



You can show the love and compassion of Jesus to those who are hurting by making them a quilt to comfort them during difficult times.

Love **someone you don't even know,**
Piece **a quilt for that person, and**
know the *Joy* of giving to someone who
will not be giving back to you



Mississippi WMU is looking for quilters to help meet ministry needs in Mississippi. Volunteers will make quilts to use in various situations such as disaster relief, children's homes, shelters, fire departments, hospitals, crisis pregnancy centers, homeless ministries, military deployment, terminal illness, etc...

Whether you are part of a quilting group or an individual you can participate in this ministry. Everyone is invited!

You will be amazed at some of the modern quilting techniques and tools being used in quilting now. Sign-up today!

More About This Ministry . . .

Can you remember a time in your life when a phone call, visit, letter, illness or something else brought a crisis into your life that made your body turn absolutely cold? And you shook until someone put something warm around your shoulders - maybe an arm, maybe a coat or sweater, maybe a quilt? And can you remember the comfort of becoming warm again?

Love, Piece and Joy Quilters, Ministry of Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, has as its mission to enlist quilters, both experienced and those who want to learn to quilt, to provide comforting warmth to people in crisis through a ministry of quilts, witnessing to the compassion and love of Christ.

The purpose of this ministry is two fold:

- (1) to make quilts for Disaster Relief teams to take with them when called out - baby quilts, toddler quilts, teen quilts, adult lap quilts - no bed-size quilts unless there is an individual need
- (2) to help groups locate service organizations and institutions near them where quilts would be welcome - Children's Village cottages in their areas, shelters for the abused of various ages, fire departments, hospitals, centers for unwed mothers, half-way houses, churches with ministries to various groups such as homeless and to provide quilts for local mission trip teams to take if their destination has a need for quilts

Love, Piece and Joy Quilters will work through our traditional state WMU organizational structure to form groups over the state. As few as two quilters can form a group. Existing quilting groups and guilds are invited to network into this ministry. Participation is open to everyone. Individuals who can find no group to join are invited to participate. Love, Piece and Joy Quilters is modeled from a very successful Love, Piece and Joy Quilters in one of our Mississippi churches which has made and placed more than 500 quilts during its four years of existence.

What we need now: Quilters! And those who want to learn to quilt.

Love, Piece and Joy Quilters will not use templates, cut each piece with scissors, sew them together by hand and sit around a quilt frame pushing the needle up and down for hours. They will use rotary cutters, cutting mats, long-arm quilting machines - all kinds of great new quilting notions. All quite modern. They will make all their quilts on the sewing machine. A simple machine that sews a good stitch is all that is needed - nothing fancy.

Quilting has, in the past few years, become a revived traditional art for experienced quilters. It also has become a contemporary art among young women. There are more than 28 million quilters in the United States, and the number is growing by about a million a year.

Please let us hear from you

- if you are a quilter and would like to be a part of this new volunteer ministry
- if you are not a quilter but would like to learn to quilt so that you can be a part of this ministry
- if you know a quilter and can provide us a mailing and/or email address so we can make contact
- if you are member of an existing quilting group or guild which would like to join in the ministry

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