

A Young Lady, A Quilt, And The Presence Of God

"Cancer" is a word that has a terrible meaning and has no friends.

A young lady named Rebecca Hertzog. The daughter of Jim & Kathi Hertzog was a Freshman at Pitt State University when she was diagnosed with A.M.L. Leukemia. She had no choice but to make such a horrible word cancer a part of her vocabulary, but she did and she beat it. She went on to graduate college at the University of Miss. (Ole-Miss) and then landed her dream job at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville for the Athletic Department. Rebecca worked there 3 weeks part time and they loved her so much they made her a full time employee. On her first day as full time she fell ill and went to the doctor. Rebecca soon found out that after 4 1/2 years that it was back. That nasty word has to become part of her vocabulary once again. At this time Rebecca is in the hospital at K.U. Med. (Kansas City)

For 22 years B.O.T.T. Longhorn Association have held their sales at Mo-Kan Livestock Market. They come from all different states and have become like family to everyone at Mo-Kan. They decided that they were going to have a benefit auction for Rebecca during their sale.

Michelle Popplewell who is an employee of Mo-Kan had been working hard and long hours to finish a quilt for her oldest daughter Brooklyn, who is a sophomore in high school. The quilt was to be given to her whenever she marries. Michelle is married with two daughters and a son, she is a very strong Christian. Michelle is so full of the Lord that even in general conversation the Lord's words are there. She said that she wanted to make something for each of her children for when they marry and she wanted to start now because you never when the Lord will take you home. So upon hearing about Rebecca's illness and the Benefit Auction, she first spoke to Brooklyn about the quilt and what God tells us in our hearts, how to give our best, Brooklyn crying agreed. Then Michelle spoke to Jim with crying and choking out the words told Jim that "The Lord expects us to give our very best" and her quilt for her daughter was her very best and she wanted to do a Raffle for the Quilt for Rebecca. Jim was so taken back that when I asked him about it, he could not even speak. Michelle's goal was to raise \$2000. So the selling of tickets began.

The day of the sale Butler was having City Wide Garage Sales and her children wanted to go to them but Michelle told them that there would be another day for that, and what they were doing today meant far more in the eyes of the Lord.

Her children are in V52 4-H and go to the Amoret Christian Church and they were also having a bake sale at Mo-Kan to raise some money to benefit Rebecca. They raised \$934.50

At the beginning of the sale I spoke to the crowd and told them the story behind the Quilt and how Michelle said we are to give our very best and she donated her daughter's wedding Quilt, so if you haven't bought a ticket you better for time is running out.

The drawing for the Quilt was going to be at the end of the auction. At this time Michelle had reached her goal of \$2000 and exceeded that by \$620. LMA "Livestock Market Association" had purchased \$200 of Quilt tickets and said that if their name was drawn they wanted to resale the Quilt in the auction.

Michelle brought out the Quilt and they opened it up to show the crowd while Jim Hertzog held the bowl of names Michelle's son Peyton drew out the winning ticket. AND THE WINNER IS "LMA". Jim announced that they wanted to have it sold in the auction, SO HERE WE GO!

The Quilt was sold for \$1600 and the winning bidder said "SELL IT AGAIN!"

They sold the Quilt again for \$1400 and the winning bidder said "SELL IT AGAIN!"

They sold the Quilt again for \$800 and the winning bidder said "SELL IT AGAIN!"

They sold the Quilt again for \$1500 and the winning bidder said "SELL IT AGAIN!"

They sold the Quilt again for \$1400 and the winning bidder was Jim Hertzog and Jim took the Quilt and handed it back to Michelle.

And the crowd went crazy with tears flowing.

The total amount the Quilt raised was \$9,320.00

As Michelle said, "You could just feel the Lord's presence"

What a lesson and story to tell how the Lord used a lady named Michelle to bring His presence front and center.

For Michelle's children, they will never forget and was able to see how God's blessings work and to tell this to their family and friends for years to come.

Sandy Johnston



Rebecca Hertzog

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