

Paraclete is a ministry that takes our leftovers, overstock and unwanted stash items and turns them into an opportunity of education, healing and recovery. EGA and RMR have been sending stitch supplies and money to Paraclete for a number of years.

Here is what Charlene Reeder, founder of Paraclete, says: *“The main focus is....US based individual teachers in schools and street/park ministries for adults and children. There are also recovery based stitching groups that are supported by this Ministry to aid in the peace and tranquility of a needle and thread meeting fabric. There are several mission projects and orphanages outside of the US that are supplied as well by direct hand carrying of the items by close personal acquaintances who are established with those wanting to learn. Some of the participants in these groups have been stitching for a number of years.”*

“The donations coming in are far exceeding the expectations on a regular basis in their quality, their quantity and the love being shown in donating items to those wanting to learn or in recovery and unable to have their own supplies. This is the "God Thing" part of it all - it just shows up when its needed and it goes back out the door to those in need. The blessings of being the vessel to make this happen cannot be expressed here in mere words. The passion and art of stitching is being renewed with every box that is recycled rather than being thrown away. Donations are....sorted, cleaned, ironed, whatever needs to be done to them to have them in excellent condition when they are passed on to those participating in the various projects being supplied. I have numerous tubs with all the items in them and then re-distribute them as needed.”

The most common items needed are: threads, Aida or Linen, needles, needle threaders, scissors, hoops, and charts. Charlene is also grateful when she receives a monetary donation to use for postage to mail the kits she creates for the various needs.

Please consider looking through your stash or the next time you are in a hobby or fabric store, pick up some extra things to send to Charlene. Send your donations to one of the addresses listed below. Let one of the chapter board members know that you've sent things to Paraclete, if you would, please.

Mailing address for small packages and checks: Paraclete Designs, PO Box 10456, Phoenix, AZ 85064 (For donation checks for postage, make them out to “Paraclete Designs” and specifically note on the memo line they are a donation for postage and shipping expenses)

Larges packages and boxes: Paraclete Designs, 1911 West Welshire, Phoenix, AZ 85009