



# LOVE, JOY, PIECE



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## From the Editor:

### **New Basket Block Project!**

Now that the house block project is well underway it is time to decide on what comes next. Your support for the house block project - before that the heart blocks - continues to fill us with wonder. It is such a pleasure to open up the mail box and find another quilt block inside. I have come to know the "heart" of people around the world through these projects. I want to thank all of you in advance for your support of our new project. You truly make a difference in this world.

**The next project will be basket blocks. These blocks should be 12" finished. (12 1/2" unfinished)**



The basket quilts will be raising funds for MCC's food projects. In the Bible story of the feeding of the four thousand, a young boy shares his meager lunch with a large crowd of hungry followers of Jesus, Matthew 15:32-39. With the blessing of Jesus, the boy's lunch was enough to feed the crowd and still have food left over. In the heart and house block projects we have seen how God has blessed these quilt blocks to raise funds to help people around the world. God's love flows through us to the world.

**To God be the glory, great things he has done!**

*Bev Patkau, Calgary, AB*

*Completed blocks may be sent to Bev Patkau in Canada or Marlys Wiens in the US. Address on reverse side.*

**Note: Over \$68,000 was raised via the Heart Block project and over \$42,000 has been raised thus far via the House Block project for MCC. The US traveling House Block quilt will be sold at the Mennonite World Relief Sale on Nov. 8, 2008 in Brooklyn Park, MN - [www.tcmccreliefsale.org](http://www.tcmccreliefsale.org).**

*Photos on these pages are of contributors to relief sales in Canada and the United States.*

### **Quilts, MCC and Children?**

Lets go back to school and teach each other to insure contributions at future relief sales. How do we encourage a whole new group of people to participate in the sales? Those who contribute items for our local relief sale are aging. We need to encourage and teach others to begin contributing. It is good to expand the group.

Someone once asked me how I convinced my children to participate in the relief sales. Thinking about how to answer that I realized we had always just assumed they would help us when we



volunteered. It became a "habit" for them. At a recent sale I noticed a mother and her young daughter, 8-10 years old, working together to carry quilts to and from the stage. The mother apologized for bringing her daughter with her. I told the Mom how excited I was to see her daughter "working" at the sale. The young girl finished her job with a large smile on her face. Who knows, perhaps a possible future relief sale committee member?

A year ago two young girls donated their first quilt to a relief sale. Their quilt's journey began at a MCC quilt



workshop where they each participated with experienced women to guide them. Sitting beside these girls and watching their fear, nervousness and excitement as their quilt was being auctioned was

a highlight of that sale for me. These girls had help and support from two experienced women to make their quilt. The idea of mentoring someone else in the making of a quilt (or anything else) for a sale is a GREAT idea.



Find someone who has an interest in quilting and work and teach each other. Sharing a project helps share the work load, expenses, pressure, knowledge and can grow a

wonderful friendship.

**Question and answer with sisters Jana, age 10 and Danielle age 12 when they made their quilt.**

**1. Did you enjoy making the quilt?**

*J Definitely, it was so much fun to do with my sister.*

*D Yes, it was a lot of fun! It was also a great learning experience and we had a great time doing it!*

**2. How long did it take to make the quilt?**

*J I don't remember but near to the end we began to feel quite rushed.*

*D I'm not totally sure how long it took. I think from the day we started cutting fabric to when we sent it off was probably about a month and a half or two months.*

**3. Did you have help making the quilt? Who?**

*J Yes Mrs. Unrau and Mrs. Bartel were incredibly good help to have.*

*D Yes, we had amazing help. Mrs. Unrau and Mrs. Bartel helped us a lot and taught us so much. They were awesome!*

**4. What was your favourite part of making and donating your quilt?**

*J My favorite part was being able to see it at the MCC sale.*

*D I liked learning how to sew. It was so funny because I kept poking myself with the pins. I also liked it because then you could really see how the quilt was going to look.*

**5. What or who inspired you to make a quilt for the sale?**

*J My grandma died a few years ago and right before she died she finished making a quilt that she sent to the MCC sale. I think it's nice to be able to have something like quilting in common with my grandma.*

*D Before our grandma died she had started teaching us some things about sewing, so she was a big inspiration. Mrs. Unrau and Mrs. Bartel were also inspirations because they know so much and they can make amazing quilts.*

**6. What did it feel like to watch your quilt being auctioned?**

*J It was so cool to watch it being auctioned off and see the price for it going higher and higher. I forget how much it went for but it was fun.*

*D It felt really cool to see our quilt being auctioned after all the work we put in it. It was kind of sad to see it go but you still felt proud of it.*

**7. What did you learn from this project?**

*J I learned a countless amount of things- how to sew, cut fabric and so on.*

*D I learned so much! I learned to sew, to cut material the right way and basically everything it takes to make a quilt. I also learned making a quilt isn't just sewing fabric together, there's a lot more to do than that.*

**8. Would you do it again?**

*J I would definitely do it again if I could.*

*D Yes, I would do it again! It was so fun and I learned so much.*

**Hints**

When you are finished making a quilt, use some of the scrap fabric to **make a "pillow case" to store the quilt** when it's not in use or needs to travel. Make a zipper closing so that the quilt can not escape. The pillow case acts as a dust cover but the fabrics help identify what's inside. If the quilt should need repairs, the fabric from the pillow case can be used. NEVER place a quilt in a non-see-through garbage bag. Someone may think it is garbage and dispose of it!

**Used pill bottles** are great to place used and broken needles inside before placing them in the garbage. This protects anyone who handles the garbage from being stabbed.

*A fat quarter is not a body part!*



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