



Prayers & Squares International



The Prayer Quilt Ministry –February, 2009

President’s Message:

Happy Valentine’s Day! You should know that you are all on my heart every day as I thank God for you and your commitment to the quilt recipients you pray for!

And guess what! I forgot it was February and time to do the newsletter! Wendy Mathson, our webmaster (and one of the founders of P&S) was giving me a timeline for when she can post this and I said I would have it to her by January 31st. Which was last week. Pretty funny! We are working hard on our San Diego Regional Conference which filled up 10 days after we sent out the info and I got distracted. We have 150 attendees! I am so proud of everyone for keeping in touch on the website. This sure proved it! The pictures below are of the San Diego conference hostesses and the San Diego Board members working on the conference:



Leslie Ganiats and Carrie Meth from Palisades Presbyterian Church

The San Diego Board members are Cheryl Louie, Corky Kuhlman, Corie Carroll, Kathy Cueva and Carolyn Ketterer. (Not pictured are Nikki Mundt in Texas and Carla Meade in Tennessee.)



We have leis on because our dear Corie Carroll is moving to Pearl Harbor on Oahu, this summer!

When The Spirit Moves...

Here are some amazing numbers for you! Wendy Mathson took over sending out New Member packets and making our labels in Feb. 2005. Here are the numbers that correspond:

New member packets: **563**

Prayer square labels: almost **12,000**

Quilt labels (custom and standard): over **85,000**
(That's over 50 bolts of muslin!)

But most important, if all of those labels ended up on prayer quilts and if you figure 80 prayer knots per quilt, that would be over **6.8 million prayers**. Now that's a number to be proud of!!



Chapter News...

Jo Allison from one of our newer chapters, Chapter 814 in Nampa, Idaho sent us this note:

“Here is a picture of our first prayer quilt that was given out before Christmas. It is a “Round the World” quilt featuring nutcrackers on the front and peacock fabric on the back, the recipient’s favorite things. We currently have several more requests and are working on those. Praise God for the response to our prayers in meeting the needs of those who are hurting and need God’s touch.” (Jo is on the left with Katherine Canary, right)



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Here is a note from Sandy Koehler, Chapter 831 in Las Cruces, New Mexico:

We officially became a Chapter in October of 2008. Since then, we have increased our membership from its original eight to 34 wonderful members and we have

distributed 20 quilts, more than 500 pocket prayer squares and over 100 military pocket prayer squares. Our Pastor often says, if you had told him a year ago that there would be a prayer quilt ministry in our church, he might not have believed it.

But, alas I digress. The reason for my writing is about an amazing story of one of our members and how God's plan has been unfolded within our ministry.

It wasn't until several quilts had been distributed that I suddenly realized a most remarkable thing had been occurring. Let's just say, there were times over these past few months that supply and demand were not always equally balanced. Getting the ministry off the ground meant that I would have to be committed to doing most of the quilts in the beginning. It was during those times, when I knew there was only one thing to do; turn it over to God. Lord, I would say, "you are going to have to provide this one." He not only provided, but in the most amazing way. Every time, I prayed for Him to provide, within a couple of days, I would receive an email from one of our first members, Janie, basically, saying, "Sandy, I have a woman's quilt finished, if you need it." Now, you have to understand that Janie had no idea we had received a request, nor who was to receive the quilt. So, when the same thing kept happening again and again, I knew God had His hand in it. You see Janie lost her sister last year to breast cancer and all the recipients of her quilts to date, have been breast cancer patients. We thank God for Janie being a part of our ministry and know that He is healing her pain while she is giving her love to others through her quilts.

Our God is an awesome God and we thank Him for all He has done for our ministry in such a short period of time. (Thank you for this, Sandy! -K.)



We can order shirts and other items with our P&S logo from the Land's End website!

Look in our "For Our Members" area on the website and you will see! As of February 1, 2009 you can order from Lands' End Business Outfitters and have the Prayers & Squares logo embroidered on your choice of clothing, tote bags, gifts and accessories for a stitching fee of \$5.95 per item plus the cost of the item. Why don't you get your chapter

together and order matching shirts or bags? The standard colors of our pin and logo are purple and teal, but you can change the thread colors to make them your very own, so the logo will look good on whatever color items you choose from Lands' End. **And there is no minimum!**

Now, we know there are certainly other ways of having shirts and things made for your chapters. Lots of people have their own embroidery machines etc. But we wanted to offer this to those persons who cannot just whip up 20 shirts for their chapter or have a silk screen set-up in the garage! If you get some shirts, take a picture and send it to us!

Also, we continue to have our own tote bags, lanyards, devotionals and logo pins for sale as well as our wonderful book of 10 patterns, The Giving Quilt. We will be moving those over to Cornerstone Graphics with the rest of our member supplies in March. You can contact me now at Prayerquiltpres@cox.net if you need anything. Items are pictures below:



A prayer of thanksgiving from Board Member, Cheryl Louie...

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Heavenly Father,

We come to you today with open hands and grateful hearts.

Hands ready to do your work,
Hands ready to receive your blessings to pass them on,

Your hands in this hurting world.
Thank you for your provision, your faithfulness and your Spirit in our hearts.
Gracious God,

Here we are, use us.

In Your name we pray.

Amen.