

### THREE BAGS FULL

She called and said she was bringing us several bags of knitted and crochet items that she, and fellow hand-crafters from their knitting/crochet groups, had made for Hugs and Kisses. I imagined grocery-sized bags filled with these helpful goodies, and was rather excited to see the creative things that would come. But when my friend arrived, she had with her three *huge* shopping bags that were *overflowing* with incredibly beautiful gifts. My jaw dropped, and I was rather overwhelmed and speechless as we pulled out the numerous hats and scarves that had been made for the needy children, the homeless, and others in need of warmth, as well as a few toasty lap blankets for residents of nursing homes.



The generous amounts of time that these beautiful pieces represent are simply incredible. Can you just imagine the faces of those who receive these gifts? A number of whom will probably have never received something handmade before. What an incredible blessing! We are so thankful for all the things that have been made that we at The Encouragement Project can now pass along to the people who need them. It's absolutely fantastic!



### THE WOOLLY GOAL

We issued a challenge earlier this year to have donations of 100 hats (kisses) and scarves (hugs) that we could give away this winter. As we have been collecting things from various people and groups over the past months, we have scarcely taken the time to stop and count the gifts. But now, as we are preparing to share these



things with their intended recipients before/as the weather turns cold, we discover that we have had **176** items given. Incredible!! The organizations we are giving these donations to are... Mission to Serve, for the needy in Romania (11 hugs/kisses), The Craddock Center, for low income children (46), the homeless (85), pregnancy centers (16), nursing homes (18).

Do you like to knit or crochet? Or do you know someone who does? We would love to encourage you (and your friends) to be a part of this ministry by making hats and scarves for the needy of all sizes and in so many places. The more we have, the more we can share! It is such a blessing to be a part of blessing others in this way! Would you join us!?

## MORE GENEROSITY...

**4,878** is a very large number indeed! And it is, in fact, the number of books that we have collected and distributed through *THE BOOK DROP* so far this year!



These books have all come from... YOU!! We have been overwhelmed by the amount of books that have been brought, shipped, and otherwise gotten to us.

Thank you SO much for sharing the gift of reading with so many children! We have been able to give these books to The Craddock Center, Give A Kid A Chance, St Jude's, and Canton Elementary School EIP program. How exciting!

The children who received these awesome books are those who have so little, and the books are both a gift and a great blessing. Keep them coming!!

*And do not forget to do good and share with others,  
for with such sacrifices God is pleased.*

*Hebrews 13:16*

## HAVE YOU ANY WOOL?!

In addition to the hats and scarves we are gathering for *HUGS and KISSES*, we are also in need of yarn that these items can be made from.

**Might you have yarn** you are not using that you would be willing to donate? Or left over pieces from other projects you have done? We'll happily take any and all and put it to good use! Just send any skeins or scraps to us at the address below. Thanks!



## OUR NEW GIRL!

It is with great joy that my wonderful husband Martin and I introduce you to our beautiful daughter *Aveline Marie!*



Aveline (which means 'breath of life') arrived on July 12, and has been well and healthy.

We are so thankful for the blessing that God has given us in this sweet baby!

We pray she comes to truly love Jesus, and is a blessing and encouragement to all those she meets along the way.



*THE ENCOURAGEMENT PROJECT* is run solely with the financial gifts and donations of those of you who are interested in helping and encouraging others through this ministry. Gifts of any amount are helpful, and go toward seeing believers encouraged, and those in need helped. We greatly appreciate your willingness to be a part of this team. Would you join us monthly at the...

\$10 ~ *ground level* ~ \$25 ~ *creative level*  
\$50 ~ *encouragement level* ~ *other amount*

Checks made payable to "The Encouragement Project" can be mailed to: *The Encouragement Project*  
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