

Update to Moderator's Challenge

In my Moderator's Message of October 2, 2008, I encouraged everyone to find new ways to serve others using their hands. (See our website: www.pwslivingwaters.org Click on Messages from PWSCT, Then Click Moderator's Message – Oct. 2, 2008.

Previously I have issued a challenge for each of our churches to start one new project/mission that would be of benefit to women and/or children. Recently I received the following note by e-mail. Wow! What an exciting response to both of my challenges!

Before you read the message, you need to know that I took a number of crocheted necklaces to last summer's AL/MS marketplace and later gave one to Dean Vandegrift, who, with her husband, graciously provided my bed and breakfast for the Main Event. She asked for directions for making the necklaces, and here is "the rest of the story."

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Mary,

I want you to know how your ideas have blossomed! Everywhere I wore my necklace, there were very positive comments. I bought yarn and made enough to give to many of my special "people" as gifts. Then I made enough to give all the nieces for Christmas.

Then I got the bright idea to sell them to make money for education in the Congo. To date I have \$250 to contribute, plus orders for as many as I can make! So my hands are busy, busy. I set a goal of raising between \$500 and \$600 for this purpose.

I take the necklaces with me when our Congo Partnership Team is invited to make presentations in churches as an example of what one person can do to help out. And I encourage each person to find something that s/he can do. Another church has adopted making the necklaces and I gave them the directions.

Just thought you would be interested in how the necklace-making has evolved to benefit the Congolese children!

(See pictures below.)

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Do you have a story of how you or someone in your church is using your hands to help God's children? Please send it to us:

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