

Many hands

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When Kate Wigginton, age eight, of the La Sierra Ward, wanted to learn to use a sewing machine, She went to her Grandmother. Arrangements were made so she and two of her friends, Kelsey Walker, age eleven, and Hannah Harper, also age eleven, could meet with Kate's grandmother for some old-fashioned sewing lessons.

As preparations were made for the girls to learn the sewing craft, the idea developed to utilize this desire for learning as an opportunity to provide service for some people on the other side of the globe.

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When Kate Wigginton went to her grandmother to learn to sew, who knew she would be performing a special service.

and each girl would arrive with sewing machine, scissors and a clean tee shirt. These tools and materials were used to help sculpt the humanitarian project. The result: a hand made dress for someone far away.

During the three-day sewing experience, these "achievement day" girls learned all about their sewing machine. They learned to thread it, to fill and replace the bobbin and finally how to clean it. In Kate's case, she learned to open and oil all machine parts, as her machine was forty-five years old and different from the other, newer machines.

As the sewing project began, each little sister selected a fabric to coordinate with the tee shirt she brought from her own closet. The material was then



Above: the raw materials for the project. Below: Each of the girls not only learned how to sew, but learned how to serve.



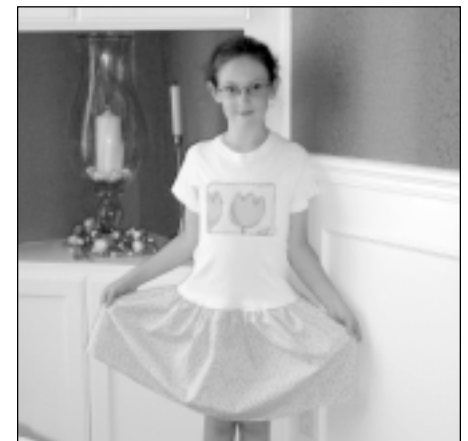
Each of the girls sewed her own project.

cut and sewed onto the tee shirt. The result of the training were three dresses to be given to girls in another country who might not be fortunate enough to have even such a simple dress. Along with the humanitarian project, the girls were also taught how to sew items for their own use as well.

The three young girls expressed their excitement that the dresses they made would be going to girls in a distant land; one which none of these young ladies have even visited. They are excited by the fact that they have been able to help a less fortunate young lady in another country.

This humanitarian effort will be continued with the help of the Kennard family. In future issues of The Messenger, readers will be able to follow these dresses as they are carried to their new owners all the way to Ethiopia. From the effort of these three young ladies, as well as the delivery of the dresses, the goal is to create a program to demonstrate the process of serving, and the joy that comes from helping others, so that others may have they opportunity to share their talents, either well-developed or new-found, with other.

The willingness of these three young girls demonstrate the old adage: Many hands, large or small, make light work, especially when it comes to service.



The finished product will then be carried to Ethiopia and given to a grateful recipient.