

## ONE THOUSAND AND EIGHT



Every few weeks Izetta gives me a call and says she has some hats ready, so I pack up a few bags of yarn that has been donated—some full skeins, some “leftovers”— and head over to her house for a nice visit and an exchange; I take her the yarn, she gives me the hats she has crocheted out of the last round of yarn to share with those in need. That day, she had close to fifty hats completed, which, incredibly, is not an unusual amount to pick up from her a time or two a month.

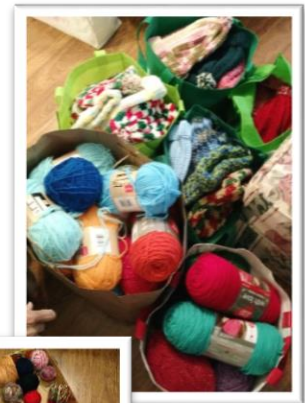
“It just gives me something to do,” she says. When I first started this project, I had people like her in mind; someone with ability, time, and willingness, who would benefit from the doing as much as their doing would benefit others. I just had no idea anyone would create so many beautiful things, and with such joy.

Izetta started crocheting hats for our Hugs and Kisses project about a year and a half ago in early 2017, finding a pattern she loved and going for it. It all came about by way of a few simple questions during a conversation at that time. She asked what she could do to help with The Encouragement Project, and the response back was to ask what she liked to do. “Well, I like to crochet,” she said. “Why don’t you do that, then?” And so she did.

I asked her during our last visit how many hats she had made so far, and she said, “Oh, I’ve made one thousand and eight.” That’s rather an incredible number by any standard. There are now one thousand and eight more heads that are/will be warm because of her enthusiasm and involvement. Did I mention that Izetta is almost 90 years old?

We would love to find others like Izetta who would be willing and able to create beautiful warmth for others that can be shared in Jesus name. If you know of anyone who might enjoy such a task that helps others, please share!

While you might not have the time or energy to make such a volume as this friend, everyone can do something, and that makes a difference. Be encouraged to find that opportunity to bless others. One at a time.



## HUGS AND KISSES

It is so exciting to be at the point in the year when we can share the beautiful gifts of Hugs (scarves) and Kisses (hats) with those in need.

So far this year we have given out close to 1,500 items, with hundreds more in the process of being sorted and packaged (...and some still being made!) to be delivered to others.

Those who make these beautiful hats, scarves, blankets, and mittens to share are so generous, and we are so thankful that, all working together, we are able to help so many!



## THE BOOK DROP

The collection of new or gently used books to share with kids who don't have much (if any) access to books at home is ongoing throughout the year.



Our usual distribution time for these stories and adventures to encourage young readers is late spring/early summer as school lets out and young ones spend more time at home and away from school.



If you have or come across any books for children that you would like to share, do let us know!



## FOR PRAYER

Thank you for praying for the efforts of The Project! This is the best blessing.

- pray that we would honor the Lord in all we do
- pray for those who receive the warm items we are able to share this Fall/Winter
- thank God for those who have willingly and generously given their time to make things to help others
- pray that God would bring along a strategic person who could help us with publicity and outreach as The Project grows
- thank God for the abundance of His goodness

*But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called "Today," so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness.*

*Hebrews 3:13*

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