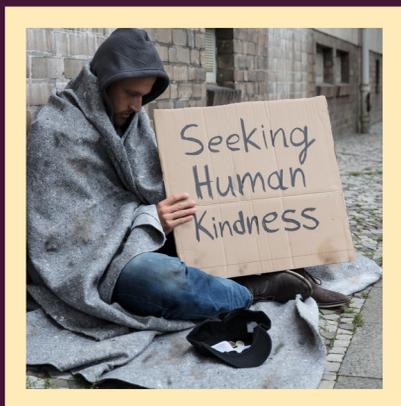




# MISSION GIFTS *for* Christmas





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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 11 and 18, 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](http://nationalpres.org/mission-gifts).

May your gifts be a bless your loved ones and 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

# BUILDING UP THE GLOBAL CHURCH



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**Bethlehem Bible College** (BBC) in Palestine prepares future Palestinian church leaders through accredited degree programs. BBC has an online Biblical Studies Program for Arabic speakers worldwide, 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 technology. *[bethbc.edu](http://bethbc.edu)*

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

**European Christian Mission, International** works across Europe to equip and encourage churches in ministry to youth and family and evangelistic outreach to their communities. It cares for Middle Eastern and Ukrainian refugees who have fled to Europe and plants churches among all the people of Europe. Projects include Christian camp scholarships, Sunday school teacher training, teen mentoring, outreach to Roma, and support for Christian families who adopt orphans. *[ecmi.org](http://ecmi.org)*

**Forman Christian College University** (FCCU) in Lahore, Pakistan, is a private liberal arts university founded in 1864 with a vision to impart quality education to the people of South Asia and contribute to their academic, economic, and social development. Forman offers a wide range of opportunities to students from all backgrounds and all regions of Pakistan and beyond who embrace the FCCU motto "By love, serve one another." *[fccollege.edu.pk/](http://fccollege.edu.pk/)*

**Indonesian Leadership Foundation** in Indonesia focuses on developing future leaders through education and professional development. ILF provides scholarships for underprivileged students pursuing a bachelor's degree. There are currently 13 active scholars, each needing about \$700 per semester. During the Covid pandemic, ILF volunteers sent care packages to their scholars and launched leadership webinars. *[indonesianleadership.org](http://indonesianleadership.org)*

**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 share the Good News of Jesus with Christian and secular couples as they work to improve their marriages. 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*

**Resources for Leaders in China:** Churches in China persevere and even flourish under pressure. Pastors are in short supply, and the backbone of the Protestant Church is its lay leaders. They need recurrent training and reliable resources to lead the millions of new believers into a mature Christian faith. Graduates from 42 seminaries and Bible schools around China receive study Bibles and mini-libraries to equip them for effective ministry. *theoutreachfoundation.org/resources-for-lay-leaders-in-china*

**University Divitia Gratiae** in Moldova prepares Christian men and women to serve as pastors, evangelists, Sunday school leaders, and social workers in Eastern Europe, Central Asia, and Russia. The school provides special support to students from countries where it is difficult to receive a Christian higher education. *uni-dg.md/about*

# CARING FOR THE VULNERABLE



**Angela Bednarczyk** serves in Senegal at École Baptiste Dund-Gi des sours and another school in a Senegalese village to educate deaf children from preschool through 6th grade. EBD has 30 students and three teachers, while the village school includes eight students with one teacher. Angela works with both programs to provide acutely needed resources and teacher workshops. [iom-online.com/senegal-angela-bednarczyk/](http://iom-online.com/senegal-angela-bednarczyk/)

**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, provides humanitarian relief and helps children and the elderly with daily needs, such as school supplies, medicines, and food staples. [ardausa.org](http://ardausa.org)

**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. These two historic towns have been home to Christians for centuries. In this small geographic pocket, BSCC distributes food, medical, and household supplies; serves as a hub for healthcare programs through collaboration with private and government organizations, and arranges social outings and Palestinian heritage events. [hcef.org](http://hcef.org)

**ByGrace Children's Home** and school near Nairobi, Kenya, provide a loving home and education for orphaned and abandoned children while meeting the physical and spiritual needs of children in the community. Now serving over 100 students, ByGrace offers primary and secondary education with high pass rates needed to attend university. They also partner with Living Word Church to make Christ known in the slums of Nairobi. [facebook.com/ByGraceTrust](https://facebook.com/ByGraceTrust)

**Martha's Table** in Washington, DC, serves the city's vulnerable at the Maycroft in Northwest and headquarters at The Commons in Southeast. MT is on a mission to support stronger children, stronger families, and stronger communities and seeks to do this through quality education, healthy food, and holistic family support. MT provides high-quality early education, comprehensive resources for parents, and programs to address mental health aspects of community violence. McKenna's Wagon provides warm nightly meals 365 days a year to hungry people on the street. [marthastable.org](http://marthastable.org)

**New Endeavors by Women (NEW)** in Washington, DC, is a service for homeless women that helps them recognize their worth and create new futures. NEW offers long-term and transitional housing, fosters life skills and promotes education and employment skills. The program allows women to end the cycle of homelessness and live independently. NEW has served women and children in Washington, DC, for over 30 years. *nebw.org*

**Pakistan Flood Relief** works with The Outreach Foundation and long-term church and ministry connections. They provide disaster relief, such as food, clothing, supplies, and hope in the most devastated areas. More than one-third of Pakistan was under water for weeks, over 1,300 people died, and 33 million were displaced. The hardest hit southern provinces are among the world's most unreached areas with the gospel. *theoutreachfoundation.org/updates/2022/9/7/pakistan-flood-relief*

**ROSE Women's Foundation** in Kenya provides women living in extreme poverty the training, coaching, community, and capital to build small businesses and apply the gospel to their life and work. Women entering the ROSE program typically earn less than \$2 per day. Through ROSE's biblically-based business curriculum, delivered in partnership with East African Presbyterian churches, graduates have created dignified jobs, built sustainable businesses, and increased their incomes by 830%. *rosewomensfoundation.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, afterschool homework clusters, book club, computer club, and summer enrichment programs and internships. ULC is a long-time NPC mission partner. *ulcdc.org*

# PROCLAIMING JESUS CHRIST AS LORD AND SAVIOR



**Casa Chirilagua** in Alexandria is a faith-based non-profit in a Latino neighborhood where people learn to love neighbors as themselves. The Casa staff and volunteers live alongside 100 families, serving the adults through evening education classes and their children in grades 1-12 through afterschool programs. The Casa's mission is to see the Chirilagua neighborhood transformed by Christ. [casachirilagua.org](http://casachirilagua.org)

**Central Union Mission** in Washington, DC, works to demonstrate the love of Christ in the Metropolitan DC area. It helps individuals and families find hope, meet basic needs, and improve their lives by offering shelter, food, access to medical and dental care, counseling, educational programming in English and Spanish, and work experience. The Mission plans a significant expansion of services at the current location of its Family Ministry Center. [missiondc.org](http://missiondc.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 abandoned elderly, and youth from abusive homes. These are welcomed and cared for in loving group homes. [gcfcanada.com/mission-yucatan/](http://gcfcanada.com/mission-yucatan/)

**New Hope Bulgaria** ministers to children, youth, and families in Bulgaria. New Hope focuses on the Roma, a highly vulnerable social group who are impoverished and marginalized. New Hope provides Roma children and their families with creative programs, nutritious meals, warm clothing, and the Good News of Jesus. Roma and NPC children have developed a special bond through exchanging handmade greetings, group photos, and prayer during VBS and the Advent Family Night. [ecmi-usa.org/new-hope-bulgaria](http://ecmi-usa.org/new-hope-bulgaria)

**Our Missionaries in the Middle East:** This couple is involved in community building among Kurds and Christians in the Kurdistan area. They also teach English, help with Covid hygiene, and share God's Word among the thousands of refugees and Internally Displaced People, including Syrians and Iraqis. The couple work at a neighborhood center affording a broader ministry to neighborhood Muslims.

**Salvation Army National Capital Area Command** serves the Metropolitan area and surrounding counties by preaching the gospel of Jesus and meeting human needs without discrimination. Among its many services are a daily mobile food van, financial assistance for rent and utilities, transitional housing and life-skills training for young mothers,

drug treatment programs, daycare centers, a 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](http://SalvationArmyNCA.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 who have not heard of Jesus are hungry to learn about him, and several have received new life in him. These new Christians are revitalizing the Austrian church. [oasis-iteams.at/english/](http://oasis-iteams.at/english/)

**The SMILES Foundation** in Romania has served Romania for nearly 30 years and currently supports several Ukrainian refugee families. SMILES relieves poverty, promotes education, and provides 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](http://thesmilesfoundation.org)

**World Renew** is a global relief and development organization reaching out to people struggling with the effects of a disaster. Compelled by God's deep passion for justice and mercy, World Renew supports communities worldwide to renew hope, reconcile lives, and restore creation while sharing the Good News. Over the last decade, WR has met the needs of 6 million disaster survivors and equipped communities to function better and endure long after the response work. [worldrenew.ca](http://worldrenew.ca)

**Youth for Christ International – Croatia** reaches out to youth throughout the country with creative and culturally relevant programs, including activities like the Advent Labyrinth, Stations of the Cross, and the Reformation Exhibition. YFC has developed an evangelistic basketball outreach for teenage boys, a Superwoman outreach for girls, and support for local churches through multimedia. [yfc.org/nation/hr/](http://yfc.org/nation/hr/)



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