

# Frequently Asked Questions

## **Why are you making this transition?**

*Over the past few years, our team has noticed a significantly reduced demand for memory quilts, a core part of our ministry since our inception. We have also faced the challenge of finding additional skilled quilters, especially from a younger generation, to grow and sustain this part of our ministry.*

## **Will your new sewing projects go directly to Kenya or will you sell them to raise money for Kenya?**

*Once our new sewing projects are determined by our Kenyan partner, we will be sewing items for them as they indicate the need. The items made at by Living Threads will be delivered to them via future trip participants or shipped through a carrier located in Texas.*

## **Will you be selling your sewing machines?**

*No, we are keeping all our sewing machines because we will still be gathering to sew for the Bible Clubs and children of the Kibera slum.*

## **Will the volunteers still gather for community at Living Threads?**

*Yes, we will be holding ministry sewing at Living Threads where our volunteers will gather and have purposeful sewing and a caring community. ALL sewing for Kenya will take place at the Living Threads Ministry center. Volunteers will be scheduled by our Operations Director, Michelle Grabill so that sewing machines can be used to their maximum. We will NOT be offering drop in sewing.*

## **How long will you be offering longarm quilting to the public?**

*We will be offering our Edge-to-Edge quilting services to the public through May 1st. We are offering a 10% discount on our quilting as a way to express our appreciation to the quilting community for their support over the past 5 years. Any quilts brought in by May 1 or before will be completed and returned in 2-3 weeks.*

## **Will there be future Kenya trips?**

*Our current plan is to offer a future Living Threads group trip in 2026 to visit the Kibera Bible Clubs, meet the children, and learn more about our partnerships with International Needs Kenya and Homecare Spiritual Fellowship of Nairobi.*

## **How will the Bible Clubs be financially supported in the future if you are no longer making Memory Quilts which supported the Bible Clubs?**

*Since the beginning, Living Threads has been committed to financially supporting the Kibera Bible Clubs so any child living in the slum has the opportunity to attend and learn about Jesus. That will not change! We are actually stepping into a deeper relationship with them by focusing our sewing/quilting efforts on their needs. Support for the Bible Clubs will come from our current reserve fund and future fundraising efforts.*

## **How will Living Threads be funded so the ministry can continue to serve?**

*Since Living Threads' inception in 2010, we have always been and will continue to be 100% donor dependent to provide for our annual budget and sustain the ministry. We are confident we are following God's will and fulfilling His call. We "walk by faith" that God will provide through the generosity of His people through donations and fundraising events. We believe ministry is a team effort and partnership. We cannot do ministry alone and need fellow Christian brothers and sisters to walk with us serving the Lord and His people.*

## **What will staffing look like after the transition?**

*Jill Dannenberg will still be our Executive Director as well as Michelle Grabill will still be our Operations Director. Both will be working reduced (part-time) hours.*