



Prayers & Squares International



The Prayer Quilt Ministry – August, 2007

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Dear faithful quilters,

One of the things I love about being the president of this organization is all of the stories of how each chapter starts. Most often it is after they have been touched by a quilt and sometimes it is after they have read our book, [Fabric of Faith](#).

Every once in a while, I am blessed with a personal experience that reminds me of how God works through us in each of these quilts. I have a dear friend who has known me for more than 30 years. Her husband, Willie, is waiting to find out if he has "brain cancer" after an MRI and some physical changes. Willie did not want a quilt but would accept a prayer square even though he professes to not be a "religious" or praying kind of guy.

I sent him and my friend prayer squares that we had prayed over and a note to each of them about how much I love them and God loves them and is with them in this difficult time. What I did not know was that they were having difficulty getting an appointment for a spinal tap for further diagnosis.

Willie put the prayer square on his head immediately (surprise!) after receiving it and before my friend could finish her e-mail of thanks to me, the phone rang and they got an appointment for a few days later! So she yelled to Willie to keep that thing on his head! He even tried to wear it on his head in the car to the doctor the next day. We just never know what type of healing these tangible forms of prayer will bring, do we? Clearly, Willie "plugged into the Power" of the God who smiles on us and loves us all the time. And the healing begins – whatever it may be.

I know you have endless stories like this and celebrate these within your chapters. And I celebrate all of you!

In The Spirit,
Kathy Cueva, President
Prayers & Squares International



ASTRID'S CORNER:

Hi Busy Quilters,

I just returned from a visit with all my relatives in Norway. It was the first time all ten cousins were together. We celebrated our uncle and aunt's golden wedding anniversary...many memorable moments. It is good to be home again. I missed my sewing machine. It is humming once again.

Let's dig into those scrap piles. It seems many of you are dealing with a stash of scraps. I revisited a favorite website of mine and thought I would mention it again to you: Quiltville.com. Bonnie has a passion for scrap quilts and has given us permission to adapt her free patterns for prayer quilts. Our president, Kathy Cueva, adapted two of Bonnie's patterns

for her chapter. They are called Boxy Stars and Weed Whacker. Kathy says her chapter really liked these patterns. Best of all, they used some of those piles of scraps! Look in: All About Quilts/for members only/ Astrid's Corner for Kathy's adapted version. Look on Quiltville.com for more details. Scroll down to Free Scrap Quilt Patterns.

Thanks to all for your notes this month. So good to hear what is going on in our extended prayer quilt world. Here are some ideas that I received this month.

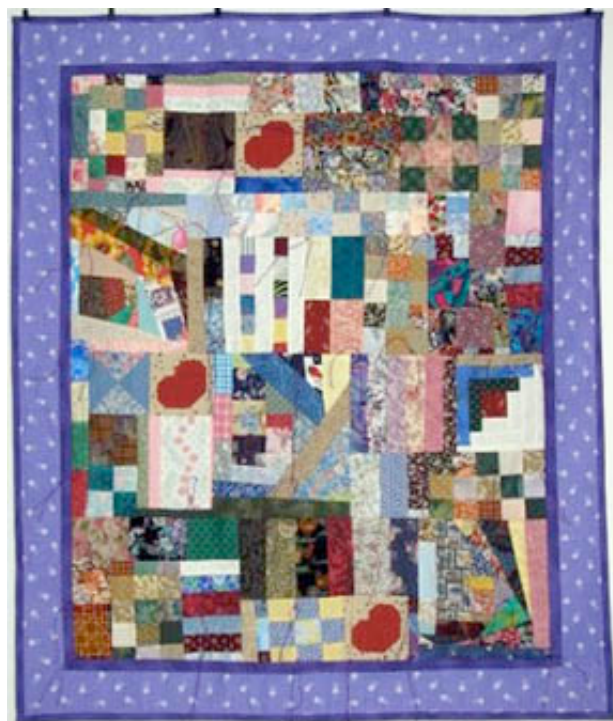
Sari Frey from Chapter 569, St Paul's UMC, Houston TX, shares a special request idea with us. The father of a young family is battling cancer. A minister asked her if possible, to somehow have the names of the three young children appear on the quilt top. Sari has an embroidery machine so she embroidered all five names of the family on the quilt top. She says that it made such a difference to the family to have a quilt represent the whole family. I know my chapter has one who embroiders by machine and probably most of you do too. Thanks Sari.

Glenis Rutledge from Chapter 398, Parish of Pauatahanui, New Zealand, shares their "Orphan Quilt" idea which is made up of all sorts of scraps. One of the women in the group hand sews all the scraps together. This is a true labor of love and is pictured here. Thanks Glenis.

Keep those thoughts and ideas coming.

May you find joy and peace in God's quilting world,

– *Astrid*



"Orphan Quilt"