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President’s Corner by Katy Taylor

Quilted Together

Dear Ladies,

As the weather gets colder, I go to my closet and pull out a quilt for my bed. They are so warm to sleep under. My grandmother lived in a sharecropper shack in the 30’s with my grandfather and several children. They slept under 4 quilts to stay warm and had to brush snow off their covers in the morning. Wow! I do not need that many to stay warm at night in my house. I do like at least one on my bed. As a quilt warms me, it warms my heart to spend time with the Magnificent Women of Michigan. You are all amazing! When I can visit your church or a ladies event, I am so encouraged to see what you are doing for the Lord. We are pieced

together, like a quilt, to accomplish God’s plan. So much has been done and there is more to be done. The “Priceless” event is one example of us coming together for our missionaries. At our State Meeting we also come together to gather items for the Provision Closet. Let us continue to work together to help our missionaries take the Gospel to the lost. When you pull out your quilts, think of all our precious ladies that serve the Master with you. What a privilege!

1 Cor. 3:9a “For we are laborers together with GOD.....”

Katy Taylor

Family Matters by Stefanie Shope

The following is an excerpt from Proverbs31 Ministries “Time Brings Healing” by Chrystal Evans Hurst

The other day during his swim lesson, my son swam the length of the pool.

Twice.

He swam from the deep end to the shallow end, and back again. Now, I know this may not seem very remarkable. Every

mother is proud when her child learns to do something new, right? But not every mother gets to know the joy of seeing her child do something she thought she might never witness.

My son was a shoulder dystocia baby.

He got stuck in the birth canal as he entered the world, and as a result, he acquired a nerve injury. For months, my son had no use of his right arm.

Nothing. Nada. Zilch.

I watched my newborn son throw, wave, and extend *one arm* while the other arm lay completely still.

My heart felt like stone. I felt guilty. I grieved. I was simply heartbroken. My newborn son did not have perfectly moving limbs. For three months I cried every day. And I wondered what only time would tell — how hard his life might be with that one arm that didn't work like it was supposed to.

Truth be told, I was angry with God for allowing a bad thing to happen, and I was on a mission to fix it as much as was humanly possible. I spent a lot of time and money seeing various doctors, traveling out of town, trying different therapies — none of which changed the bottom line. He was injured. For life.

But here's what I didn't know then that I want to share with you now: Life gets better.

Even when the source of our pain remains a source of constant heartache, time can bring a healing like no other.

King Solomon, one of the wisest men to ever live, authored Ecclesiastes where he reminds us: "*God has made everything beautiful for its own time*" (Ecclesiastes 3:11a).

Psalms 118:17 says, "*... I will not die, but live, and tell of the works of the LORD*" (NASB).

Simply put: If you just keep on living, you'll be able to tell the story of how God

has brought you through. Because one way or another, He always does.

My son swam the length of that pool. *Twice*. And he swam it with both arms moving — not moving perfectly — but moving nonetheless.

Over time, there has been a healing available through God's power and the gifting He's given to many smart and capable individuals that have been a part of my son's medical journey. Over time, things have gotten better.

Now I'm not going to sugar coat things — my son still has an injury.

His arm will never be perfect. My mother's heart will always want to fix that for him, and I won't be able to. But time has brought a healing. With the passing of time, I've seen the deep pain I experienced equally matched by many moments of unexpected joy. And when I reached the end of all that was humanly possible, God's worked through His never-ending power to make all things beautiful with time.

How is that possible? He's changed me.

God in His goodness works to change us. He changes our perspective. He allows us to see what He sees ... that even when things aren't as perfect, easy, or as straightforward as we would like them to be ... they still can be beautiful.

You or someone you love may have to live with the reality of an injury of the mind, body or soul. With all your heart, you might want to fix something and not be

For with
God nothing
shall be
impossible.

-Luke 1:37

Faith IS NOT KNOWING
WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS,
BUT KNOWING
who holds the future.

God makes
everything
beautiful
in His time.
Ecclesiastes 3:11

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able to. That something or someone may never be perfect.

But you need to know time can bring a healing. With time, God can take the hard moments and make them happy. He can replace sorrow with a smile. He can make the mountain of grief or regret you're climbing now, into a place where you can later view the beautiful landscape of your life.

Greetings from Spain – Tim and Kristi Johnson

Dear Michigan ladies,

It's (almost) the MOST wonderful time of the year! We will soon be into the holiday season, which will be filled to the brim with activities for the Alpedrete Church. Here are some of the things on our agenda...

November 28-30

Alejandro will be heading up an effort at his high school to get materials for Operation Christmas Child boxes.

December 3

We will be receiving boxes for Operation Christmas Child at our church, and the following week we will be volunteering in the processing center in Madrid.

December 9

The Alpedrete Church will be presenting a Christmas program in the Alpedrete cultural center called "¿Qué es la Navidad?" ("What is Christmas?").

December 13

A group of people from the Alpedrete Church will be visiting in a nursing home in a nearby town, sharing songs and a message, as well as giving out small gifts for the patients.

Not perfect, but beautiful.

God does bring healing in time. Take courage and hold on. And know that even from your pain, beauty can blossom. God makes everything beautiful in its time.

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December 17

The Alpedrete Church will be presenting a Christmas program in the cultural center of the nearby town of Moralzarzal called "¿Qué es la Navidad?" ("What is Christmas?").

December 19

Several people from the Alpedrete Church will spend the afternoon in a women's prison ministry in the city of Aranjuez, presenting the Gospel and sharing Christmas joy through song, message, and gifts for the women.

December 24

During our service on Christmas Eve, we will have a special intergenerational worship service where families will be sharing songs, testimonies, and communion together.

Thanks for your prayers for each of these activities. May your "MOST wonderful time of the year" be filled with many reasons to worship the Savior!

Tim & Kristi
Spain

UNLEAVENED BREAD RECIPE

(For Communion)

1 c flour

3 T shortening

½ c sweet (or soy) milk

Mix into a stiff dough. Let set in refrigerator about 30-40 minutes. This makes dough easier to roll. Roll out in thin sheets. Mark checks in dough after rolled. Cook on cookie sheet in 350° oven until done.

