

Sophie's Angel Run Scholarship

One of the many gifts God has given me is the ability and desire for art including crafts. As a child I greatly enjoyed making Valentine cards with my Grandma each year. I also made candles for Christmas presents, and many other enjoyable crafts. Still today I enjoy creating with my hands. I have realized that I could make crafts for the benefit of others.

Through a Church project, I was able to use my talent of making bracelets to bring many more people to know God. Making these "Plan of Salvation Bracelets" for the less fortunate people who are living in poverty had a big impact of my life. This bracelets making project led me to the opportunity to participate in a life changing mission trip on an Indian Reservation in Winslow Arizona. Love filled my heart as knowing that whatever I was just about to do was going to help someone's life, no matter how big or small. Knowing that God has called me to help I would bravely step in with confidence. While on the mission trip, I used my craftsmanship to help build a church and prepare a school for students for the upcoming year.

During this mission trip one of the top life changing events that I participated in was when a group of us went out on the streets of Winslow looking for those in need. The poor that we encountered embraced our brown bag lunches and welcomed our kind words. One middle aged disheartened homeless man singled me out to pray with him. I don't know how I would have ever done it without the strength of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit to guide me. In my prayer I asked God to "safely take this man into his hands and let him know that God is our guide." As I was sitting next to this man, I was suddenly relieved from all my worries and

doubts and put it into God's hands. I gave this man my "Plan of Salvation" bracelet that I made. I explained to him and the other people he was with what each of the color beads represented. The Black bead represents that all people have sinned. The red bead represents the blood of Jesus. The blue bead represents that we are saved. The white bead represents how we are washed clean from our sin. The green bead represents the grace and knowledge of Jesus. The yellow bead represents being crowned into the kingdom of Heaven. As it is stated in Deuteronomy 15:11 "For there will never cease to be poor in the land. Therefore I command you, You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land." If he remembers nothing else I hope he will remember that Jesus loves him.

At a young age I started bracelet making for my friends and family which lead me to making "Plan of Salvation" bracelets. Recently, I volunteered at Matthew 25 Ministries which sparked an interest to make mattresses out of plastic bags for the poor living in flood lands. I started with bracelets and it lead me to a mission trip to tell others about God. I can only imagine what mattress making will lead me too. Colossians 3:23-24 stated "Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ."