#### **Hello Kathy.**

It has been some years ago that God's synchrony has made us coincide.

Because nothing happens by chance, we are connected, no matter the distance, the language, the culture, our color.

And it was the mission of Love philosophy that seeking to transform lives crossed our paths, some will call it random, I believe, as you always say, it is "for the work of Gods" children "forever and ever."

We speak different languages but only one language, LOVE.

We started with a day of cleft lip and palate surgeries, which would lead to another of your destinations TECPAN GUATEMALA, where thanks to the Mission of Love, CASA DE SUEÑOS ( House of Dreams ) became a reality, a place for the comfort of children and their families in palliative care.

You now have a central mission of the Mission of Love Guatemala, as it may be by chance, is the way

With Love and Gratitude, forever and ever. - Doctor Edgar Moran Ocaña



Smiles for Humanity ~ Daniel Winkle MD

Each month I get the opportunity to smile when I see my donation sent off to the Mission of Love. The smile comes straight from my heart because I know this money is going to be used in the best ways possible to help those in need. Mission of Love operates with all volunteers and so I know that almost all of my donation is going to help our planets precious indigenous populations. In my smile I sense the joy of young school children getting an opportunity to learn, I feel the calm of indigenous elders who now have a roof over their head because people have dared to care, I feel at peace because the children at the House of God have a safe place to receive lifesaving cancer treatments, and I can rest at ease knowing our indigenous brothers and sisters can get access to basic medical services.

In a time where our world is holding on to so much pain and trauma, the way out is to quiet our minds and reconnect with the wisdom, love, and compassion that indigenous elders have spoken about for millennia. It is that love and compassion that blows in the winds, steadies the mountains, flows in the rivers and oceans, and pushes the blood through our beating hearts. Mission of love works and gives with no strings attached. It loves all just the same as long as they have come with the open heart of service. So why do I smile? Because with one donation at a time we can help heal the collective wounds of humanity's heart.

#### With gratitude and love: Kathy Price

Oh what a year of true successes in servicing our indigenous Maya and Lakota Indians of America and Guatemala. Words and photos cannot even begin to convey the love, hope, healing and compassion that has been generated by our God's Mission of Love. I hope that you read the Mission of Love volunteers passionate stories in our 2019 Mission of Love Good News Newsletter. The Mission of Love volunteers are sharing their experiences while sacrificing and giving of themselves in order to make our world a bit better.

Everyday in every way, I network, sort, purchase, palletize and obtain humanitarian aid for 53 foot trailers for Pine Ridge Native American Indian Reservation and Hercules United States Air Force Planes to be flown to Guatemala. No easy task when one does not have a secretary, warehouse personal and health is-

Thousands of indigenous people have been fed, given educational tools, given homes, educational bus, education, health services, and medical furnishings. People ask me everyday just how do you accomplish such grand missions with limited funds, limited volunteers and a compromised health situation. My response is, "THY WILL BE DÖNE, We are not here to save the world but are in this world to touch the hands and hearts that are within our reach. "I am grateful to each and everyone of you who believe, trust, contribute, pray and acknowledge our grass roots International Mission of Love.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

Kathleen Price - Mission of Love

Founder - Director 1989

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Kathy Price is presenting a Lakota Dream Catcher Comfort quilt to Edgar Moran, Edward Keich.



# Mission of Love **Good News**

"You are not here to save the world, but to touch the hands that are within your reach.





### **CREATING A BETTER WORLD**

Kathy Price has been inspiring me for 25 years. Our friendship and our partnership to help those in need, spans over

2 decades. Truly, it seems like I have known her forever. When we met, we connected like old friends. She has taught me so much about the power of selfless giving, and humble service. My business generates money for a number of organizations doing good work around the planet, but Mission of Love holds a special place in my heart because of Kathy.

Last year I was invited as an artist to participate in a project to honor heroes in our lives. I immediately knew that I would make a portrait to honor Kathy Price. Having traveled with her on a surgery mission trip to Guatemala several years ago, I knew I had the perfect photo for this work of art. It was a photo of her leaning over an infant, face-to-face, who would receive cleft lip surgery a few days later. The Light emanating from Kathy's face to that baby was pure love. I imagined a portrait with Kathy and the baby, and a C-5 cargo plane in the background. I also wanted to integrate Guatemalan hand-loomed fabrics into the portrait.

My medium for my artwork is fabric. I make what are called Art Quilts or Contemporary Quilts. It is a collage of fabrics that is stitched down to look like embroidery - this is called freemotion quilting. So this quilt you see is many different fabrics cut out and fit together like a jigsaw puzzle on a background, and then stitched with many different colors of thread. It is a metaphor for the way Kathy and her volunteers bring together donations of medicine, supplies, and the most valuable asset – the gift of time given by the doctors, nurses, and loving volunteers who make these projects come together in such a miraculous way. We don't know what we are capable of until we've been touched by Kathy's magic!

To me, one of the greatest things we can learn in this life is how to give selflessly with no strings attached, no expectations, simply giving generously from the heart with a wish and a prayer for healing and strength to the recipient. When we give to children, to indigenous families who have suffered the indignities of poverty and racism, to mothers who want so desperately to care for their own loved ones...it opens chambers of our heart that we never knew were there... and it changes us forever. I thank Kathy for teaching me about these things over the many years of our friendship.

For anyone considering going on a service trip with Kathy Price and Mission of Love, I encourage you to take the leap and you will find wings you never knew were there. Kathy has a special gift for bringing out a strength and sensitive compassion in her volunteers. She has a keen insight and a fierce protecting instinct especially for the children who cross her path. She is also very humble and very human. You have never met anyone like her, and you will treasure the lessons that come when you are traveling on a Mission of Love.

Your donations to Mission of Love will be put to good use and those dollars will be stretched farther than you could imagine. This is why I continue to donate to Mission of Love every month, for 20 years. I trust Kathy implicitly, because I know her priority is to do the most good and help those most in need, in every way humanly possible.

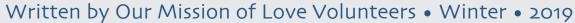
If you would like to see the quilt portrait in person, you can find dates and venues for "A Better World" traveling exhibit listed here: http://www.abetterworldexhibition.com/about.html

Feb. 27 - March 1, 2020 - Mid Atlantic Quilt Festival - Hampton, VA • April 8 - July 12, 2020 - New England Quilt Museum - Lowell, MA Aug. 4 - Sept. 28, 2020 - Page-Walker Arts & History Center - Cary, NC · Oct. 15 - 18, 2020 - Pacific International Quilt Festival - Santa Clara. CA Jan. 15 - April 3, 2022 - Visions Art Museum - San Diego, CA

When the exhibit finishes its tour, the quilt will be gifted to Kathy Price and her family.

Luana Rubin is the co-owner and founder of eQuilter.com in Boulder Colorado. By donating 2% of sales each month, eQuilter has raised over \$1.6 million for charity in 20 years. Mission of Love has partnered with eQuilter to distribute over 14,000 donated comfort quilts since 9/11. - Luana Rubin







# THIRTY YEARS AGO - Bob Price

Thirty years ago, Kathy and I decided that because our babies were now teen agers, that it was time to take a second honeymoon to celebrate our twentieth wedding anniversary. This would be our first vacation without the kids, and we decided to venture to Mexico, Cancun to be exact.

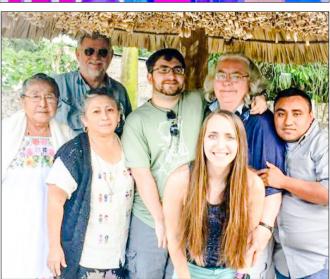
Thirty years ago, we were still so young and wide eyed, and had no earthly idea what life outside of our small universe could look like. As it turns out, Cancun, looked a lot to us like America. There were American hotels with Mexican names, American fast food, and lots and lots of American tourists, like us.

Once we discovered that Cancun was like home. we really decided to be bold and made a day trip from the Mexico of the tourist, to the Mexico of the Mexican. We were going to go to the island of Isla Mujeres, eight miles by ferry,

Isla Mujeres translates literally to Woman Island. We were to learn that the Spanish Conquistadors discovered a temple to the Mayan goddess Ix Chel on the southernmost point of the island and named this beautiful place accordingly.

Once we arrived on the island, we were no longer two Americans among Americans, we were strangers, in Mexico, and the people on the island were real Mexicans. We held tightly to each other on the boat ride over, pretty intimidated by this new experience and new people, at least for a little while. Kathy, being Kathy, soon made friends with a local shop keeper, who told her the story of the island, and of its' people, but most importantly, she spoke of the island children. The new friend's name was Judy. It seemed unusual that this Mexican woman had such an American name.





Yucatan México Mission of Love Volunteers Maria Raquel Cocoa Xuluc, Juanito Osorio Chan, Candie, GRANDson Edward, GRANDaughter Erin Kathleen, Bob and Kathy Price

Things that seem to be random occurrences really do happen for a reason on Isla.

By the end of our day long visit, Kathy had determined that she wanted to do something to help the children of the island, and that one visit on that one afternoon led to another and many, more.

Thirty years ago, the Mission of Love came into being on Isla Mujeres, México.

Thirty years later, the Mission of Love came full circle on Isla Mujeres, México.

Thirty years later, this year, Kathy and I went back to the island to celebrate our fiftieth wedding anniversary. We had plans to meet two people who travelled from the small town of Espita to see us to discuss establishing a school in there. They were Juan and Maria Raquel, who had come by bus and boat from the pueblo of Espita, in the State of Yucatan to meet with Kathy. Kathy had met Juan many years ago, when he was ten and the Mission of Love built a home for his family of thirteen souls. His family supports itself by weaving beautiful Mayan style hammocks, and Kathy was helping to market them at home to help the family.

We met our friends early in the morning on their arrival on Isla. Kathy was anxious to arrange to work with them for a common goal. There was, however, a language problem. Our visitors spoke limited English and Kathy's only Spanish is "Feliz Navidad".

We met for breakfast at a small place by the docks where the fishermen unload their catch. The restaurateur who seated us for our meal was a young Mexican woman named Jennifer. She was friendly and approachable and spoke excellent English.

It seemed unusual that this Mexican woman had such an American name.

Before breakfast was over, Jennifer had volunteered to be the translator for the day between Kathy and her friends.

Things that seem to be random occurrences really do happen for a reason on Isla.

Thirty years ago, by chance Kathy met a woman who wanted to create a school on the island for the children of the fishermen who lived there. Mission of Love provided the materials and muscle to get it done, and today, the Little Yellow Schoolhouse is still in daily operation.

Thirty year later, on that day, on the island, with the help of Jennifer, Kathy, Juan, and Maria Raquel a new project began to build a similar school in the Yucatan. This is how things happen on Isla and with the Mission of Love. And, you may believe me, it will happen.

# "House of God "Where you truly feel our God's presence - Guatemala City

How wonderful my Dear Kathy that you spend your time at the "House of God" on your missions to Goutemala. We have no words to thank you for all you have been doing for the kids who are are so brave and so precious. Know that they can feel all the love you give to them when you spend your time while in Goutemala. The children at our House of God feel so important when you come, since you are international and a beautiful lady. You always stop by and bring the cancer children comfort quilts and so many things. For them it is a novelty to meet you and they get so excited and motivated. They are so thankful to our God for you while sharing your love and care. They say that Kathy's hugs are unique! Thank you with all our hearts for what you have done to make our House of God a better place to be...God bless you! Thanks so much to all the Mission of Love volunteers and for the love you share and For all that you have done for us....thank God for you all, we love you. God Maritza God Maritza God God







Lionel, Kathy, Maritza







#### IT WAS TRULY MEANT TO BE... Josh Jamieson

Hello.

My name is Josh Jamieson. It was quite serendipitous how I became involved with the beautiful group known as the Mission of Love. I had started a new job with a company known simply as "The Place". My boss, Andrea Reedy who is a wonderful Christian woman and also the President of The Place has been deeply involved with The Mission of Love for quite some time now had arranged for myself and another coworker to spend the work day out at the Mission of Loves warehouse where I first met the most selfless woman I have ever met, Kathleen Price who is the founder of The Mission of Love. It was that day that I learned all about the Mission of Love and what they do and stand for. I experienced an overwhelming sense of peace while speaking with Kathy, I found out immediately what a gentle yet strong woman she is with very deep convictions. It turns out she actually know my family, ironic ?? I think "meant to be "is a better choice of words. While talking to Kathy I learned that in a couple of weeks she was headed to Guatemala and at that moment I knew, I had to go on that mission with her. It was a calling that I felt very strong about, but I was worried. How was I going to do this ??? I had just started a new job, funds were not readily available, and what would my wife think ??? How could this all happen? How could I answer this calling ?? Well, I reached out to my wife first and she was extremely supportive and said, if it's meant to be then we will make it work... next I had to approach my boss, Andrea Reedy who again was very encouraging with my calling. It truly was meant to be !!!! What a gamble this was as Andrea herself really didn't know me but felt strong enough about my calling to help make it possible. Next thing I know it's early in the morning and I'm boarding a plane to Guatemala. As soon as we landed my mindset totally changed and again I felt an overwhelming feeling of not only being there to help the children but also to be a protector. I learned so much about myself while in Guatemala. I definitely came back a changed man. The work was hard and at times made me very emotional but I feel that any man that can shed a tear is a strong man. I can honestly say I have never felt more welcomed by anyone before as the people of Guatemala made me feel, they all open up there homes to me. We definitely became family. I can only hope and pray that I get to experience this again, I truly miss my Guatemalan family. God bless Kathy Price and God bless the children.







# Thank you, our labors affect change in others.

Westover Air Reserve Base, Massachusetts 337th Airlift Squadron, C-5 Galaxy

The members of the 337th Airlift Squadron are pleased to be able to assist in the humanitarian recovery effort for the Guatemalan people. It is missions like these that give us the ability to directly interact with the local people in need and see the fruits of our labor affect change in others.









# **Pine Ridge Native American Reservation: Tiffany**

**Daley** Kathy Price sees it, she believes it, and then... she receives it.

What does the word Poverty mean to you, and more importantly how can we live in a world where so much of it exists? In 2018 my eyes were opened to the devastation that plagues other countries, teaching has made it clear how very different life has become since I was young. However nothing prepared me for the hardship I would see in our own country.

Pine Ridge Reservation; Histories you feel deep in your soul, spirts that fill your heart with sorrow. Standing at Wounded Knee, the breeze blowing through the tall grasses speak as though elders and children are telling their story of the Lakota land.



While in this vast county, it reminds you how congested life is. On every corner we have pharmacies, schools, and grocery stores. A luxury to us all, providing jobs, education, and basic human goods. On the reservation, resources as such are extremely few and far between. Mission Of Love works locally and world wide to obtain donations, organizing and distributing them to those in need. Just a couple days before our arrival to Pine Ridge Native American Reservation, Kathy and I, along with a few volunteers loaded two 53' semi trucks with educational medical supplies, clothing, building materials and fabric. Enough for the entire Lakota Community, we had a busy week ahead of us.

Prior to our trip to South Dakota, Mission Of Love received a letter requesting help for a much deserving family of ten. After meeting the Two Crow family a decision was made, plans were drawn up and the Lakota community came together. A house was going to be built, busy just took on a new meaning! This hardworking family had lived in a 200 square foot shed for five years, did not complain, raised respectful and intelligent kids, they were and are deserving of such a gift.

When you think the impossible, impossible things can happen! It's just the direction you let your thoughts go in that count. In just 3 days, materials were ordered, the foundation was poured, frame and walls went up and a roof went on. Thinking positive allows the impossible to happen! I had my doubts that a house would be up in a week, I now see that when **Kathy Price sees it, she believes it, and then... she receives it.** 

In six days I experienced an array of emotions. SADNESS, for the land and people that have been forgotten. ANGER, for the deaths they see due to mismanagement in healthcare on the reservation. PRIDE, for the hardworking and family oriented. CONFUSION, in the amount of suicide of youth on the reservation. EMBARRASSMENT, for being part of a country that allows the Native Americans to continue to be treated this way. We all bleed the same, history has shown us what hate can do....have we not learned from the past?

# **2019 Pine Ridge Native American Indian Reservation, S.D.**

Dear Kathleen Price - Mission of Love,

I would like to say with a greatful heart what a blessing you all have been to our family. We are beyond greatful for you helping us start our home. Nobody has ever helped us like this before! We have had people say they would help us but in the end nobody ever does. Our children have been so excited and already telling us about what they are doing to their rooms. We are so blessed with the progress. We are praying to get our home finished before winter starts. It has been so long since we have had

running water to our home, getting close to five years. We have to go to my in-laws house to shower and use the bathroom. Which we are happy to have somewhere to go but is a struggle in the winter. Their home has suffered alot of damage which the two severe snow storms in March and April and also the wicked storms we have had over the summer that they are getting a new trailer so for awhile we will have no where to shower and use bathroom. With my husband and I welcoming our 8th biological child on August 10th winter will be a little harder.

Mrs. Kathy Price and Mission of Love came into our lives at the perfect moment in time. I just left my awesome job that I loved so much due to the not ageeing with the Administrator and feeling betrayed. I was stressing that day worried about our living situation. What were we going to do? Our family of 11 just lost its second income. How are we going to provide for our beautiful family on one income? How would we get them a better home now? Then we meet the wonderful Kathy Price that very same night. What else can I say but, The Creator/ God does work in wonderful ways! Thank you for blessing our family!

Sincerly, Taylar Two Crow And Family



# Believe it or not! - Sieglinde Warren

A family of eleven: mom, dad, and 9 children ranging in ages from 2 months to 16 living in a shed without plumbing. Two children, one with special needs, are adopted.

In order to shower and use toilet facilities, the family uses the grandparents' condemned FEMA trailer located nearby.

If there is a heavy rain, the school bus will not pick up the children without notifying the parents. Since the children attend several schools (one is over an hour away) it is quite a task to get them there. The parents have a car but may not have money for gas.

Both mom and dad were employed. In March the mom was fired from her teaching job at the Waldorf School on the Pine Ridge Reservation because she was pregnant, and because the school's director wanted to replace her with her (the director's) daughter.

The dad's employer, Rusty Puckett, asked Kathy Price and the Mission of Love to build a house for the family. Rusty and Kathy have worked together for quite a few years and are supportive of each other. The house was started in March, shortly after the mom lost her job.

Accomplishments in September included obtaining and paying for a variety of permits in Gordon, NE, located more than an hour away.

Because the electrician has been ill and unable to continue with the promised work, arrangements are being made so that the family can be housed prior to the vagaries of the South Dakota weather.

Work site orientation for students by their instructor from the Oglala Lakota College construction class was a blessing.

Question: What would you like for your eighth birthday?

Answer: Lunch at Subway.

Not everything BUT the kitchen sink, but everything AND the kitchen sink. Donations to the Mission of Love are stored at the warehouse in Ravenna and then shipped to the Reservation and where needed elsewhere in the Mission of Love world.

One week on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation... S.D.

...1122 miles in a van on roads ranging from gravel to mud to paved roads ...2376 Flight miles from Pittsburgh to Rapid City and back...Accomplishing more than planned

...Beautiful children!

...and it's all about the children.









#### WE RECEIVED SO MUCH MORE THAN WE GAVE Sean Ward

I have been on three previous mission trips with Kathy: Xhualtez in 1998, Isla Mujeras in 1999, and Guatemala in 2017. In all those experiences, it seemed like we had a main task or two, and for the most part, the tasks got completed. There is a certain satisfaction in knowing that you've done something tangible to help the lives of those in need.

This trip with my daughter Sarah was different. One of the main objectives was to build an addition for Edgar, a man who had a work accident and was left without the use of his legs. The addition was a way to lessen the challenges of being confined to a wheelchair. I was looking forward to rolling up my sleeves and physically helping build this addition for Edgar.

Long story short, our goal of finishing the addition before we left did not happen. Every turn in this project was met with a roadblock of one kind or another. Every time we hit a roadblock, Kathy would pick up the crew and move us on to the next person in need. Kathy, Astrid, and the whole Mission of Love team have a number

of irons in the fire in Guatemala. Day after day, I found myself moving from a state of frustration at the lack of progress being made at the construction site, to a state of gratitude by what we experienced. Some examples of this included:

Taking Velma, a young lady completely paralyzed and confined to a wheelchair out from her house (that Kathy had built for her) on the side of a steep hill, to a picnic with kids from an orphanage to a petting zoo and park. It was a beautiful experience of love and togetherness.

Visiting Juan, a mechanical genius who lived out in the country, who had lost the use of his legs and was confined to a wheelchair. He had built a makeshift well-drilling rig out of a bike frame and other scrap parts that would drill down 25 meters into the ground to provide him and those around him with a source of water. One could tell after just a few minutes with Juan that he was a very talented man. But he lives out in the country, and no one knew of his talent. A road block, and then a break: another friend we met from earlier in the week who spoke English, named Alex, brings this story full circle. You see, Kathy and the Mission of Love doctors helped Alex's young daughter regain her hearing six years earlier -- a life altering event for his family. Alex ironically works with a lot of farmers in the region, and hopefully will be able to connect Juan with local farmers seeking small engine repair.

Finally, witnessing the children with cancer who stayed at the House of God (a home for children and their families who are getting cancer treatments), and the love shown to them by Lionel and his wife Maritza (the owners of this home) was a truly humbling experience. They provide a needed service to the poor in Guatemala, but they do it with such love and compassion, and it really shows.

For me, the lesson learned was showing love and compassion to various people in need, and helping out however you can. So, while we were not able to finish Edgar's home that week, we were able to ease the lives of those we came in contact with.

I am so grateful that Sarah and I were able to be a part this Mission trip, and thankful for all those who work with Kathy and the Mission of Love. As with all the other Mission trips I have been on with the Mission of Love, we received so much more than we gave.

Thank you, Sean Ward











2019 TECPAN, GUATEMALA "Corn is worth its weight in gold" - Tiffany Daley



Just when you think you've seen it all, the world has a way of teaching you otherwise. I was handed a toy and asked to play toss with a boy. My immediate thought...this is not possible, he had so much damage to his little body. I trusted the process, smiled at this little boy and tossed the ball. Relieved when he caught it and shocked when he tossed it back and smiled the biggest smile. While I was being taught a lesson about inner strength, Kathy and Astrid comforted the mother of this boy. She was given supplies to treat her sons rare disease.



Peace, Love & Corn. 27,000 pounds of corn donated and flown in from the states. Broken down into 20 pound bags and distributed to the indigenous Mayans. The best way to describe passing out bags of corn, a sea of colorful emotions. Natives lined up on the streets, filling our little MOL house. Thankful and praying, quarded yet loving. Twenty pounds of corn can feed a small family for weeks, often being the

only food they have. Stories of people walking from miles away to receive. Family's with disabled, blind and sick traveling in bare feet or worn out shoes. Dried corn, worth very little to us but worth its weight in gold to them. Carried to their home on their heads, a bag the weight of a toddler carried by young, old, pregnant ... words and pictures can not do justice to the relief of knowing they could feed their family.

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Astrid. Dulce and Joselin

You are my beloved friend, my real friend. Who is always with me Although you're a woman you still got the soul of a child The one who offers me her friendship, her respect and her affection

I remember we went through some very hard times together And you haven't changed no matter how strong the wind was blowing

Your heart is a House with its doors wide open You really are the most certain, in times of uncertainty

In some difficult moments that we face in a lifetime We look for someone to help us find the way out And that word of strength and faith you told me Gives me the certainty that you have always been there for me.

You're my all time beloved friend A smile and a festive hug every time you come You tell me big truths with open phrases You really are the most certain, in times of uncertainty.

I don't even need to say what I'm going to say to you But it's good to feel that you are my great friend.

Above are the words that were sung by our disabled recipients via a thank you fiesta honoring our Mission of Love for the humanitarian aid that was given to them throughout the years at our Mission of Love GRANDmothers Home, Tecpan, Guatemala.

# ANOTHER MIRACLE ON THE PINE RIDGE NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN RESERVATION - HARRY YAZZI

September 11, 2019 - Hoka Hey to all my relatives,

The Mission of Love is here again to do wonderful miracle work for our beautiful Lakota Relatives. My greatest challenge is to build Mr. Brandon Two Crow, Taylar Two Crow and their family a home and complete it with both electricity and water before it gets cold.

Hello everyone, my name is Harry Yazzie Jr. I have been with the Mission of Love since 2007. I was in desperate need along with everyone else with no hope and no encouragement or support from anyone. Then Kathy Price, Mission of Love came into my life. Then my life started to change for the better. I then wanted to return a favor that the Mission of Love did for me, and they were excited that I was very talented with my skills as a carpenter, electrician, plumber etc. Mission of Love has been my family since then.



My life has been hitting a lot of obstacles for the past few years. Of depression escalated into my life. My wife died of cancer in August of 2014, my uncle Dr. Robert Currier a month later, then my father Harry Yazzie Sr. there after, all from cancer. All this hit me at once and the burden of depression escalated into my life. All I have is my children, no parents, no grandparents, no one to cry to or lean on for support.

When Kathy Price and the Mission of Love heard about my ordeal, they came with open arms, sympathized with me and lifted up my spirits.

I soon got back into the game and felt very useful, and then began to help a lot of people, in which I gained a lot of confidence and my work ethics began to build-up.

I have cancer, heart failure, both ankles have screws and steel plates, arthritis and to top it all three broken ribs, but quess what I'm not gonna let this stop me from helping anyone from building their homes.

When I see the positive expression of a family which I am helping, this is my remedy for my pain. I ignore it and focus on the family I'm about to help.

I was in a tornado last year with my baby and my home was damaged. Five associates from FEMA have done a assessment and nothing was done. My home suffered broken windows from the tennis ball size hail, my roof has holes and it caused a lot of water damage and my shingles were blown off. My siding completely destroyed and my water lines damaged. (both service and sewer)

Although when this natural disaster happened to my family, I held my head high because my family, Mission of Love was going to help me. Sure everyone, ( my neighbors) got \$1500 from their damages but I didn't let that bother me. Kathy Price, Mission of Love has helped me get my windows fixed and especially my



I am so proud to be part of the Mission of Love Organization, they help everyone. They bring a lot of needy families together and unites them to help one another. Mission of Love brings hope and compassion, which our government has ignored to our people.

I just want to thank Kathy Price and the Mission of Love for another wonderful miracle on the Pine Ridge Reservation, S.D. May God Bless each and everyone of them and the existing families who struggle. We will do the best we can.

Love, Yazzie



"There are NO words to describe how appreciative we are to The Mission of Love in building homes in our Pine Ridge Reservation. The Mission of Love helps the underprivilege by not only building homes, but helps with health issues as well. If we have more people like Mission of Love, there will be NO conflicts, NO wars. Everyone will live in Peace." - Joe American Horse

#### PLEASE HELP OUR LAKOTA FAMILIES - BETTY RED CLOUD



Greetings from the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, S.D.

My name is Bette Red Cloud. I am a direct desendant of the great Chief Red Cloud and I am a full blood Oglala Lakota. I have resided on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation all my life.

Many of you are not aware of the poor conditions of the Pine Ridge. Due to the high unemployment rate, many families struggle to keep their homes warm during the winter. Although this Winter appears to be mild, the night temperatures drop down to the teens.

There are multiple families living in one home and my concern are the children and elderly. Heaters, blankets, propane/wood funding and warm clothing are immediately needed.

Some of my people live in shacks due to the shortage of housing. And something as simple as beds are not seen in some homes. Mission of Love Pine Ridge Reservation working together to preserve Lakota.

I see with my own eyes these conditions. I know some of these families. I have relatives suffering also.

Please help! Your contributions will be so much appreciated. Wopila!

#### **Dear Mission of Love.**

The wonderful Mrs Kathy Price and a group of volunteers showed up ready to work on our home that we started earlier. I came home from work and there was so many kind people working on our home before I even got home. Siding was going on the outside and insulation going up on the inside. We got a lot of work done in a short period of time. Windows were put in and doors and lofts built in the house. Electrical was being ran and some of the plumbing. There was so much work to be done but everyone jumped right in there and made so much progress it was unbelievable. My family and I are so grateful for everyone pitching in and helping, especially people we have never met coming together to help our blessed family. Bonds were built over the beautiful week we had together. It was an amazing week spent building a home for our family of eleven. None of this would be possible without the kind heart of Kathy Price and the Mission of Love! So from the Two Crow family thank you all for everything you have helped us accomplish in a short period of time!

We can't wait till we see you all again! Sincerely, Brandon Two Crow



Taylar, Brandon Two Crow and children with Barbara Dull Knife, Chile, Sieglinde Warren and Kathy Price



2019 was a awesome year!

I heard Mission of Love was around the rez here building a home for a family. Was-te! So I had some baby pine trees that needed a new home for shade and wind break. I packed 20 trees and Walter Yellow Hair and I went to Kyle, S.D. to see Kathy Price, Mission of Love. When we arrived there was a lot of people helping the family build a new home, awesome site to see a families dream come true. I met with the kids and everyone was so excited. The small child walked up to me and told me, "I'm going to have my own room" with the biggest smile I ever saw. We helped the day and came back a month later with my family to help. Know that it makes my heart sing for a

wonderful family to have a home here on the reservation. Lakota Home's are very hard to come by with 12,000 plus on a waiting list. Lakota Families live with families in very small homes, with no running water and electric drop cords running from one house to the next.

Thank you mission of love for helping my people. With your homes that you build, the Oglala Lakota have healthy homes and healthy families.

Wopila ~ Henry Red Cloud



#### **OUR ADOPTED MAYA FAMILY**

Tecpán, Guatemala; Andres, Roberto, Laura, Elsa, Julio, Juan, Maurizio, our seven Maya children living at Mission of Love Grandmothers home for the last three years along with our GRANDson Edward and Astrid. Both their parents died of cancer and the children were homeless. Three years ago Astrid and I decided to find a home that we could rent in order for this Maya family could and would stay together. Thank you Astrid for making our Grandmothers Home in Guatemala for these sacred Maya children and the homeless Maya elderly women. You are to be commended for the sacrifice that you have made all in order to create a better life for the Maya



children of God and the abused, homeless Maya elders. Thank you to ALL who unconditionally support our God's Mission of Love, all in order to serve His indigenous people of the world.

"I thank God! To Know Kathleen Price. Without her nothing, nothing would be possible!! Her huge heart makes me work every day to help our people, this Year is a blessing before these children were left without studying "now together and with his unconditional support in every way, Laura will be his Graduation, Elsa starts her career at Like Leonel, after they did not imagine having a home and staying together unless they continued studying! How not to thank God, Kathleen Price and all those who collaborate, donate, and trust our General Director Kathleen Price, the images speak for themselves I don't have the best word I can only say thank you very much"

Astrid Choc Cacao

"Blessings from our Creator for the donation."

Dear Kathleen Price - Mission of Love

We attentively address you to greet you and wish you many blessings from our creator. We teachers and parents also feel very grateful for the support they provide us, to equip our school, we are able to porterminate the ecological classrooms and writing desks, tables, chairs, which we donate as well as garbage dumps, and we thank you for letterpaces. wholeheartedly, for your unconditional support to the communities that need it. Thank you very much on behalf of the children, parents and teachers of the school.

Dear Kathleen Price,

We, the members of this Maya community in general, send you a fraternal salute and wish you many successes in your daily activities, to benefit the population in need.

The objective of the present letter is to manifest our sincere thanks for the support provided to our community in regards to education and health of children. (Desks, chairs, beds, medical items, etc.)

Our community is very thankful for the Mission of Love visit, Kathleen Price, the motivator of our Maya community children.

Community Authorities and Community Mayor

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I salute you wishing you big blessings in everything you do to benefit children.

And by this mean, the director of the Mixed Official Rural School Village Xenimajuyu, Tecpan Guatemala, Chimaltenango thanks the Foundation Mission of Love for your support.

Materials help with maintaining the documentation for the education center, I am very thankful to you.

Maria Soledad Chicol Salvador de Vasquez ~ Director

Caserio Flor de Paraxchaj, Tecpan Guatemala Caserio Xetonox, Tecpan Guatemala

Pacali Tecman Village, Guatemala October 11, 2019

Kathleen Price, Mission of Love

We salute you very attentively and wish you many blessings from our Creator.

By this mean we want to thank you, in the name of the Mixed Official Rural School Village Xenimajuyu of our community, for the donation of student desks, desks, filing cabinets, and bookshelves among other. We feel entirely thankful for the help in furnishing our ecologic classroom.

Thank you in the name of the Maya children, parents and education faculty.

Signed by the president of COCODE Signed By the Community Mayor Signed By the EORM Director Caserio Flor de Paraxchaj



# "NEVER BE AFRAID OF DOING SOMETHING NEW" Tecpan, Guatemala - Sarah Ward

To start, my time with the Mission of Love was the most amazing and beautiful experience that I have EVER had. Throughout my time in Tecpan and Guatemala City I learned so many things and grew in ways that only this experience could have given me. I learned all about the culture of Guatemala through their food, religion, and celebrations. I will forever cherish all the little moments like praying before our "family dinners", playing Chinese checkers with the kids, and everyone frantically looking for Andrea who was safe at home. But the thing about those little moments is that they brought us closer as a group and helped me feel at home in Guatemala.

Now, I have been blessed with an amazing life, living in America. I have everything I could ever need. But when I stayed in Guatemala where you can't flush toilet paper and can only drink bottled water, I was as happy as can be. It showed me that real happiness doesn't come from material things or wealth, but it comes from the people and relationships that you surround yourself with. I wasn't the happiest when we were in our beautiful resort on the first night, but when I was giving socks to the grandparents or picking rocks out of a pile of dirt with Linda and Andrea, I was. And it is those memories and friendships that I will never forget.



One of the best memories I have from the trip started the day when we had a fiesta for the orphans and Velma's family. We took them to WAY-bi, a place where they could play. There were so many cool things for them from holding the bunnies to jumping on the trampoline and everyone had the best time! I met so many amazing friends that night and when we had to say goodbye I was so sad because I would never see my friends again. Little did I know the next day when we were walking down the street I would see one of the little girls that I played with all night. She ran up to me, and in all honesty, gave me the best hug ever. It was one of those little moments that touched my heart and made me the happiest.

If I can leave you with one thing that I learned, it would be this: never be afraid to do something new, to open up to new people, and to share a piece of your heart, because you will never regret it.

I am so so grateful that I had this opportunity to share a piece of my heart with Guatemala and I could never thank Kathy or Astrid enough for all the love and happiness that they spread every day to us volunteers and to all the needy people they serve day after day. I hope to go back soon to continue serving the people of Guatemala who will forever hold a special place in my heart.

Sarah Ward

# "THE FAITHFUL MAYA PEOPLE MINISTERED MY SOUL" Tecpan, Guatemala - Andrea Reedy

Today I celebrated, with my brothers and sisters in Christ, the anniversary of the Perpetual Communion. It is a community wide event. The people lay down a beautiful runner of natural materials in the middle of the cobblestone roads. Everyone is out in the streets watching the masterpiece being created. In late afternoon, there is a worship service at the cathedral and a procession flows out. Thousands of people with candles and prayers. They walk on the sides of the runner except the priest, who is carrying the Host. He walks Jesus right down the center of it. He is surrounded by the towns people, in their best clothing, praising God, honoring Jesus in song, and walking with Him. The procession goes for miles, making a large loop through Tecpan, Guatemala.

I was in awe. It was beautiful on so many levels. The creative artwork of the runner, the colorful traditional Mayan clothing, the vast number of people marching for Jesus, the candles, the music, and families enjoying the celebration together. There was food, fireworks, and bands set up along the processional path. What a celebration and the coolest part was that it was in honor of Jesus! It had me think of Palm Sunday, when palms were put down for Jesus to tread upon. However, this procession didn't lead to crucifixion. It is the risen Jesus, being held high, walking on flower petals and pine needles and being honored by the entire community. WOW!



The faithful people of Guatemala ministered to my soul today. I am honored to be here, serving the indigenous people. Mission of Love volunteers are not here to save the world, that is why Jesus came. We are here just to love and touch the hands within our reach.

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#### Hello Mission of Love ~ Kathleen.

lam writing to you for help. My family and l live in a trailer home, two bedroom and one bathroom. My son and Granddaughter and niece sleep in the living room. We do not have living room furniture as this room is used for sleeping and plastic bins to hold clothes and other personal items. One bedroom my wife and I sleep in and the other room used to belong to my son, he gave it up to a young woman (19 years old) who was pregnant and has since given birth to a little boy.

My family and I are asking for help in trying to secure a larger home for us. The trailer house that we live in was made in the early 70's and is way past it's prime, 45+years old. The electricity only works on one side of the trailer, we use extension cords to reach the other rooms. The furnace does not work, we heat with electric heaters and our cook stove. The roof leaks when it rains and when the snow blows.

Any assistance that the Mission of Love could give us would be appreciated.

There are times when we take in children who need a place to spend the night, sometimes a few nights. Currently there are five of our children who sleep in the living room now.

We need a house to call our own, to make it a home not only to us but also to the children who come to stay with us for security and safety.

Thank you,

Percy White Plume Pine Ridge Native American Indian Reservation, S.D.



Albert Red Bear, Kathy Price, Percy White Plume and his wife being presented a comfort quilt from Luana Rubin, eQuilter.com.

#### "A BETTER WORLD" Luana Rubin

I am honored to announce that my quilt "Mission of Love - Kathy Price" will premier in "A Better World" exhibit in Houston at the quilt festival this Fall. This was an invitational quilt project to honor a hero who we admire. eQuilter has supported the work of Kathy Price and Mission of Love for 20 years, and she has changed the lives of thousands of children over the years. Kathy is my hero, and my partner. ~ Luana Rubin

eQuilter is also proud to sponsor "A Better World" to spread the message of love, courage and compassion ...and the stories of these heroes. I hope you will be able to see this exhibit at one of the venues listed below.

Many thanks to Susan Brubaker Knapp and Lyric Kinard for organizing this project. Congratulations to all the artists whose work was accepted into this exhibit.







#### A SIMPLE Gift of a BLANKET ~ House of God, Mission of Love in Guatemala City, Guatemala - Laurie Beaupre

Today was a day that was filled with the presence of God. It was not unusual if you believe and witness the Divine presence at work on many levels.

In the morning Kathy and I hired a taxi cab and loaded it up with all kinds of toys, t-shirts, puzzles, games, paper and markers to color. We headed to the House of God to spend a few hours with the children. When we arrived we handed out the bubble makers. The kids just loved blowing bubbles. If you could see the faces of the children you could feel the innocence and purity of each child even though their lives are filled with hardships. This was a moment so precious to all of us. The children played and colored. While we were taking photos one little girl asked her mother to get her special head dress with wig to wear for the photo. Her mother took



it out of a special wrapping put it on her and she looked beautiful and was so proud. This was another precious moment. The children decided to make a thank you card to Maritsa and Leonel for all that they do to help give them a chance at life. This was truly a gift to spend time with such loving open people.

In the afternoon Noe came by the hotel to take us shopping for our trip to TecPan on Wednesday. We arranged to have a big Fiesta including the Orphans and elders in the community. Kathy said we need to buy 55 blankets for the elders because the nights get so cold in the mountains.

Noe is a very busy attorney working in Guatemala City but managed to take time out of his busy schedule to take us shopping. He researched and found the best prices to purchase these items. Noe then came to the hotel and picked us up and off we went. We went to a large textile store that was jam packed with all kinds of materials, blankets and towels. We found exactly what we were looking for. It was one stop shopping for what we needed. The sales crew were so excited and happy to serve us because we were to purchase such a large quantity of items. We found 50 blankets that were large and very warm good quality material. After one of the employees bagged and packed our blankets in two large heavy duty bags and put them on a cart to bring to the car Kathy said the House of God needs blankets too!

The House of God is a sanctuary for children suffering through the treatment of cancer. They can go to this home to recover after treatment. Some nights there are 70 people in this home. Kathy made a quick phone call to Maritsa and Leonel who are the founders of The House of God while we were standing at the cash register. Kathy asked how many blankets they could use. The answer was they had 32 beds and so we bought 32 more blankets for the children. I think the staff was in awe at how much we were buying. During all of this time we were in the store Noe found out that the owner of the store has a daughter with encephalitis? While in the store a call was made to Doctor Edgar Moran and arrangements were made to have Doctor Edgar evaluate her and treat this woman's daughter. She was crying because she had no hope for her daughters future until this day. We left the store with hugs and well wishes for and from everyone.



As soon as we left the store we drove directly to the House of God and delivered the blankets for the children. We took some awesome photos of these kids and headed back to the hotel. Whoa what a day!

We met Lisa who is the sister of Leonel and her daughter. She will be joining us along with her daughter and father to celebrate the orphans and elders when we go to TecPan this Wednesday.

Kathy and I had a dinner with Edwin, Flor and their family. It was wonderful to see them again for we have shared three years of great memories together while servicing the blind, deaf, orphaned, dying, disfigured, and hopeless. They used to live in TecPan and played a key role in volunteering for the Mission of Love and Way-bi but have since moved back to the city. Flor and her children will be coming to TecPan with us.

We are all so grateful for the day. What started out as a shopping day turned into so much more, but that is just what it is when you work on one of the Missions of Love with Kathy Price.

Thank you and God bless! Laurie Beaupre, Hamilton Canada