

Calvary's Blanket Ministry

Blankets Delivered



As a result of your time, effort and willingness to show God's love 21,147 blankets have now been delivered to 38 countries.

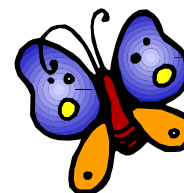
"Always do right; it will gratify some people and astonish the rest." Mark Twain

Wrinkles should merely indicate where smiles have been.



Calvary's trips to Haiti offer hope with medical supplies, food, water, tents and God's word for many who feel hopeless amid the rubble left by the recent earthquake.

May 2010



Meeting time

- Saturday, May 15th
- Time: 9:00-Noon
- Room #1108

May Calendar



May 9th, Sunday
Happy Mother's Day

May 15th, Saturday
May meeting 9am-noon

May 16th, Sunday
Outreach Fair

Upcoming Events:
June 5th, Saturday
Summer of Service begins

Thank you "Blanketeers"

Lena Albaeck
Cheryl Baldi
Kristin Baroe
Val Bower
Jordan Brisson
Madison Budig
Raimie Colburn
Beth Cook
Laura Desmond
Norma Dizon
Lisa Eberhardt
Edna Ellicott
Yvette Flashberg
Sandy Gregory
Danya Haggart
Laura Hall
Alex Harris
Della Hightower
Kathy Hodge
Maria Hughes
Phoebe Hung
Amber Jones

Marian Jones
Bob Kari
Cheryl Kari
Martha Keller
Lori Kemp
Mary Khoury
Patty Kuzyk
Kai Kwok
Lindsay Lee
Sue Leigh
Mary Marchis
Emily Mazza
Ashley McCabe
Esther McFaden
Mary Lou McFaden
Joanne Medved
Sam Moore
Analyn Neal
Liz Patterson
Darlene Polidoro
B Rogers
Kay Satterlee

Rosalie Seshan
Lori Shuler
Barbara Simmons
Lisa Steinmetz
Judy Tedeschi
Marri Thomas
Mary Tucker
Chloe Walton
Nancy Walton
Joyce Wiechert
Priscilla Wright
Lisa Zdenck

*14 MOPS Moms who did not sign our attendance book

*35 Ladies from the Wives and Widows of Home Lodge #721 F&A Masons

You Make A Difference

Thank you for the many thoughtful donations we received in March and April. Your gifts make a big difference—every \$5 given allows us to send a blanket. Write "Blanket Ministry #756" on the memo line of your check so it will be properly credited to our account. Send it to Calvary Community Church, 5495 Via Rocas, Westlake Village, CA 91362. Thank you.

"The measure of a life, after all, is not it's duration, but it's donation." C.S Lewis

"Want to know your net worth? Simply add up everything money can't buy and death can't take away." Adrian Rogers

Blanket Distribution

*100 blankets have been set aside for of our mission trip to the Appalachia's. This a makes our goal of 1,000! All but 160 have been shipped.

*20 blankets were given to Shriner's Children's Hospi- tal.

*20 blankets were given to Blankets for Hope (part of a wounded soldiers' program)



Ann Ongania

Our dear friend and fellow blanketeer, Ann Ongania went home to be with the Lord on April 22nd after a short battle with a very ag- gressive cancer. Thank you for all who prayed for her and took time to visit her. Her family was blessed to see the outpouring of sup- port from her many friends at Calvary. Please continue to pray for the family. A me- morial service will be held May 8th at 1pm.

"Unfortunately 'The Lord is my Shepherd' is written on many more tombstones than lives." Dallas Willard

A Purposeful Life

I want to live my life purposely, regularly reviewing and praying over my purpose in life,

Loving God intensely,

Cherishing and inspiring my husband,

Praying for and keeping connected spiritually with my children,

Loving women and seeking to lay spiritual foundation in their lives.

I want to live faithfully, believing God for what I cannot see. I want to believe that God can do in my children's lives what I cannot do.

I want to live faithfully, creating beauty and warmth in my home, around my table, and in my Bible study. Creativity adds sparkle to a focused, purposeful life.

I want to live paradoxically. I want to go against my selfish nature, against our culture, giving a little bit more than I feel like giving, going the second mile, being like Jesus.

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Thank you

A special thank you to Sheldon Hyautin of "How Graphic Are You" for donating 192 blankets to our ministry.



Baby Angel Threads

A huge thank you to Wendy Potloff as she steps down from the leadership of Baby Angels threads. She has passed the baton to Laura DiConti. We look forward to working with Laura to supply blankets for the layettes given to new moms in need.

World Vision Appalachia

Life Choices, an organization in the area of Philippi, West Virginia serves young women who often find themselves at a crossroads in their lives with an un- planned pregnancy. They offer support, information and friendship and encourage these young women to attend classes to learn how to care for themselves and their babies. The blanket is presented to these new moms "gift wrapped" and includes a little book entitled "God Knows All About Me". The new moms love the blankets because they are so pretty and because they are handmade. Our blankets have become a valuable part of Life Choice's ministry as they stand by these young women during both the chal- lenging and joyous times of their lives.



Appalachia Mission Trip



The final 100 blankets have been set aside for our mission trip to the Appalachia's! What started with a desire to share our blankets grew to include those who are traveling to serve as well as many here who are serving in other ways. To date, 18 layettes have been given to us by Baby Angel Threads, over 400 scarves have been knitted for the children, over 50 sundresses have been made, over 400 books have been collected for the children's school library, water coolers and ice chests and sports equipment have been donated by various groups, skin care products and make-up have been donated by a local company for our teenage girl workshop, and the list goes on with many other needed items.

Teams have now formed for three sports camps (baseball, basketball and soccer), a computer camp, vacation bible school and our teen girl workshop that we are calling "It's Just A Girl Thing". Volunteers have also signed up to help with much needed repairs to local homes. It is exciting to watch the energy and imagination flow as we start to plan how we will serve the children and families of Philippi, West Virginia.

The Knots Prayer

Dear God:

Please untie the knots that are in my mind, my heart and my life. Remove the have nots, the can nots and the do nots that I have in my mind.

Erase the will nots, may nots, might nots that may find a home in my heart.

Release me from the could nots, would nots and should nots that obstruct my life.

And most of all, Dear God, I ask that you remove from my mind, my heart and my life all of the 'am nots' that I have allowed to hold me back, especially the thought that I am not good enough."

Author Unknown



Hearts With Hope Foundation

This foundation provides medical and humanitarian assistance to children of Latin America with congenital heart disease. The statistics show that 1 in every 100 children in Peru is affected. Teams travel to Peru every year for a 2 week mission to operate, educate and provide much needed medical attention. This year they had a new addition to their team, our blankets! Field clinics are

often set up in the most uninviting places and exam stations are often on hard tables or dirty floors at best. The blankets were used to make up exam and recovery stations - you can't imagine

how much more at ease a child is to lay down on a soft fleece blanket with a smiley faced fish not only making the experience easier for them, but easier for

the doctors, nurses and volunteers. At the hospital where children were recovering from major open heart surgeries, when they awoke from sedation the first thing they saw was a

bright colored blanket keeping them warm. It brought comfort at a very scary and confusing time for them. The children often left the hospital wrapped up or holding on tightly to their blankets. So the next time you're making a blanket remember you're snipping a piece of fleece that becomes a smile, you're tying a knot that becomes a laugh and you're writing a note that becomes a hug. Bree Bailey



MOPS



A special thank you to the 35 moms who are a part of Friday MOPS group. In April they used part of their meeting time to make blankets from fabric they purchased and then donate them to our ministry. Thank you also to Maria Hughes, Darlene Polidoro, J u d y Tedeschi, Marri Thomas, and J o y c e Wiechert w h o helped in this effort.



Update on the McCords



Craig and Mary-Anne sharing the Gospel on Easter Sunday in Mayabo.

We received an email from Craig and photos indicating they are well and that the Lord is truly blessing their ministry in the remote regions of the Philippines. It is good to know that they now have adequate transportation which not

only allows them to be on the roads (which are safer than the trails) but also allows them to transport items that are too big or heavy to carry to the remote villages they serve. "Praise God, we helped the whole community, we left a good witness for Jesus, and we led twelve to the Lord! Hallelujah!



Landcruiser delivering much needed supplies to a remote village.

Christ In You



"No one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit." (John 3:5) When you believe in Christ, Christ works a miracle in you. "When you believed in Christ, he identified you as his own by giving you the Holy Spirit" (Eph 1:13). You are permanently purified and empowered by God himself.

The message of Jesus to the religious person is simple: It's not what you do. It's what I do. I have moved in. And in time you can say with Paul, "I myself no longer live, but Christ lives in me" (Gal 2:20). Max Lucado, "Everyday Blessings"

Prayers

Please pray for Susan's friend, Leslie who continues to battle leukemia. Three rounds of chemotherapy have not been successful so a bone marrow transplant is now the next course of action.

Craig with cement and pipes to provide this village with local water. His effort changed the lives of these villagers.



These are the children of Tiko. It is a remote "village in the sky" and very hard to reach. Before Craig brought the pipe and cement to bring water to their village, they had to walk over an hour each way for water.