

The Story of Piecemakers — English

It was during the turbulent years of the sixties and early seventies when God was trying the souls of men and women, that the people called Piecemakers met a Person who drastically changed their lives. He was and is our Lord and deliverer, Jesus Christ. He called us much like He called the disciples when He walked the earth in the flesh. Some were truck drivers, some were teachers, businessmen, secretaries, housewives, and some were drifters. What they were didn't matter. What they were to become was the important goal of His calling. Each one left all and followed Him to the end of their old, and what the Bible calls our corruptible life. And out of the ashes of our old lives, Piecemakers was born. The month was July, the year 1978.

Piecemakers began much like His life began — in a manger — a small 800 square-foot building in a nondescript part of Orange County. It was a quilt shop with classes for those who wished to learn how to make quilts. Then it went from quilts to fabric wall decorations, to making dolls and teddy bears, to tole painting, notions, flowers, cards, gifts, tile, woodworking — ever meeting the needs of the people of the community. As Piecemakers unfolded, not only did the talents within the people He called begin to sprout and take root, but also the trend seemed to be worldwide — people again getting back to the works of their hands — bringing forth grassroots skills. The male side of Piecemakers also began to come forth — again, grassroots skills. Tilers, furnituremakers, cabinetmakers, bricklayers, computer experts. There was one more move before the union between male skills and female skills. Before coming to our present location at 1720 Adams Avenue in Costa Mesa, California, the men had one business and the women another. Now we are all under one roof — all working together — and we are called “Piecemakers.”

Where we go from here, only God knows. There are many things in the horizon. However, unless God brings them forth, we of ourselves cannot do it. So we live in today and look toward new adventures in tomorrow.