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Lynette Luedecke & Heather Weeks
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came about.

The crosses range in size, color and materials. The first crosses they made are wall crosses that are made of wire and polished stone. They also have jewelry, hats, shirts, pants, and stuffed crosses made out of a patchwork design. The crosses range in price from \$5 to \$50. The two women agree it is important to keep the prices for their crosses as low as possible to make them affordable. Ms. Luedecke said, "Our crosses make great Christian gifts for anyone and we want people to be able to buy more than one." One customer she affectionately refers to as her "best customer" has given many of their crosses as gifts and still has 16 that she's kept for herself. "That's more than I have of my own!" Ms. Luedecke said.

Both families seem to be very supportive of the women's Christian venture, which is good because in the fall, during prime craft season, the two put in many long, hard weekends. Ms. Weeks says, "Our husbands seem to take it all in stride. I think they have loading our vans down to a science." Ms. Luedecke admits that in the fall her kids really miss her on these busy weekends and she really misses them too.

Ms. Weeks and Ms. Luedecke view this small company as a ministry. They have enjoyed participating in shows to raise money for charities and Christian schools and have also donated several crosses as silent auction items. The two have a friend who was diagnosed with breast cancer in October 2005. She wanted to wear a hat with a cross on it so Ms. Luedecke got to work. Since that time they have made several hats and donate the entire hat proceeds to their friend to help defray her medical expenses.

Their company name might not be Divine Inspirations any longer but the Two Girls Who Make Crosses are surely inspired by God and are having a great deal of fun meeting people and bringing their crosses to the community.

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A Beautiful Cross to Bear

By Wendy Crooks

THE COMPANY WAS ONCE CALLED Divine Inspirations but the name didn't seem to tell the whole story. Lynette Luedecke and Heather Weeks joined forces last fall and began making cross products together. From beautiful cross pendants and rhinestone studded cross shirts to stunning wall crosses, the two are making crosses; lots of crosses. What better name then, for their company than Two Girls Who Make Crosses?

The two met at Prestonwood Baptist Preschool where they were both teachers. Originally they were preschool teachers and now they are Music Movement teachers for infants through two-year-olds. One might argue that God brought these two creative ladies together and it is now God that keeps them together. Ms. Weeks explained, "He is in everything that we make."

Prior to finding her passion for cross making, Ms. Luedecke focused on

painting. More specifically she did custom painting for children's rooms. Ms. Weeks has been doing craft shows for several years with a variety of different crafts. Last fall they decided to start working together and focus simply on crosses.

Ms. Luedecke has been married for 21 years and has two boys. Her initial desire to make these beautiful crosses came from seeing something similar and noticing what she thought to be an unusually high price. "I didn't feel like paying the price so I came home, figured out how they were made and got to work." She explained, "If I see something that I really like, I won't generally go out and buy it. I just figure out how to make my own."

Her partner, Ms. Weeks, also has two boys and one girl and has been married for 13 years. She was busy designing fancy lampshades and slippers and selling them at craft shows when the cross idea