Calvary’s Blanket Ministry

Blankets Delivered
As a result of your time, effort and willingness to show God’s love 20,477 blankets have been delivered to 37 countries.

Don’t get too comfortable with who you are; you may miss who you want to become.


Thank you “Blanketeers”

Lena Albaeck  
Veronica Anguish  
Suzanne Bellamy  
Katie Borquez  
Pam Brady  
Adam Cole  
Mary Lou Collier  
Beth Cook  
Dinah Deeds  
Susan Eschelbach  
Macie Gettings  
Schelly Gettings  
Avis Gilleland  
Devon Gillin  
Frannie Goldstein  
Richard Hernandez  
Jill Hessick  
Maria Hughes  
Bob Kari

Cheryl Kari  
Mary Khoury  
Kendal Kooreny  
Patty Kuzyk  
Kai Kwok  
Petula Lam  
Sue Leigh  
Mark Lindauer  
Flo Livingston  
Alice McMickie  
Joanne Medved  
Hazel Min  
Deniece Molen  
Elise Moler  
Elise Myers  
Louise Myers  
Patty Nattoli  
Melissa Neiderheiser

Ann Ongania  
Deanne Ortega  
Darlene Polidoro  
Chelsea Prater  
John Prater  
B Rogers  
Bozena Rose  
Joey Scott  
Barbara Simmons  
Judy Tedeschi  
Marri Thomas  
Kandi Wahrenbrock  
Chloe Walton  
Nancy Walton  
Tracy Weirick  
Joyce Wiechert  
Kathy Wilstein  
Rod Willis

Meeting time
• Saturday, Feb 20th
• Time: 9:00-Noon
• Room #1108

February Calendar

February 11th, Thursday  
Fabric Preparation 5pm to 9am  
room #1108

February 19th, Friday Mops  
Spa Day (volunteers needed).

February 20th, Saturday  
February meeting 9am-noon

February 25th, Thursday  
Blanket Making Event with “The Connection” at Calvary.

February 25th, Appalachia  
Team meeting 7pm, room 2104.

February 27th, Saturday  
University Village 10am until 12  
Volunteers needed (see page 4 for more information.

Prayers Urgently Needed for McCords!

We received an email from Craig McCord on Jan. 31st for prayer. They have unknowingly found themselves in the middle of a military battle between the Filipino Army and the NPA. There is gunfire all around them and helicopters flying overhead. The fighting is going on in the area they use to travel from village to village. There are stories of soldiers randomly taking hikers into custody. Please pray for their safety as well as those innocent people who live in the area of Kili. To quote Craig, “We are praying that God will give us a spirit of boldness (not recklessness) to preach the Gospel and encourage the churches. Please pray with us and share this with anyone who will take time to pray for our situation here. We have not changed any of our plans to go to the remote places at this time.”

“Christ lived the life we could not live and took the punishment we could not take to offer the hope we cannot resist.” Max Lucado
**Blanket Distribution**

*Our 20,000th blanket was presented to Craig McCord and accepted by the Prater family. Also included were special blankets for Craig’s wife, Mary-Anne and his son, Patrick.*

*36 double blankets were sent to World Vision in West Virginia to be distributed to those most in need.*

*40 blankets were sent with layettes from Baby Angel Threads to West Virginia to be distributed to mothers of newborns and infants.*

*All 200 of the blankets made at our January meeting were given to Children’s Hunger Fund to be shipped with relief supplies to the children of Haiti.*

*100 blankets were given to Workers for the Harvest to be sent to Craig McCord in the Philippines.*

*100 blankets were given to the Calvary team traveling to Haiti on 1/23/10.*

*1 blanket was given to Russian Pastor Slava and his wife Olga for their adopted daughter, Nastya.*

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**Craig McCord in the Philippines**

To give you some idea where you might find Craig McCord, look for the blue oval, in the region of Abra. This is a remote region far from Manila (red oval). The orphanage for *Workers for the Harvest* is located in Tarlac (pink oval) to the South of Abra.

Below is a picture of one of the local villages. You can see the McCord’s are in a primitive area. I just received an email from Craig. He tells me their shack is pretty Spartan. It is sort of an Asian Appalachia with two rooms, rough concrete finish and no place, or shelves or closets to put anything. There is no plumbing. They have a light bulb for each of the two rooms, when there is electricity, but there is neither cell signal nor hardline communication. The restroom is outside the front door consisting of spring water piped into a concrete room where one might ladle water over one’s self to bathe (“until they are eaten by the spider the size of my head” to quote Craig). Craig, Mary Anne and Patrick have all been ill and have lost considerable weight. Craig has lost 34 pounds caused by intense physical activity as they continue to hike to various locations, not enough to eat, and days of diarrhea. They have traveled to many villages preaching the Gospel and laying the groundwork for many new churches to be planted. Craig gave his reading glasses to Elder Berto at the Kili church because his were shattered on one side, but he continued to wear them. Now Craig needs a pair of glasses (1.50) and he expects that he will find others who need them as well. He suggests a collection for used reading glasses. If you have any reading glasses you would like to donate, please let me know and I will pass them on the Craig’s board to send to him with the next shipment of supplies.
Celebration of 20,000th Blanket

What a wonderful time of celebration as stories were shared of the lives that have been touched by our blankets. As you all know by now, our mystery recipient of the 20,000th blanket was Craig McCord. Unfortunately Craig was not able to be with us as he and his family are ministering in the Philippines. John Prater, a board member for “Workers For The Harvest” (Craig’s ministry) accepted on his behalf. Below are a few of the pictures John shared with us.

Mary Ann with two young mothers receiving blankets for their children.

Adult life starts early in this village. The young girls and boys are often parents as early as 12 and 13 years of age. The young girl in this picture is the mother of two of these children and her husband is in the picture below. In our culture he would still be considered a child but here he is already the father of two.

This is a picture of Patrick McCord and Chelsea Prater in the Philippines. John shared the story of hiking and discovering one of our blankets hanging on the clothes line. One of our blankets had been offering comfort and warmth for over three years to the child who lives here.

Husband and father of two young children with the responsibilities now to provide for his family.

Many of us have heard Craig’s stories of the people in the Philippines and are humbled by all he does to serve them. Please keep the McCords in daily prayer as they struggle with their own physical needs to deal with the lack of adequate food and warmth and now the added dangers of war going on in their area.
Questions???  Call Linda Krukowski  (805) 379-0125 or e-mail Linda_Krukowski@yahoo.com

Donation to Honor Joyce Wiechert
In lieu of a Christmas gift, Joyce asked her family to make a donation to a charity. Knowing her involvement with the blanket ministry, they chose to make that gift to us. What a beautiful way to honor her. Thank you.

You Make A Difference
Bob Kari often forwards our newsletters to his friends. I was copied on a reply to one such email. “Last night I was reading a book about miracles. The writer had traveled to South Africa to do a documentary on orphans. It was a freezing night that night. When they arrived at the filming location they found a young boy who was an orphan dead because he froze to death. Would a blanket or a coat have saved him? We meet for only 3 hours a month doing something special for a child/person that has nothing compared to what most of us have. Our leaders spend hours preparing, buying, cutting, washing and folding fabric so somewhere in the world there will be some warmth and security for someone special. In two weeks we will make our 20,000th blanket, all financed through the gift of time and money of ordinary people who listened to God’s urging. Each blanket costs $5.00 to make. Any donation of time or money would be happily received. Look carefully at the pictures and feel the joy on their faces all the result of ordinary people. Blessings, Bob”

For those of you who offer financial support to our ministry “thank you.” Even a small donation makes a big difference. Remember, write “Blanket Ministry #756” on the envelope or memo line of your check so it will be properly credited to our account.

“..."For too many of us, our vision is limited to our sight."

Appalachia Team Meeting
The first team meeting for June’s mission trip to the Appalachia’s will be on Thursday, February 25th at 7pm in room #2104. If you are participating in this trip, please plan to attend. You will be asked to choose a project that you wish to participate in and also select a team captain.

Fabric Squaring Night
Join us on Thursday, Feb. 11th from 5pm until 9pm, room #1108 to cut and square fabric. Make 2010 the year you become part of our team and enjoy the special fellowship.

Donut Sales
On March 14th the blanket ministry will be selling donuts. Please let me know if you can help at the 9am service or the 11 am service.

University Village
Are you interested in spending time in fellowship with the residents of University Village as they make blankets on February 27th? Please contact Marri Thomas for more information on this event at 818-707-2859 or email her at marithomas@sbcglobal.net.

"Aspire to inspire before you expire!"

Thank you Deniece and Elise!
Our special thanks to Deniece and Elise Moler who not only made our 20,000th blanket (a special oversized double) for Craig McCord, but two additional double blankets for Craig’s wife, Mary-Anne, and their son, Patrick.

MOPS Spa Day
If you are available to help at our sales table on Friday February 19th from 9am until 11am, please let me know. MOPS has graciously provided us with a table to display our crafts.