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His Personal Touch

Hi Everyone! I know that it has been a while, but I have not forgotten you! So, many wonderful things have happened and are happening now! Like... The video from the Texas Country Reporter was put on YouTube and I have been overwhelmed by the number of responses I have received through that! I have gotten a lot of comments, quilts purchased, lots of donated supplies, and custom quilts being ordered! My heart is filled right now and is just overflowing with gratitude and thankfulness! This was put on YouTube in January and as of today, almost 750,000 have viewed it! And the networking! Facebook and email have helped many people to see it! It has opened up many doors for speaking engagements and personal appearances at quilt guilds, churches, and various organizations. Keep checking my website for when I will be near you because I would love to meet you!

Some of the most frequently asked questions are:

- Do I need supplies? If so, what kind?
 - The list is always on the website, but a few of the items are: cotton solid colors, prints, all-purpose thread, WonderUnder (I go through that stuff very quickly), large safety pins, right now I'm looking for cotton airplane fabric (6-12 yards), and the different shapes of plastic rulers.
- How do I sew on the sewing machine and thread my needle?
 - Well! My secret is: if you don't have a self-threading sewing machine—which I don't—use Schmetz Quick Threading Needles (size 705 HDK—an all-purpose size for sewing machines). You can purchase these at www.schmetzneedles.com. Thread your sewing machine as usual, but when you get to the needle just slide it up the right side, it snaps into place, and then through the foot and... Shazam! You can start sewing! As for hand stitching, I have a needle threader that I carry around with me and have for sale at all of my engagements.
- Do I accept scraps and can I just quilt a quilt top if sent to me?
 - Yes, I can. However, I am not a huge fan of cutting up clothing to make quilts; it is a lot of work for my cutting girl.
- What if I bought a quilt but I decided I want a different one once I got it?
 - Sorry, but I have a no return or exchanges policy. Be sure that it is a quilt you really want because it is a huge hassle for me to do a return, so at this time I am

not accepting returns. When purchasing a quilt, I do not accept credit cards or PayPal at this time because I prefer the “personal touch” (read: “call me”). If you are out of the country, we can work things out by email.

- Can we send donations?
 - Go to my website and there are instructions there or feel free to call me.

On the personal level, I keep getting 2 questions:

- When is my birthday?
 - September 24! And you can guess the age...
- Do I like roses? Can people bring/send them to me?
 - I do love roses! Feel free to pile them on all of the time! ☺

All of this is happening because of God! I have a friend, Rocky, from Maine who I believe is a prophet, spoke over me last fall about some things in my life. Now, I stand here and can honestly say that God used him in a mighty way because all of the things he said have come to pass. He said that after the first of the year that God would do something big that would expand my horizon throughout the world to bless and encourage others. In January, that is when the YouTube video went up and I have really been blessed by that. People have called and emailed in tears and have said how much they been blessed by the video and how God has used me and how they are praying that He would continue using me. It has touched many, many peoples' lives and I just praise God for that. (Rocky's website is www.walkinginspiritwithrocky.com) I am not perfect; I just work for Jesus. I still make mistakes, but when I put God first, He can use me for His glory.

Right now, I just want to thank those who have been my arms and legs. Jennifer who give me rides, Emilie who cuts, Kristen who helps with the newsletters, Natalie who gives me rides and helps get ready for engagements, my new friend, Chrissy, from Maine who has sent out emails to various organizations for me... Thank you. Natalie has organized all of my quilts and helps me get ready to go out on the road which has been such a blessing. Thanks Margaret for taking all of the pictures and sending them and all of the information to my web-lady. This is where I want to say thank-you to Debbi for redesigning and maintaining my website. I want to thank Cindy and Bill Mack (www.billmackcountry.com) for putting me on the radio and all of those that have done interviews on me.

Please be patient as I have been receiving lots of requests for custom quilts. I just wanted to say thank-you to all of you who could have picked anyone in the world but you picked me. I will try to do you proud in all of your requests, just give me a little time to get it done. As for me speaking in your hometown, I would love to. I will speak wherever God sends me and share my life there, be it a quilt guild, church, or university.

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This ministry is supported by you. Don't feel obligated, but if you feel like God has put it on your heart then feel free to give. It helps with some of the fees involved with speaking and some of my helpers.

I am praying that each one of you who reads this would be blessed by God and would continue to press into Him for He alone holds the path of life. God bless you and your families and thank you for every way you support me through prayers to words of encouragement to sending supplies to buying quilts. Thank you, thank you, thank you.



In Him,
Diane Rose
Hebrews 11:1