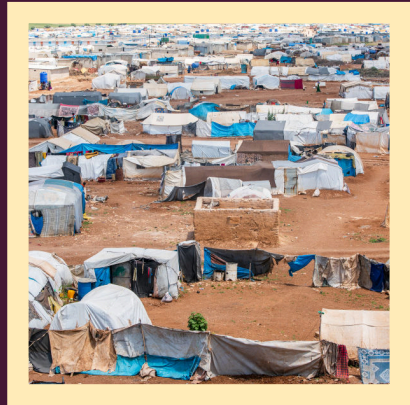




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“Freely you have received, freely give.”

MATTHEW 10:8

Christmas is coming and our annual Mission Gifts for Christmas event is here!

Mission Gifts for Christmas enables you to give meaningful gifts instead of giving another “thing,” by supporting God’s work locally and internationally. Each donation you make gives two gifts: one to help a person, family, or group of people you may not even know, the other to honor your family, friend, teacher or co-worker.

I hope this opportunity will bring us back to the reason we exchange Christmas gifts in the first place. We reflect the gift of grace that we have received in Jesus Christ when we grace others at Christmastime. We remember the worshipful gifts brought to the newborn King when we bring special gifts to strangers or loved ones.

Through Mission Gifts for Christmas, you can be introduced, and introduce others, to NPC mission partners and other great organizations, be inspired to get involved personally, and help to raise significant funds for Kingdom work. Use this catalog to learn and pray, as well as to order gifts!

You can shop in Stone Hall on Sundays, December 12 and 19, using the order form included with this booklet. Be sure to speak to the representatives in each themed display area to learn about the missions you can contribute to, and how your gift helps. You can also shop online throughout the month of December at nationalpres.org/mission-gifts.

May your gifts be a blessing to your loved ones, and to those in need in our community and throughout the world. Let Christ’s light shine in you by making Christmas different and more meaningful!

In His service,

Rev. Donna Marsh

PROCLAIMING JESUS CHRIST AS LORD AND SAVIOR



Central Union Mission in Washington, DC works to demonstrate the love of Christ in the Metropolitan DC area. It helps homeless men find hope and improve their lives by providing shelter, food, access to medical and dental care, a Spiritual Transformation Program, and skills training and work experience. At its Family Ministry Center, the Mission provides families with food, clothing, counseling, and educational programming. The Mission also runs a summer camp for underprivileged children. *missiondc.org*

European Christian Mission, International works across Europe to equip and encourage churches in youth and family ministry, as well as evangelistic outreach to their communities. It cares for refugees from the Middle East who have fled to Europe, and it is involved in church planting among all the people of Europe. Projects include Christian camp scholarships, Sunday school training and materials for teachers, and social work support to Christian families who adopt orphans. *ecmi.org*

FOCUS Greater Washington Area is a diverse community of students, alumni, parents, faculty, clergy, and professionals from a variety of Christian denominations drawn together by a common faith and purpose in Jesus Christ. FOCUS organizes Bible studies, programs, and events for teens at area private schools or homes as safe spaces for them to consider life's most important questions, introduce them to Christ, and help them mature in their faith. *infocus.org*

Jeremy and Stephanie Seep, missionaries with One Collective (formerly International Teams) serve at The Oasis, a Christian community center for refugees in Traiskirchen refugee camp near Vienna, Austria. They share God's love and the Gospel through clothing distribution, emergency housing, friendship, Bible teaching, and the "Jesus Film." Many refugees are hungry to hear of Jesus, most for the first time, and several have received new life in Jesus. These new Christians are revitalizing the Austrian church. *oasis-iteams.at/english/*

Moldova Mission Network in Moldova promotes Christian discipleship in three focus areas: higher education, family ministry (The Alpha Marriage Course), and orphan care. The family ministry supports Moldovan workers who encourage Christian and secular couples to improve their marriages, while sharing the Good News of Jesus. The Mission Network also helps loving members of local churches bring warm clothes, school materials, and food staples to boys and girls in orphanages. *moldovamissionnetwork.org*

Our Missionaries in the Middle East – This couple is involved in community building among Kurds and Christians in the Kurdish Regional Government area. They also teach English and share God’s Word. Humanitarian and spiritual concerns for thousands of refugees and Internally Displaced People, including Syrians and Iraqis, are central. The couple works at a new neighborhood ministry affording a wider ministry to Muslims.

Salvation Army National Capital Area Command serves the Metropolitan area and surrounding counties on a mission to preach the gospel of Jesus and meet human needs without discrimination. Among its many ministries are a daily mobile food van, transitional housing and support programs for young mothers, a drug treatment facility, summer camp for low-income children, a Christmas gift program for low-income families, and an emergency human trafficking shelter. Army Corps locations within the National Area Command also provide a variety of programs to local communities, including learning enrichment programs and holiday meal cards. *SalvationArmyNCA.org*

Unique Learning Center (ULC) in Washington, DC provides a nurturing and Christian educational environment for at-risk children and youth in the historic Shaw community. The ULC seeks to develop each child’s God given potential through academic enrichment, recreational and cultural development, and spiritual guidance. Programs include tutoring, after school homework clusters, book club, computer club, and summer enrichment programs and internships. ULC is a long-time NPC mission partner. *ulcdc.org*

BUILDING UP THE GLOBAL CHURCH



Bethlehem Bible College (BBC) in Palestine prepares future Palestinian church leaders through accredited degree programs in Biblical and Christian Education, Leadership and Ministry. BBC has an online Biblical Studies Program for Arabic speakers around the world, trains students in Mass Media, Tour Guiding, English and Hebrew, and ministers to the needy in the community. BBC also works alongside other Christian organizations to strengthen and revitalize the Christian community and serves as a respected bridge with the Muslim majority. Their impact is spreading to the broader Arab world through the use of technology. *bethbc.edu*

Chinese Lay Leadership Resources In China, pastors are in short supply, and the backbone of the Church is its lay leaders. They need continual training and solid resources to lead the millions of new believers into mature Christian faith. Graduates from 42 seminaries and Bible schools around China receive study Bibles and mini-libraries, including biblical study and discipleship materials to equip them for effective ministry. *theoutreachfoundation.org/resources-for-lay-leaders-in-china*

Evangelical Theological Seminary of Croatia is a flagship evangelical school for Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. It is dedicated to ministries of reconciliation, evangelism and continuing humanitarian relief in the Balkans, a region troubled by sectarian strife. Projects include providing Bibles for new believers, improving the school's distance-learning program, and providing guidance and mentorships to pastors in the region. *evtos.hr/en*

Indonesian Leadership Foundation in Indonesia focuses on developing future leaders in Indonesia through education and professional development. ILF provides scholarships for underprivileged students pursuing a bachelor's degree. There are currently 14 active scholars, each needing about \$800 per semester. During the COVID pandemic, ILF volunteers sent care packages to their scholars and launched leadership webinars for them. *indonesianleadership.org*

Pro-Vision International (PVI) in Africa comes alongside servant leaders by invitation to provide transformational mentoring, resource acquisition and management services which build capacity into leaders' lives and sustainability into life-giving community projects, such as care for orphans and the elderly, primary health care, early childhood development, education, water supply, and food production and feeding. Pro-Vision works through these avenues to present the good news of Jesus in South Africa, Kenya, and Mozambique. *provision.org.za*

Ted and Joy Carr are missionaries based in South Africa and through their ministry, ProVision International, take the Gospel to villages and rural areas in South Africa, Zimbabwe, Mozambique, and Malawi. They work alongside local pastors and community leaders in projects that include home-based care of AIDs sufferers, community feeding programs, outreach to widows and orphans, and job creation and hospitality for the unemployed. *www.provision.org.sa*

The SMILES Foundation in Romania works to relieve poverty, promote education, and provide hope and opportunity for under-served populations through evangelistic outreach, food distribution, medical support, social assistance, education, elder care, child care, housing, and employment. *thesmilesfoundation.org*

University Divitia Gratiae in Moldova prepares Christian men and women to serve as pastors, evangelists, Sunday school leaders and social workers—a very great need in that region. The school provides special support to students from countries in central Asia where it is difficult to receive a Christian higher education. *uni-dg.md/en/*

CARING FOR THE VULNERABLE



Angela Bednarczyk serves in Senegal at Ecole Renaissance des Sourds, a faith-based school serving 140 deaf children ages 3 to 21+, with 40 dormitory students. Current projects include sign language classes for parents and teachers of the deaf, development and purchase of classroom materials, and support for graduates who have transitioned to professional schools with the assistance of sign language interpreters. lescajoutiers.com, ecoledessourds.wordpress.com

Armenian Relief and Development Association works in Armenia, one of the poorest countries of the former Soviet Union. Through local churches, ARDA shares God's love and the Gospel as it helps children and the elderly with daily needs, such as school supplies, medicines, and food staples. ardausa.org

ByGrace Children's Home and school near Nairobi, Kenya, provides a loving environment for more than 80 orphaned and abandoned children. Through Foundation for Peace mission trips, NPC members have helped build a school with an outstanding academic record and one of the highest pass rates in Kenya. The school has grown to include primary and secondary schools with more than 500 children, and they recently opened a new program to teach life skills to unwed teenage mothers who attend classes while their newborns are cared for. bygracetrust.org

Casa de Luz (House of Light) in the Dominican Republic is an orphanage that cares for handicapped children who have been abandoned due to severe care needs. Casa de Luz staff rescue children abandoned in the street and take them to the orphanage where they are given loving attention, care, food, and health care. The facility was established by a pastor and his wife who sold their two homes and cars in order to build a home for these children. They rely almost entirely on donations to run the orphanage and often find themselves short on food or medications. facebook.com/Fundacioncasadeluz

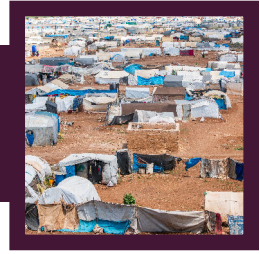
Investing Hope Foundation in Colombia works to bring hope and a future to thousands of youth and families by empowering the next generation of principled entrepreneurs. Through experiential training in entrepreneurship, savings, financial management and Christian values, IHF works with existing ministries and community-based groups to start a business where children and youth learn to produce, sell, save and record the accounting for their business. All profits go to the children's savings accounts which are disbursed at the end of each year. *InvestingHopeFoundation.org*

Martha's Table in Washington, DC is on a mission to support strong children, strong families, and strong communities, and seeks to do this through quality education, health and wellness, support for families, and support for stronger community. MT has increased free access to fresh healthy foods and shelf-stable food, with 5,000 neighbors in SE DC currently visiting their healthy markets each week. McKenna's Wagon provides warm nightly meals 365 days of the year to hungry people on the street. MT provides high-quality early education, comprehensive resources for parents, and programs to address mental health aspects of community violence. *marthastable.org*

Mission Yucatan is a missionary ministry in the Yucatan peninsula of Mexico. It shows the love of Christ, partnering with local organizations and churches to address the needs of at-risk youth, the elderly who have been abandoned, and youth from abusive homes. They are welcomed and cared for in loving group homes. *gcfcanada.com/mission-yucatan/*

New Endeavors by Women (NEW) in Washington, DC was established in 1988 in the Shaw neighborhood and has helped more than 3,000 women move out of homelessness and into independent living. NEW provides transitional and permanent housing and supportive services to homeless women and children. The program currently serves 139 adults and 28 children, and oversees two programs for senior citizens. In addition to providing safe shelter, NEW offers counseling, skills training, support groups, and recovery assistance. *newb.org*

IN THE NEWS



Birzeit Social Development and Cultural Center (BSCC) in Palestine serves as a beacon of light to Palestinian Christians in the area between Bethlehem and Ramallah, the seat of the current Palestinian government. In between these two historic towns are tiny villages which have been home to Christians for centuries. In this small geographic pocket, BSCC delivers food and medical supplies, and arranges social outings and Palestinian heritage events. *hcef.org*

Evangelical Philadelphia Nazarene Marka Church in Jordan, through its NGO A Sense of Community, provides a variety of services to Syrian and Iraqi refugees in and around Amman. Pastor Haytham and his team have adopted an outward looking church model that demonstrates the love of Christ by helping refugees in practical ways while ministering to their spiritual needs. The Marka Church ministers to refugee children through its Good Shepherd School (grades 1 -12) and provides adult refugees the opportunity to work through its wood-carving, mosaic, jewelry-making and sewing projects. A medical/dental clinic provides health services to refugees. *markachurch.org*

Friendship Place in Washington, DC is the premier housing service provider for people experiencing homelessness. Their innovative, customized, person-focused programs empower people to rebuild their lives, find homes, get jobs and reconnect with friends, family, and the community permanently. Their goal is to end homelessness in Washington, DC, and to establish a sustainable model which can be replicated across the nation. *friendshipplace.org*

International Association for Refugees (IAFR) is a unique global Christian mission organization focused on helping people survive and recover from the trauma of forced displacement. IAFR partners with an association of over 160 refugee churches to strengthen their faith communities and assist the refugee population in practical ways. One project provides food, clothing, transportation, and safety assistance for girls who will receive secondary school scholarships supported by the NPC's capital campaign. *iafr.org*

International Justice Mission is a global organization comprised of lawyers, investigators, social workers, pastors, and everyday Christ-followers who desire to bring hope and freedom to adults and children who are enslaved and experiencing injustice like sex trafficking, forced labor, and violence. IJM's vision is to rescue millions, protect half a billion, and make justice for people in poverty unstoppable! *IJM.org*

ROSE Women's Foundation in Kenya disciples and cares for women living in the slums of Nairobi, helping them develop sustainable small businesses and lifelong relationships with one another and experienced local business advisors. Over 350 women have begun 127 small businesses, enabling them to earn a dignified income, create jobs, and provide for their families. *rosewomensfoundation.org*

Together for the Family in Lebanon shares the good news of Jesus while serving the Syrian refugees living in small, unofficial tent camps in practical ways. This adaptive ministry responds to a variety of needs, such as helping mothers care for newborns, providing trauma-healing camps for children and youth, running small medical and dental clinics, providing training in carpentry for boys and sewing and needlework for girls, all while building genuine friendship, belonging, and community. *theoutreachfoundation.org/together-for-the-family*



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