

TIS Reports for Presbyterian Women of Mid-KY Presbytery

PW of Hopewell Presbyterian Church in Jeffersontown, KY has a group of their PW women and a few husbands that sponsored a refugee family from Myanmar. This family was an unusual family made up of a mother and 3 children. We set up an apartment for the family so they could move in. We took them repeatedly to the doctors and dentists. One child had very bad teeth which the pediatrician thought was a contributing factor to her malnutrition. In three months the Mom was working and the children were in school or daycare. As they made contacts in their neighborhood we were able to see other families who came to America without a sponsor. We knew then how important it is to have a caring group to help refugees adjust to their new home.

PW of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Louisville, KY has a special group that gathers twice a month. Together they encourage one another, share ideas and work together. They are called the Sew 'n Sews. There are four primary products that are made as part of this ministry.

Healing blankets pieced and quilted, whole-cloth, knitted or crocheted coverings that are to warm and comfort someone undergoing medical care. They are distributed by our pastor, deacons and church members. Attached to each blanket is a special prayer: "Know that our love and prayers cover you. We pray that you'll be healed in mind, body and spirit."

Medicine Bags are totes made of brightly colored fabrics, then used by women to carry medical supplies from missionary centers to their remote homes in Costa Rica.

Baby Slings or Maya/Moby wraps used to help carry a baby that are made and given to Home of the Innocents in Louisville, KY for use in their ministry teaching life skills and positive parenting skills to teen girls that are themselves parents.

Gift Items such as purses, hats, scarves, clothing pieces, table linens, aprons, decorations and toys are made to sell at Trinity's annual Christmas Confection & Craft sale. Proceeds are used to obtain supplies for Sew 'm Sews, though mostly used for PW benevolences.

PW of Faith Presbyterian Church in Southwest Louisville, KY has become very involved with the Southwest Community Ministries, SWCM, since they moved into the church. Our women help with the food closet, Emergency assistance and other projects as needs arise. Assisting families in crisis who come for relief is a blessing to our women.

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