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Celebrating God's Provision in 2020

The year 2020 marked the 10 year anniversary of Living Threads. God receives all the honor and glory for all the ways He has blessed us since we opened in 2020. Our anniversary events were scheduled, our calendar was filled, but then COVID and "Shelter in Place" hit. Throughout this year God has reminded us through Proverbs 19:21, "You can make many plans, but the Lord's purpose will prevail".

Below you will see that only by God's miraculous hand could 2020 have had the results we experienced. We were closed from March 24—June 15, leaving us basically *only 9 months* to be at the ministry center creating memory quilts. Join us in praising God for *all* that HE has done using *you* to accomplish HIS purposes.



\$23,784.20 was raised for the Kibera Slum in 2020

We're delighted we raised \$345.55 *more* than what was donated in 2019 bringing our total donations since 2010 up to \$178,010.66. Volunteers worked less hours, we made less quilts, yet our donations to support the children in the Kibera Bible Clubs *increased!* **God is so good!**



111 Memory Quilts Ordered in 2020—only 7 less than 2019!

Isn't it amazing, that in the middle of a pandemic the ministry was able to continue to do God's Kingdom work and bring comfort to families that are deeply grieving the loss of their loved ones. **God is so good!**

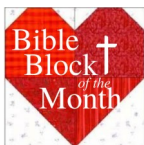


1874.33 Volunteer Sewing Hours in 2020

Due to Covid Shelter At Home *and* the fact that we can only have 8 volunteer sewers at time instead of 15 (due to 6' spacing requirements) volunteer hours are less than previous years. Even so, our wonderful volunteers were committed to come sew even though that meant wearing a mask all day. **God is so good!**

247 Longarm Quilts (Client & Community) in 2020

Once again we see God's provision for Living Threads—after being closed for 3 months our longarm quilters hands were busy. **God is so good!**



BBOM (Bible Block of the Month)—Sold Out!

God's provision shines out again! 55 students signed up for BBOM. Due to Covid restrictions we couldn't sign up as many as previous years, but all the seats were filled. **God is so good!**

Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus to us in 2020.

We are so grateful for how God used *you* to bless and encourage us this year. Because of your faithful support we ended 2020 in the positive by \$537.87! God has proven over and over again that he "*will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.*" (Phil 4:19 ESV).

Virtual Dinner"less" Event

Wow. We've never held a virtual, much less dinnerless, event before. **Thank you** to everyone who streamed in live and celebrated this monumental anniversary with us. Your virtual presence was a gift and encouragement!

God used you to raise \$30,732.10 for His continuing Kingdom work at Living Threads.



*We look forward to gathering in person for our **Annual Benefit Dinner on October 28, 2021** at the Haworth Inn and Conference Center. We hope we'll see you there!*



Covid 19 and the Kibera Bible Clubs

During the Covid Pandemic the Kibera Bible Clubs were not able to meet in person—but the ministry work continued! Every month 90 children drawn from the 7 Bible Clubs supported by Living Threads gathered to hear a brief Bible Story lesson *and* receive a lesson to take home. After sharing a dish of porridge together the children receive *fully packed food baskets that will be enough for them to eat for a whole month!*

We are so thankful God has blessed us with partners like you so we can help provide food during this trying time as well as continue to share the Bible through Take Home Bible Club.



All 7 Kibera Bible Clubs to Re-open February 6, 2021

We're thrilled to share with you that Covid numbers have been dropping in Kenya and the Bible Clubs are set to re-open on February 6th. The vision for 2021 is to evangelize over 1000 children in the Kibera Slum this year. Please pray for the Founder of the Bible Clubs, Dr. Judy Mbugua, Bible Club staff, teachers and cooks, as well as for the preparation of the re-opening to go smoothly.

Thank You For Helping Us End 2020 Strong!

God used **you** to bless and encourage us this year. Because of your generosity we finished the year with a positive balance of 537.87. This may not seem like a lot, but it's an answer to prayer! God promises to provide and He did! Even though we didn't meet our budget your donations covered our expenses—God provided just enough to meet our needs. That's huge to our ministry! Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!



Everyone knows that having the correct tools makes all the difference, right? The Living Threads Gadget Galore store carries unique sewing/quilting tools, gift ideas, one of a kind gadgets, along with everyday necessities. For sewing gadgets, Living Threads is the place to go!
(For all your fabric needs, please visit your local quilt shops.)

We invite you to visit the Gadget Galore Store Monday through Thursday. We are located in City on a Hill. Hours vary, so please call ahead to make sure someone is here to let you in. Our phone number is 616-748-6505.

New Initiative for 2020: Childbearing Loss Pillows



Whispers of Love



Always in Our Heart



Mourning Dove



Fly to Jesus



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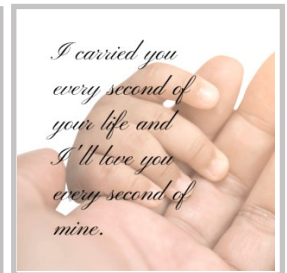
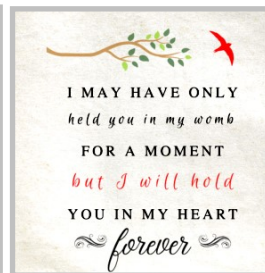
Women who have miscarried, delivered a still born, or experienced an abortion often grieve alone and privately. What if there was a tangible way that you could bring comfort to a family who has walked through the grief of a childbearing loss? Thanks to a group of courageous moms willing to share their stories, there is!

With the help of these moms, Living Threads created pillows representing the love and loss of a precious life. Pillows are made from quality cotton fabrics with a zippered back (making them easy to wash and keep clean). A premium polished cotton pillow form is included.

If you know of someone who has experienced this kind of child loss, please consider reaching out to them in the midst of their grief with the gift of a pillow. Just as our memory quilts bring comfort to families grieving their loved ones these pillows can bring comfort to a mom experiencing a childbearing loss.

There are 3 pillow back options that include a label expressing the heartfelt emotions of the parent(s).

Pillows are priced in a 2-tier format. A base price of \$39 covers all the supply and quilting costs. A donation for the volunteer hours is also required (approximately 5 hours). 100% of the proceeds will support the life of a child living in extreme poverty in the Kibera Slum, Nairobi, Kenya



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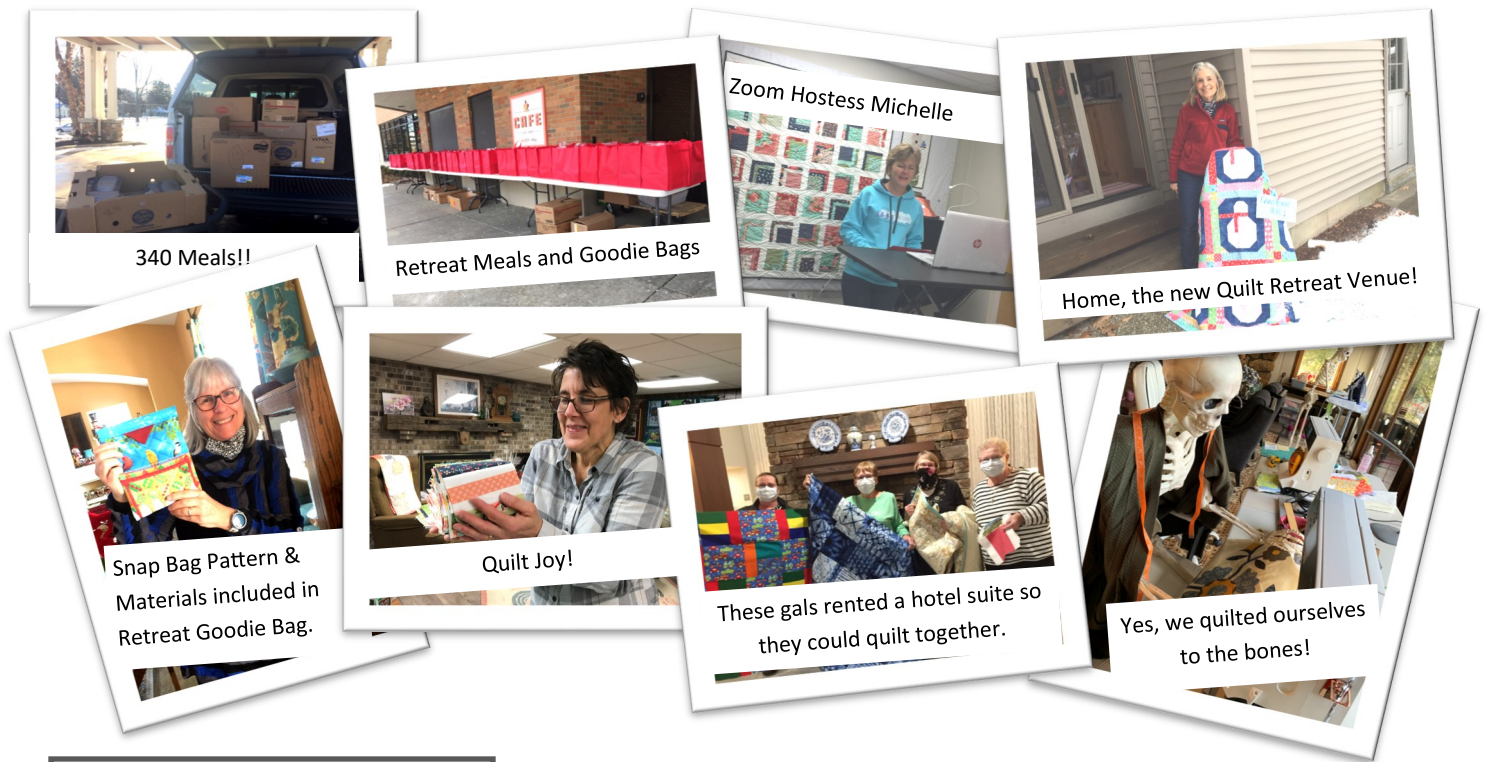
Stimulus Challenge

Have you witnessed the joy of God's amazing financial provision in your life even during this difficult and drawn out pandemic? Are you, like many of us, wondering what to do with the stimulus money our government has graciously decided to send our way? We are so thankful that we ended the year with a small surplus of \$500 . . . but, it would be a blessing to have a healthier fund balance as traditionally the first quarter is lean.

We would like to present you with a challenge.

For those of you who do not need this stimulus, have you considered giving it away? We would be ever so grateful for any help you can give us as we start the new year. May God bless you as you prayerfully work through the process of stewarding His resources.

Virtual Quilt Retreat 2021: “Birds of A Feather Flock Together”



Save the Date!

January 28-30, 2022



Quilt Retreat

Maranatha Conference Center
—Muskegon, MI

Living Threads held their first ever Virtual Quilt Retreat the 22nd & 23rd of January.

- 73 women signed up for the retreat.
- Maranatha Bible & Missionary Conference Center provided lunches and dinners for both days. Two trucks were needed to pick up all the food!
- Quilters picked up their meals and retreat goodies on Thursday night and the retreat kicked off with prayer via zoom Friday morning.
- Each day ladies zoomed at 9 am, lunch time, dinner time and a closing zoom at 9 pm. During each zoom fellowship time drawings were held for prizes of all types—fabric, quilting tools, quilt books and more!

We auctioned off some items as well, including an overnight dinner/theatre package at The Blue Gate Garden Inn in Shipshewana. We look forward to gathering face-to-face at Maranatha in January of 2022.



October 28, 2021
Annual Benefit Dinner

Our prayer is that we will be able to gather in person at the ***Haworth Inn and Conference Center on Thursday evening, October 28.*** Save the date and watch for updates.



We're excited to share with you our brand new venture of advertising Living Threads on the radio. We have purchased 78 ads with Joy99 FM. The ads began the weekend of January 30 and can be heard on two FM stations 98.9 (Holland and the Lakeshore) and 96.5 (Hudsonville). You can also listen on the Alexa app and through the Joy99 website at <https://joyworship.today/>.