

and into the black.

The Halls whole family at home in the U.S. got involved. When Sister Hall wrote she was going to teach applique quilting next, all the daughters (5) sent patterns, pictures, ideas, + even quilt "prints" which are on the market in America of which look "applied".

Miss Chaya the U.S. President's wife was helping in teaching the Hall to teach the other sewing skills the new skill

Black members of the H. F. branch sent more quilts.
made more than 100 quilts from April to Oct. when the Halls were transferred to So. Africa.

Several upon a sewing machine was required those who had them, helped those who didn't. The Halls felt that several stitches have been accomplished in the project. The Halls were transferred to help each other. Before they left they had the ladies with their own equipment, all paid for, about 10 ladies they knew where to buy the material at best prices, where to sell them + how to figure costs + ~~the cost of their garments~~ *to help*

The Halls feel good about the project + feel it accomplished several purposes.

- 1) Working together in quilting "has" fostered love + understanding among the ladies. *Samela was taught + helped to help old*
- 2) Taught sanitation. To sell on the market the quilts had to look + smell clean. They kept the quilts in plastic bags while working on them + when they were finished.

This is no easy accomplishment. Many of the women were illiterate. They were helped to learn to read + write.

- 2. The quilts could be made ~~at their own homes~~ & the ladies would stay in the home with their children
- 3. They ladies learned ~~basic~~ basic business economics &.

4. They learned a new "marketable" skill.
 5. They learned ~~how~~ ^{how & where} to buy material at best prices, How to figure costs, where to sell, etc.

6. They learned how to figure things on their earnings, & one of the greatest thrills was when the Halls saw the ladies putting aside "The Lord's money" as one of the ladies called it.

7. The ladies were encouraged to try to "save" some of their earnings while the Halls financed the project initially they wanted the ladies to be self-sufficient & ^{feel that they had "earned" their equipment} as they sold quilts they paid for materials & equipment until they ~~had~~ ^{had} enough material for one quilt about ^{base} costs. Then they were encouraged to always ~~buy~~ ^{buy} at least "one" new piece of material for one new quilt ~~at~~ ^{at least} everytime they sold a quilt.

From member interest in quilting led to gradually buying up materials.

"you wouldn't eat your seed grain would you?" the Halls ^{asked them} when they returned in mid October.

When the Halls left every finished quilt had been sold & all the ladies were independent quilt makers who were in ^{charge} had quilts to work on & sell after they left. ^{the Halls} kept asking themselves was this "really" what the Lord wanted us to do

The Lord has said that now has he given a "material" commandment. All is spiritual to the Lord. And a family who is self sufficient is a better ^{measure}

A happier member of the church.

Elder Hall was Branch Pres. while there also and his Sister Hall also spent ^{much} time teaching leadership skills to the Black members.

~~Working so closely with the Branch members color & traditional differences dissolve and one ~~can~~ ~~feel~~ only the brotherly of Sister ~~and~~ forget ~~all~~ ^{racial & other} differences are ^{to love each other} ~~the~~ brother & sisters in the ~~community~~.~~

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I forgot to mention
an important
point
about
Sister Hall's
work in the
past.

Is Sister Hall a talented quilter?
Decidedly "No". But she had learned enough of the art in R.S. to pass it on to her sisters in Zimbabwe. It is ^{so} ^{certain} that one thing is ^{certain}, she knows more about quilting now, ~~than~~ ~~she~~ ~~did~~ ~~a~~ ~~year~~ ~~ago~~, ~~you~~ ~~can~~ ~~be~~ ~~sure~~. ~~So~~ ~~you~~

There is a decided renewed interest in quilting ~~every~~ ^{where the Halls are} in So. Africa ^{many}. Especially among the younger women & Sister Hall has found that there are those ^{interested} in every R.S. she has been associated with so far on their mission ^{and in the} in quilting. ^{community in general.} The Halls ^{They} are now in Cape Town I plan to use quilting as a proselytizing ~~tool~~ ^{to} meet new people & ^{friendship} ~~friendshiping~~ tool. A lot of ^{friendshiping} ~~companionship~~ can be ~~gapped~~ ^{gapped} ~~around~~ ^{around} a quilt..

what is it like to go on a mission as a retired couple? a frequently asked question. And I'm sure the answer is as different each time as there are couples, who answer.

~~Some couples~~ It usually takes a while before a couple "finds" their particular niche in the mission field, and the answer usually lies in the needs of the ~~local~~ people in the area they are serving and the talents, background and ~~the~~ ~~church~~ abilities of the couple in relation to those needs. ^{The Halls, serving in Zimbabwe found a special niche} ~~Every couple~~ Before leaving the ^{mission} ~~mission~~ ^{in I.C. every couple is taken to S.L. for a} ~~mission~~ ^{mandatory} "briefing". I forget ~~the~~ what they called ^{it} this training session on the ^{mission} ~~mission~~ schedule, but when ^{The Hall} ~~we~~ visited the R.S. ^{at} ~~the~~ ^{general board, sister Joy Evans who had} ~~just been to Zimbabwe was waiting for~~ ~~us the Halls~~ ~~them~~

"Teach the women down there to quilt!" She said. She also said there was a need for literacy training.

~~She~~ "Can we get bathing there?" ~~She~~ ^{Hall} asked.

~~I don't know~~ - ^I ~~told~~ ^{Hall} ~~her~~ ^I ~~if~~ ^{she} ~~could~~ ^{send} ~~me~~ ^{some} ~~bathing~~ ^I ~~so~~ ^{would} ~~teach~~ ^{the} ~~women~~ ^{to} ~~quilt~~.

A missionary couple from Brans visit ^{themselves} ~~themselves~~ ^{at} ~~the~~ ^{Black-led} ~~the~~ ^{college} ~~college~~ ^{where they were serving} ~~where they were serving~~ ^{of the Hydepoll Branch at Zimbabwe, where they were serving} ~~of the Hydepoll Branch at Zimbabwe, where they were serving~~ ^{of the product: Baby quilts.} ~~of the product: Baby quilts.~~

when we arrived in Zimbabwe we
were assigned to the black branch, Harare II,
Highfield Branch ~~which~~ whose first
members joined in 1980.

Like any other branch in any other
part of the world some members were
more prosperous & better educated than
others. ~~Some~~ Some of the members had a hard
time paying their children's ^{school fees,}

~~So~~ We could see a need for leadership
training, but also could see a need for
the members some of the R.D. sisters
to have a way to supplement their
family incomes.

Many women in Zimbabwe
do beautiful crochet work but the
market was overcrowded & the
tourist business was down.

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time I started getting ~~sent~~ 72x108
batts, 2 to a container started arriving
~~in~~ at our dwelling place. ^{from West End} ~~the~~ ^{Highfield} ~~batts~~ ^{from}
able to get 4 to 6 baby quilts ^{from} ~~from~~ ^{general} ~~from~~
a batt. We started to teach the ladies ^{to}
~~the~~ we started to teach the ladies ^{quitting} ~~quitting~~ ^{quitting}
the ~~members~~ ^{members} ~~beginning~~ ^{beginning} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~make~~ ^{make} ~~large~~ ^{large} ~~enough~~ ^{enough} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~accommodate~~ ^{accommodate}
prof Elder Hall, a scientist by a full-time
profession but also quite a handy ^{man} ~~man~~ ^{man}
with tools looked around for a way to baby
make the ladies of the branch quilting ^{from}
frames & stands at the lowest cost ^{36x45}
possible. Also he looked around the ^{baby quilt} ~~the~~ ^{as per}
first frames were made of a native wood ^{regd.}

of such hardness that hammers were required for tacking on the quilts. He soon found a softer natural wood which was much easier to tack into.

During his 9 month stay he made 9 sets of frames + stands - and two sets made by a local brother with a carpentry shop were donated to the two branch Relief Societies in Harare.

Easter Hall found excellent local materials ^{for the quilts} at reasonable prices + a foam substitute that could be used in place of batting. She made up about 4 or 5 sample quilts and went "shopping" to see what the local market ^{would take} would be. ^{Since that time that Daron's batting is available in Harare} She found a good ^{store} market for ^{infant quilts} but that everyone - even the ~~st~~ baby shop owners, ^{themselves} thought the market would be seasonal, the ~~for~~ demands being only in the winter months of ^{June} July, Aug. Happily, it turned out that they said well all year.

One day an Indian shop owner saw the Hall passing his store with some ^{baby} quilts + called them in to see the quilts. He bought one for his own baby + ordered 7 60" x 85" quilts for ~~his other~~ his family. This particular order ^{properly} got the ladies paid for the ladies' equipment, and got them out of the red

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