

How Are You Preparing for the Joy of Easter?

An Invitation to Give This Lenten Season

Many Lent traditions help us reflect on Christ's sacrifice and get our heart ready for the wonder of Easter. Some people give up things like chocolate, sweets or another favorite food. Some people *add* things like writing an encouraging note to someone each day of Lent. These traditions help us purposefully notice God's presence and His gift of forgiveness.

This Easter season we invite you to *add* to your Lenten practice with a gift of comfort and hope for families who are living in a season of lament.

- Maybe you're going to give up your coffee or candy?
 - *We invite you to consider giving the money you would save as a donation to Living Threads*
- Maybe you would like to be more intentional in your generosity during Lent and beyond?
 - *We invite you to join our Circle of Friends and make a monthly donation as we implement our mission to serve the grieving and needy through quilting. Your gift of \$5, \$10 or more per month would bless so many families and children*

Just \$25 from 300 families would raise \$7,500 to serve the grieving and needy through quilting. What a wonderful way to turn the sacrifices of Lent into a praise offering to God!

You can give online at www.livingthreadsministry.org/donate/, use the enclosed giving envelope or call 616-748-6515 with your credit card information.

You are our heroes! Your support of the grieving and needy is such a blessing.



Thank You for Bringing Comfort to Broken Hearts

Families That Receive Memory Quilts Are Moved to Tears



Psalm 34 tells us that the Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit (v. 18). *You* have drawn near to grieving families with your financial support. *You* have moved families to tears when the quilts were opened. *You* bring comfort to the broken hearted.

Because of you families bowed down by sorrow were blessed with quilts, pillows, wall-hangings—even table runners, made out of the clothing of someone they loved and lost to death in 2018. *You* made it possible for Living Threads volunteers to craft a total of **145 quilts, pillows and other items** to bring comfort to these families. Wow! *What a blessing you have been to these families.* The hearts of moms, dads, brothers and sisters, children and grandchildren have all been touched because of you!

We are so thankful for you and your commitment to bringing comfort and encouragement to the grieving families we serve.

JUST A NOTE TO THANK EVERYONE WHO WORKED ON MY GORGEOUS QUILTS. THEY ARE MORE THAN I EVER COULD HAVE IMAGINED. THE WORKMANSHIP IS EXQUISITE AND THE DESIGNS ARE BEAUTIFUL. MY GRANDSON, KEVIN, DAUGHTER, PAWN, AND SON-IN-LAW, ERIK WERE ALL MOVED TO TEARS; AS WAS I. THESE WILL BE TREASURED FOR YEARS TO COME AND WILL REMIND US ALL OF MY DEAR HUSBAND, MALCOLM, FANTASTIC GRANDFATHER AND WONDERFUL DAD.

The Living Threads Shipshewana Bus Trip!

Monday May 6, 2019

7:30 am to 7:30 pm
\$80/pp

Register today to secure your seat!**

Full Payment Due 10 Days after Registration

****Seating is limited to 54 people and will be filled on a first come first serve basis**

Your Trip Includes:

- Travel in comfort with Cardinal Coach
- Thresher's Dinner at an Amish House
- Tour of an Amish Home
- Sack lunch for the ride home

Win Prizes!
Shop Shipshe!
Good Eats!



To register call 616-748-6515 or email barb@livingthreadsministry.org

You Boost the Mission of Living Threads

Memory Quilt Recipients Receive Comfort; Volunteers Have Purpose & Destitute Children Hear God’s Word



The brand new children’s Bibles inspire the children to love God’s Word.

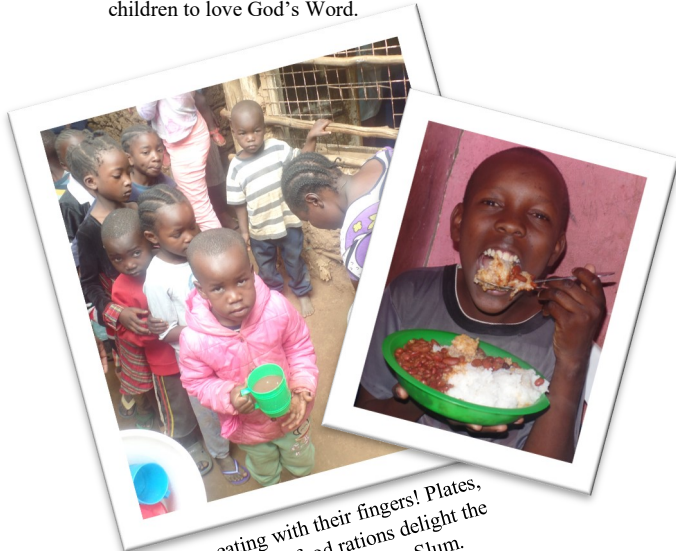
Did you know that your support is the foundation that allows Living Threads to operate and serve so many? Because of you families have a place that will create and personalize a memory quilt just for them. When complete, their memory quilt is presented to them in a beautifully packaged gift box tied with a satin ribbon.



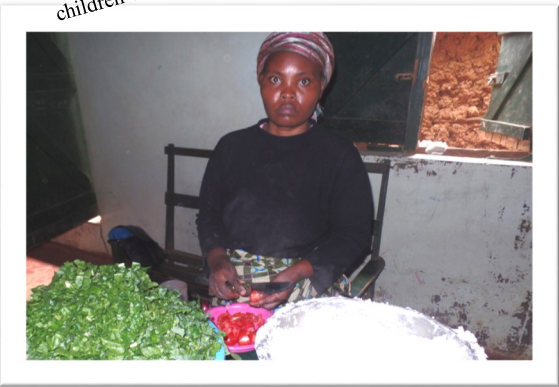
But the story doesn’t end when families receive their quilts!

The donations made for the volunteer time spent creating their personalized memory quilt becomes a gift that nourishes bodies and souls of the children who live in the Kibera Slum in Nairobi, Kenya.

Through this “ribbon” of community, (*you* as a supporter of our ministry through giving, volunteers through serving, and quilt recipient donations), we are tied together in God’s love. Each one of us in our own small ways serving the grieving *and* poor and needy through quilting.



No more eating with their fingers! Plates, utensils and extra food rations delight the children who live in the Kibera Slum.



Ruth is a cook at the Galilaya Bible Club and has been a volunteer cook for many years. Because of memory quilt donations Ruth now receives a small stipend for her services. What a wonderful blessing!



Bible Club students love their new chairs purchased with memory quilt donations.

Thank You for our 2nd Gammill Statler Stitcher Longarm Machine

Because You Cared the Second Longarm Made it Home to Living Threads



Because of you we can create personalized memory quilts for people with hurting hearts. Having the comfort of a quilt made with their loved one’s clothing to honor their life story is priceless!

You Provide a Sewing Home for a Community of Volunteers

Volunteers Use God Given Talents to Help Others



Volunteers begin prepping the clothing to make it part of the quilt design.



“We need to be angels for each other, to give each other strength and consolation. Because only when we fully realize the cup of life is not only a cup of sorrow, but also a cup of joy, will we be able to drink it.”

Henri Nouwen

Because of your generosity our volunteers have a place where they can “*extend a helping hand to the poor and open her arms to the needy*” (Prov. 31:19-20). They are very much angels on earth as they work and pray for the quilt recipients and their families. It’s so wonderful to see God’s people working together and supporting each other—thank you for making it possible!