has received one our gifts that was given to a hospital. This happens no



I would like to share with happened to me while I spoken with Diane Brad-

shaw (Martha's assistant) about making something that would be geared toward quilters. I came up with the idea of making an isolette cover for the show. Dianne felt confident that she could make arrangements to have an isolette on a loan from the hospital there. I arrived in Huntsville on Wednesday to set up the Threads of Love booth, only to find that there was no isolette to use. So then we went to plan B, which called for using a couple of boxes in place of an isolette. The first person to walk into the booth Thursday morning was the head nurse from the hospital. At that time she informed me that she had made arrangements for the use of one of their isolettes. It was simply waiting for someone to pick it up for our use. I asked her if my husband could pick it up and she said yes. When I called him on the cell phone, he was driving around town and much to my surprise, at that moment, he was in front of that hospital! The isolette arrived within a few minutes. I must say it turned out to be a show stopper, with our little preemie doll inside all dressed up. Once again the Lord showed me that we are in His will in what we are doing. This just proves that He takes care of the details allowing us to deal with the little things when we are in His will.

-Sissy

Thank you, Lord, that You are not unfair, and will not forget our work or the work of our hands and the love we have shown to You as we have endeavored to help Your people and will continue to help them with the resources You have provided us.
Hebrews 6:10 NIV

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GOOD NEWS * GOOD NEWS * GOOD NEWS *

At this writing, I am announcing the union of our chapter (South Orange County Threads of Love) with Saddleback Memorial Hospital in Laguna Hills. This hospital was being supplied by a chapter of Threads of Love in Ontario, CA. Due to unforeseen circumstances, that chapter no longer is able to supply Saddleback. Since our membership is growing and we have so many dedicated volunteers, I decided we could take on another hospital. Their needs will be fairly easy to meet. An initial delivery on May 1, has been met with grateful hearts. We will be providing only sleepy time vests, knit/crochet hats and booties, lovie dolls, blankets, isolette covers and day-gowns. Another organization is providing burial gowns.

As for Mission Hospital/Children's Hospital at Mission, we have surpassed the two year mark in our relationship. They have been blessed by your wonderful gifts for two years. I hope everyone realizes how important their time and effort has been to this cause. Many families have been recipients of your beautiful handwork. For some, it may be the only gift they receive. Please know that your time and donations of fabric, yarn, etc. are greatly appreciated by the hospital as well as the babies and their families.

-South Orange County Threads of Love

www.threadsoflove.org

We hope that you have checked out the new look of our website. Dean Cooper of Cooper Computer Services in Baton Rouge, LA (www.coopnet.com) was kind enough to donate his services to re-design the site. Stay tuned, because the site is a work in progress, and Dean still has many exciting things planned!

* "Religion is a man's *
* attempt to reach *
* God, while Jesus is *
* God's attempt to *
* reach man". *
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THANK YOU * THANK YOU * THANK YOU *

Thank you so much for making me such a beautiful blanket and preemie hat. I really appreciate your time. My mommy and daddy say thank you for all you do for little precious gifts like me! It means the world.

-Scott, Tanya & Cambria


Well, my James is 5 weeks as of this last Saturday. What a blessing he is to our family. I'm writing to graciously thank you for the hand-knit blanket and booties we received at CHOC (at Mission). At such a traumatic and emotional time for my husband and I, it really warmed our hearts to walk in the ICU and see James in the crocheted blanket. I am a sewer (well not anymore for now) so I can appreciate the time spent in making this beautiful blanket. If you know who make this, please thank them for their most beautiful gift. James respiratory system is normal now, and his collar bone is on the mend. Thanks again for your kindness.

-Love, Natalie

Serena loves her new blanket. Thank you so much and please pass on to the "loving hands" how appreciated and beautiful the blanket is to us.

-Thanks so much, Celeste & Jim

A woman was asked by a co-worker, "What is it like to be a Christian?" The co-worker replied, "It is like being a pumpkin. God picks you from the patch, brings you in, and washes all the



dirt off of you. Then he cuts off the top and scoops out all the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc., and then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside of you to shine for all the world to see."

NEW CHAPTER ENCOURAGEMENT

Dear Sissy,

I just have to share with you my first experience in passing along my first preemie donations.

I only go to church about once a month since I teach the children's church. Last Sunday I went to church and one of our members was telling about her cousin who had just had twin preemies and one of them wasn't doing as well as the other. I passed her a note and told her I had something for the babies and to call me.

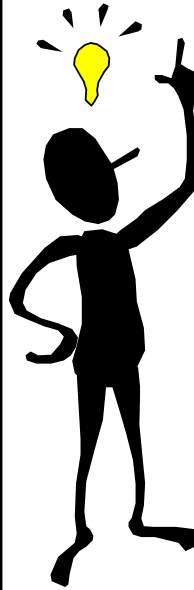
When she called, she shared more about her family's situation. These babies had been conceived by in vitro fertilization and it had been a long road for this couple to get pregnant. When the mother developed toxemia, the babies had to be born. They were about 3# each. The mother developed heart problems along with her worry over the babies. We agreed to meet this Sunday so I could give her a box of things.

I had put a baby day gown for each of them, bonnets for each, knitted caps and booties for each and two little blankets. It did make a pretty box. I had embroidered tiny baby designs on the day gowns. Debbie started to cry when she saw them. She said her cousin would be so encouraged by the prayer and the clothes that were small enough for the little ones. The Grandmother will be going out to Montana to see her grandchildren and deliver the clothes.

I feel this is such a special reward for me to actually see family members who will get the little outfits. God is so good.

-Sue White, Littlest Angels-Threads of Love

IDEA BANK



Many of our chapters, including our headquarter chapter in Baton Rouge, have put together a Threads of Love chapter scrapbook that includes newspaper clippings, thank you notes, photos, etc, that have to do with that particular chapter of Threads of Love. This is a great way to recruit new sewers to the group...they can thumb through the scrapbook and see all the wonderful things that the chapter has been up to. When you think you're not affecting anyone, it's a great idea to look through the book. It will definitely lift your spirits!

It's not too early to think of Threads of Love ideas for Christmas.....

Christmas Holiday probably be start-Thanksgiving for of the items that nated in the past or red hats with Holiday print



day deliveries will ing shortly after your chapter. Some chapters have do-include white, green, matching pom-poms, vests, Holiday blankets and Lovie Dolls using Holiday flannel. If you have any special Christmas ideas, please submit them to our website!

If your chapter needs to become inactive for any length of time or for any reason, you **MUST** let Sissy know (sissy@threadsoflove.org) so we can temporarily take you off the website.

* **HELPFUL HINT....courtesy of Camilla Rabon of His Tiny Angels Threads of Love in Farmville, VA** *

To assemble the Lovie Dolls I used a Crystal Lite plastic container with the bottom cut off. Using the cylinder makes stuffing the sock very easy especially for children. Turn the sock inside out & over the cylinder with the toe going inside about 1". As you add the filling, firmly without jamming it in, the sock gradually works its way down coming out at the bottom of the tube giving you more sock to fill. I leave the sock in the cylinder when I tie it off. When stuffed to the change in the stitch (cuff) pull it back up the tube 1" or so and make the 1st. tie off at (the cuff/hat). Then pull up 2" more, tie off again with the ribbon to make the head. Doing it this way makes a perfectly smooth filled 8" circumference and it helps in keeping the shape while your tying it off without crushing the doll. I didn't take it out of the cylinder till I completely finished the hat and face. I had something solid to hold onto while working on the doll. I'm trying to collect enough cylinders so each child has one to use.



Matthew 9:37—Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.



Seen on Church Signs

- The best vitamin for a Christian is B1.
- Under same management for over 2000 years!
- Soul food served here.
- Don't wait for the hearse to take you to church.
- Don't give up. Moses was once a basket case.
- Life has many choices. Eternity has two. What's yours?
- Worry is interest paid on trouble before it is due.
- Wal-Mart isn't the only saving place!
- Prevent truth decay. Brush up on your Bible.
- It's hard to stumble when you're down on your knees.
- God answers knee-mail.



SPOTLIGHT CHAPTER



This is a new feature of our newsletter. We hope to spotlight chapters that are really going above and beyond the call of duty. We have to hear from you to be able to spotlight you!!!

This issue's spotlight chapter is Threads of Love Prayers and Stitches, in Covington, LA, chaired by Ruth Sticker. Ruth is celebrating the one year anniversary of Threads of Love Prayers and Stitches. TOLPS have created a TOLPS database, available on the web, so that members can easily get in touch with each other, in addition to advertising services and other talents that each member has.

TOLPS has its own advisory board which oversees the projects and hospitals that TOLPS serves. Because the New Orleans/Covington area is so large, Ruth holds sewing workshops (called Share/Care Days) in two different cities in order to best serve the hospitals.

Ruth has really gone above and beyond the call of the duty as the 'contact' person for Threads of Love Prayers and Stitches. She is particularly good at keeping 'headquarters' abreast of all her exciting news!

Congratulations Ruth, and here's to many more happy years of Threads of Love Prayers and Stitches!

DID YOU KNOW????

From Sept. 97 to Dec 2001
Threads of Love chapters have
donated somewhere around
146,000 items to local hospital
across
America.

**Please try to keep us up to date on the numbers of articles that your chapter has donated, so we can keep a 'running tally.'

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**First Annual Threads of Love
Convention will be held in
Baton Rouge, LA**

*****Thursday—Saturday,
September 25-27, 2003.*****

**It's going to be an unbelievable
experience for everyone involved
in Threads of Love. We will have
workshops, special guests, exhib-
its, discussion with other Threads of
Love Chapters, good food, and
lots of fun.**

**We will be sending out a Save the
Date email very soon. If you know
someone interested in being an
exhibitor, please let us know.**

**Stay tuned to
www.threadsoflove.org
for more details!**

Need Lace?

*Go to <http://www.Such-A-Deal.com>

*Go to on line catalog

*Go Cotton Lace (the site has lace starting at 30-40 cents/yard for a spool of 300 yards.)

-Sissy

More New Chapters.....

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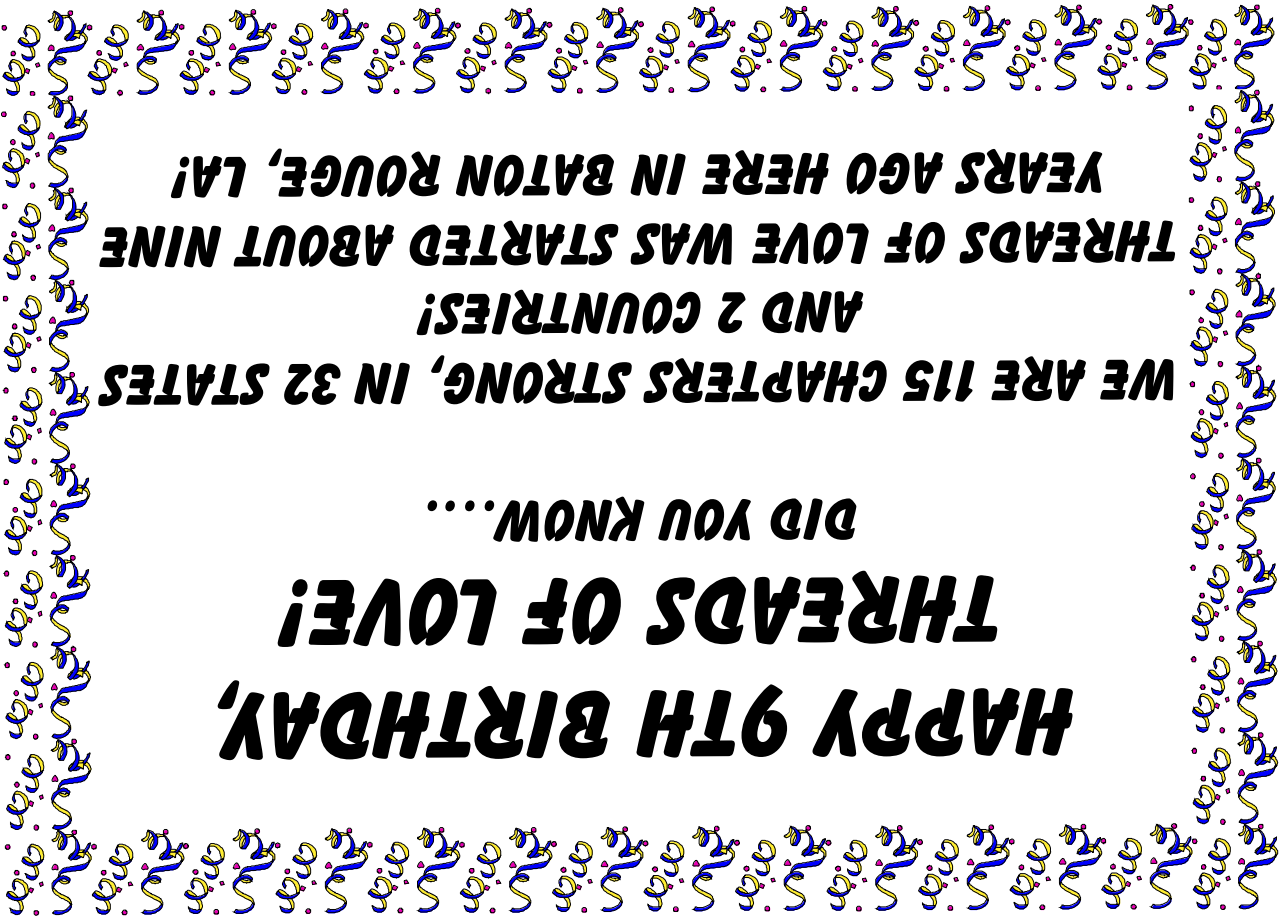
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**HAPPY 9TH BIRTHDAY,
 THREADS OF LOVE!
 DID YOU KNOW...
 WE ARE 115 CHAPTERS STRONG, IN 32 STATES
 AND 2 COUNTRIES!
 THREADS OF LOVE WAS STARTED ABOUT NINE
 YEARS AGO HERE IN BATON ROUGE, LA!**

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