

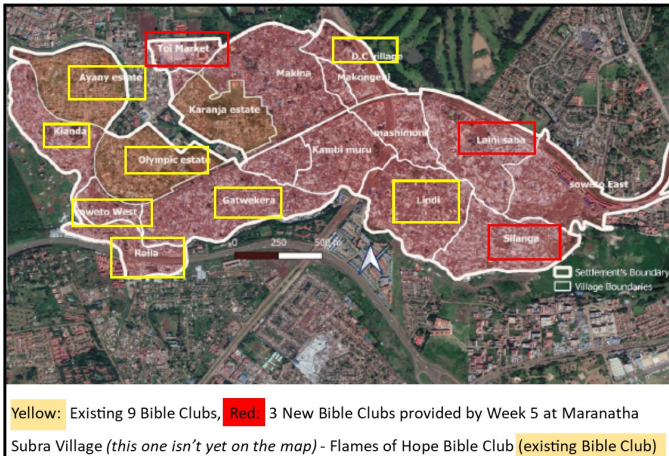


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Summer 2025

100 S. Pine St #145, Zeeland MI 49464

3 New Bible Clubs Opening Soon!!



During the week of July 20-25, Living Threads and International Needs collaborated at Maranatha Bible and Missionary Conference in Muskegon to present the Kibera Slum Bible Clubs. Our hope was to raise funds to open two more Bible Clubs in unreached villages. However, God did *"immeasurably more than we could have imagined"* that week. Through the sacrificial giving of the members and guests, three more villages in the Kibera Slum will now have a Bible Club and 400-500 more children will be spiritually and physically fed! As quoted by our partners in Kenya, *"this is great encouragement to us and will significantly advance the work God has entrusted to our hands."*

What is so impressive is the intentionality, planning, and accountability that takes place for opening any new Club.

There are six criteria that are evaluated and the three new Bible Club locations have already met these criteria.

1. **Prayer and discernment:** seeking God's will for a new Bible Club.
2. **The need:** identifying underserved villages or hotspots for at-risk children.
3. **Security:** Based on data collected on crime, areas are determined where staff and children can safely gather.
4. **Local slum church and pastoral involvement**
5. **Community assessments** are done to identify unmet needs.
6. **Parental and the community support** is a must and surveys are conducted to ensure their participation.

We thank and praise God for providing for these 3 new Bible Clubs which will be opening in August and September!!

If you'd like to travel to Kenya and visit the Bible Clubs, International Needs is offering two "Experience, Envision, Encourage" trips on January 21-29, 2026 and January 28-February 5, 2026. You'll spend 4 days in Nairobi and 4 days on a Safari. For more information and details email mark.ismond@internationalneeds.us or call Mark (Izzi) at 616-822-2655.

15 Year Anniversary



Tuesday, September 9, 2025

10am—3pm

Located within City on a Hill,
100 Pine St, Zeeland MI

- Tour our newly renovated ministry center
- See our volunteer sewers in action
- Watch the longarm quilting machine run
- Cake & punch will be served
- Harvest Sale: homegrown produce, baked goods, home canned goods, snack mixes, quilt sale, and more!



Our **heroes** (volunteer sewers) have been busy sewing for the children attending the Kibera Slum Bible Clubs. They are making baby and child size quilts, dresses, worship skirts, and aprons for the Bible Club cooks (see a sampling below). You'll be able to witness them in action at our Open House on Tuesday, September 9th!!

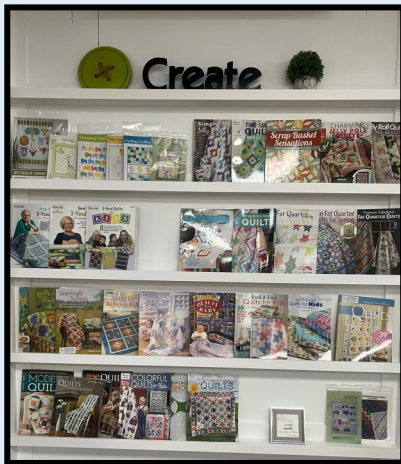


Some of our heroes were asked: ***“What is a highlight for you about coming for ministry sewing at Living Threads since we began sewing for the children at the Kibera Slum Bible Clubs?”***

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| • Sarah: <i>“Creativity flows”</i> | Mary: <i>“Less thinking”</i> |
| • Linda: <i>“Variety of projects to choose from”</i> | Deb: <i>“Purposeful sewing”</i> |
| • Katie: <i>“You can finish a quilt faster”</i> | Bonnie & Sue: <i>“Directly helping the children in Kibera”</i> |
| • Jean: <i>“Knowing children are going to be warm”</i> | Isla: <i>“Volunteers all together on one day in one room”</i> |
| • Ines: <i>“More freedom to choose and no pressure”</i> | Marilynn: <i>“The beautiful fabrics we get to use”</i> |
| • Julie: <i>“The fellowship”</i> | Marge: <i>“I enjoy making dresses instead of only quilts”</i> |
| • Charity: <i>“Learning new sewing skills”</i> | Anne W: <i>“The thought of bringing comfort to the kids”</i> |
| • Joni: <i>“Oh my goodness, this is the highlight of my week to come and be with my Stitch’n Sisters!”</i> | |

SNEAK-PEAK MINISTRY RENOVATIONS

So much more to see! We invite you to come to our Open House on Sept. 9 to see it ALL in person!



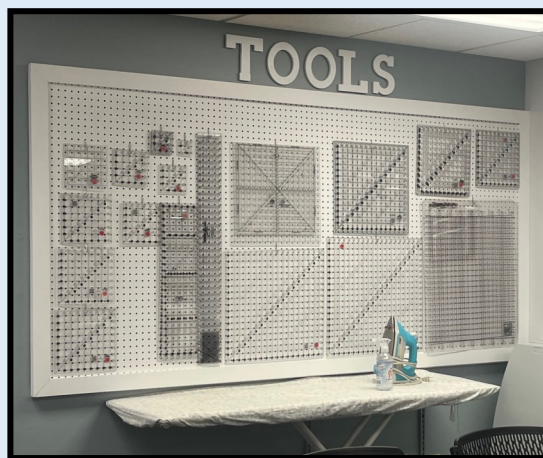
A large variety of patterns to choose from for that perfect child quilt.



Volunteers shop the many fabrics for their next project.



Dress making station to help a little girl feel like a princess!



Benjamin Franklin once said, "The best investment is in the tools of one's own trade." So this we have done!



Newly refurbished longarm quilting room to put the finishing touches on all the baby and child quilts!



Would you be interested in helping Living Threads by providing a much appreciated "wishlist" item for our ministry center? If so, please contact Jill Dannenberg at 616-748-6505 or jill@livingthreadsministry.org.

- 44-45" wide cotton fabrics (*minimum of 1 yard new fabrics. Please avoid white or light pastel colors. Kenyans like bright color plus easier to keep clean.*)
- 108" wide cotton backing fabric (*2 yard pieces*)
- Quilters Precuts: Jelly Rolls (*2.5" strips*), Layer Cakes (*10" squares*), Charm Packs (*5" squares, minimum of 3 matching bundles please*)
- Large sewers cutting table and mat
- (2) Babylock Brilliant or Katherine sewing machines, new or used
- Babylock Brilliant extension tables (1-18 needed)
- Babylock Imagine/Victory serger, new or used
- Sponsorship for our annual Benefit Dinner held on October 23, 2025.



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2 QUILT RETREATS

Registration is now open.

Use the QR code for more info.

Shipshewana Retreat—Nov. 3-6, 2025

Maranatha Retreat—April 13-16, 2026



LIVING THREADS BENEFIT DINNER

Thursday, October 23, 2026 - 6:30pm

Macatawa Legends - Holland, MI



SEASON OF BLESSING

"And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things, at all times, having all that you need, you'll abound in every good work." - 2 Corinthians 9:8-10