
Trinity Quilters News

The following letter and picture are from Sharon Kramer who is one of the organizers of the local Outreach Africa medical team that goes to Tanzania, Africa. As you probably know, Trinity's quilts are sent with and distributed by the Outreach Africa team. Sharon has given the quilters several yards of fabric from Africa and one of the quilts Paola Jo Sederquist and I made with this fabric was the one raffled by Trinity's missionaries to Peace House, Tanzania, another quilt is still in the making and we made a quilt for Sharon as a thank you for the fabrics she donated. The following explains the rest of the story..... Darlene Jillson for Trinity's Quilters

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Dear Darlene & Paola,

Your gift to me of the beautiful quilt was indeed awesome! Knowing all of the fabric was from Africa made it even more special; coupled with friends making the quilt another plus...for sure. I displayed the quilt in my 'Africa room'...everyone admired the beauty. But something about this bothered me; displaying this wonderful gift...when it should be put to a better use kept gnawing at me. Last week I returned from Africa and while I was there I did the following.

When I first visited Africa to orchestrate a medical team, I met this wonderful nun....her name is Sister Maria Scholastica. She has been instrumental in my repeated visits to her continent of amazement....that of Tanzania, East Africa. For this reason I have re-gifted the beautiful quilt you gave to me to her. My thought was that she can use this quilt as a pattern; thus enabling her fellow nuns to create quilts of this caliber. The sales of 'future quilts' will allow the nuns a much needed income.....for their work with the poorest of the poor.

When we gave the quilt to Sister Scholastica....she cried stating, "this is the most wonderful gift I have ever received, I will cherish it forever." I sense she will use the quilt as a pattern, but the actual quilt will forever adorn her bed.

Your generosity has been a double gift...one to me to enjoy the quilt and more importantly the lasting gift to the nuns.

I thank you from the bottom of my heart for making them so very happy with this quilt. I only wish you could have been there to experience their joy.

This trip was most difficult in that we had no electricity most of the time and no water. We Americans are so very fortunate and with every trip to Africa I hope that I always remember that. The nuns do so much with virtual nothing!

My most sincere appreciation to both of you for making this possible.

(signed) Sharon Kramer

