



Prayers & Squares International



The Prayer Quilt Ministry – July, 2008

President's Message:

Happy Middle of Summer! It has been so hot in San Diego some days that even looking at fabric is making me hot! It gets to about 105-110 degrees at my house on the worst days.

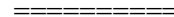
If you have been worrying about the floods at our chapters in Iowa, Illinois and other close by areas, we will try to be in touch with them if things ever settle down! It was my experience with our chapters in New Orleans that only they know when they can begin to receive help. If those "flooded" chapters are reading this, please know we are praying for you!



One of our **newest chapters** is at Hill Haven Hospital in Rochester, New York. Rev. Nancy Travers is the chaplain there and a quilter! In her note to us she wrote: *"We are starting up a new chapter in a 355-bed adult care facility. As chaplain, I find it so important to be able to help empower our folks to discover ways they can continue to reach out to others and to not feel they have nothing to live for and what better way than through the gift of prayers and quilts. I am so thankful that my sister heard about this ministry and sent me the link for it. We are very excited to get up and running, especially after reading some of the very moving stories on the web site. Please keep our newest ministry in your prayers."* We are so excited for them that there are a number of chapters sending prayer squares and quilt tops and patterns to get them started!



Here is the great picture we got from one of our chapters "down under"! Merle Tozer sent us this note: *"Our group Chapter 725 from Beerwah, Queensland (Australia) reports that fifteen individual and creative quilts have been produced by the group and accepted with gratitude. Pauline, Hazel and Merle send their love and best wishes. Thanks gals!*



I am closing this quick newsletter with one of the devotionals from our book, "Under A Blanket of Love". Have a safe month! – *Kathy Cueva, President*

O God
Here I am
With a thankful heart
Filled with Joy and Challenge
Surrounded by
Scraps of all sizes and colors
Patterns waiting to take shape

I need Your help
I'm listening
Enter my thoughts
May Your Spirit flow through me
And guide my fingers
To create a quilt of Comfort
Stitched together by Your will
Amen

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