



Prayers & Squares International



The Prayer Quilt Ministry – July, 2007

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Happy Summer!

Have quilt requests slowed down in your chapter? Not us! As people travel and see family and friends, even greater needs come to light. We are so blessed to have this ministry to offer!

Karen Goula from Chapter 536, at Liberty UMC in Bealeton, VA sent me a great story this month. She was called on to do a Prayers & Squares "booth" at the Virginia Theological Seminary. Here are her own words:

"It was held at the Virginia Theological Seminary in Springfield, VA. I went through the entire time talking to everyone that came by about the mission, and had all my photos and prayer requests from each person that has received a quilt and a scrap book that one of the ladies had kept about where the quilt she received had traveled before she received it. I had a lot of your information from the web site. It was a nice display. I was so surprised, even being in a seminary, there was not one person that stopped by that had heard of Prayer Quilts. They have now.

About half way through the day a group of 4 ladies stopped by and I was telling them about our quilts and the mission. One of the ladies started to cry very hard. I ask if I could help her and she said that her sister has very little time left and has 2 types of cancer. She was so upset and I asked her if she would like a prayer quilt to take with her and she took some time to pick just the right one and then introduced the other ladies with her. It was her sister, her mother, and her cousin. My pastor was nearby so asked if he could say a prayer and he tied

one of the threads for them. It was truly meant to happen this way. They all thanked us over and over again. I ran into the group later in the day and Kathy (the sister) was hugging the quilt for all it was worth.

That is where I was supposed to be this past Saturday, not in my flower beds as I normally would have been."

Our God is an awesome God, don't you think? The best part of this ministry is watching Him at work! We will post this story and the pictures on the website this month.

As we sent out requests for original quilt patterns for the book we are working on, we got two notes from chapters talking about how they no longer put batting and regular backing on their quilts and instead use fleece. They assured me that the ties go through easily and the recipients love them! Now I have to admit that the chapters are in Canada and Minnesota...

As always, your webmaster and Board of Directors are hard at work thinking of new ways to support you in your chapters. We are trying out a new e-mail broadcast system, looking at changes for the website, putting this book together, and soon we will be participating in a study with a pastor working on a doctorate to assess the efficacy of prayer quilts on the healing process. How exciting is that!

Have a blessed summer and know that we are praying for you and with you always,

Kathy Cueva, President
Prayers & Squares International

ASTRID'S CORNER:

Hi Busy Quilters,

I hope you are enjoying your summer as much as I am. I have spent time on the beach camping with my children and grandchildren and as you read this, I am visiting my relatives in Norway with my daughter and two grandchildren. All my relatives are there so I am very excited about this trip. I have been busy trying to get ahead with my quilting before leaving.

If your chapter is anything like ours, you have lots of scraps! I so enjoyed the session with Wendy at the San Diego Conference on using scraps. Her idea of putting scraps in certain containers and using them when they are full was one of those light bulb moments for me. So often we keep piling them up until they are unmanageable. Well... our 2 ½" scrap bin is full... so... I had to find some ideas to start using them. I found a braid pattern that is often used for borders. I adapted it for a prayer quilt and it looks great. All you need is lots of 2 ½" by 7 ½" strips (or any size you want to use). ***Prayer Quilt Braid*** is the pattern for this month in Astrid's Corner. I hope you enjoy it!

I have a few other ideas I will share with you when I get them together. If any of you have an idea you would like to share, please send me an e-mail. Remember to list your chapter number and location.

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May you enjoy your blessings.
Keep safe and cool.
May you find peace while piecing.

Happy quilting,

– Astrid



Prayer Quilt Braid