



MISSION GIFTS *for* Christmas





"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 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 we received in Jesus Christ when we grace others at Christmastime. We remember the worshipful gifts brought to the newborn King when we give special gifts to strangers or loved ones.

Through Mission Gifts for Christmas, you can be introduced 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, pray, and order gifts!

You can shop in Stone Hall on Sundays, December 10 and 17, using the order form in 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 December](#) or by visiting our webpage at nationalpres.org/mission-gifts.

May your gifts 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. Dr. Ray Hylton, Sr.
Senior Pastor, National Presbyterian Church

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 worldwide; trains students in mass media, tour guiding, English, and Hebrew; and ministers to people in need 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*

Ted and Joy Carr serve with ProVision International (PVI) in Southern Africa. PVI is a Missions Serving Agency committed to the material and spiritual uplifting of disadvantaged communities. PVI supports ministry leaders in these communities with mentoring, money, and management. PVI has completed over 70 community projects and supports around 12 current projects. Ted and Joy are long-time missionary partners of NPC. *<https://provision.org.za/about-us/>*

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 scholarships for students, improving the school's distance-learning program, and offering guidance and mentorships to regional pastors. *evtos.hr/en*

European Christian Mission International works across Europe to equip and encourage churches in ministry to youth and families 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*

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/

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 13 active scholars and 13 graduated students. The ILF has selected three new scholars from among 650 applicants for 2023/2024. indonesianleadership.org

Moldova Mission Network in Moldova promotes Christian discipleship in four focus areas: higher education, family ministry (The Marriage Course), foster children care, and evangelism. 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

NPC Youth are planning a week-long mission trip to the Dominican Republic with the Foundation for Peace in the summer of 2024. Serving hand in hand with the Foundation for Peace helps our youth grow in fellowship with their own NPC community and the international body of Christ.

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

The Outreach Foundation serves partner ministries in Ukraine. The Ukrainian Evangelical Theological Seminary equips military chaplains, trauma care counselors, children’s ministry leaders, and pastors. The campus is open to neighbors hungry for a warm meal, conversation, hope, and prayer. Other partner ministries care for internally displaced families, providing anything from basic relief to children’s ministry, school materials, and medical supplies to besieged, war-weary

Ukrainians. Other teams take relief supplies into the war zone of Eastern Ukraine. <https://www.theoutreachfoundation.org/ukraine-appeal>

University Divitia Gratiae in Moldova offers undergraduate and graduate degrees to students from Moldova, Ukraine, Russia, and Central Asia and prepares them to serve as pastors, evangelists, Sunday school leaders, and social workers. The university also provides leadership development seminars for pastors and other leaders, especially those serving in Muslim communities. uni-dg.md/about

CARING FOR THE VULNERABLE



Angela Bednarczyk serves in Senegal at Ecole Baptiste Dund-Gi des Sourds and a village class for deaf children in Ngueniene, which provides an effective program for ages 3 to 20 years. The addition of deaf teachers has given deaf students new language models for improving their learning and communication skills. Angela works with both programs to provide acutely needed textbooks, age-appropriate hands-on materials, equipment, and teacher workshops. 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; partners with Young Life; operates a radio ministry; and helps children and the elderly with daily needs, such as school supplies, medicines, and food staples. ardaglobal.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

ByGrace Children's Home and School near Nairobi, Kenya, provides 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. ByGrace graduates have earned college-level degrees and contribute their professional and spiritual gifts to the ByGrace community. ByGrace also partners with Living Word Church to make Christ known in the slums of Nairobi. facebook.com/bygracetrust

Investing Hope Foundation (IHF) in Colombia gives children, youth, and families relevant economic tools, biblically-based financial training, and God's love to show a pathway out of poverty. Their unique "Entrepreneurship and Savings Clubs" use a fun, experiential training model to start a business with the kids to sell products, save, and invest

their money. IHF works with existing ministries, churches, and schools that do not teach financial literacy, giving kids hope and a future. *Investinghopefoundation.org*

Martha's Table (MT) 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*

New Endeavors by Women (NEW) was established 35 years ago in the Shaw neighborhood of Washington, DC, and helps homeless women recognize their worth and create new futures. NEW offers long-term and transitional housing for women, children, and senior citizens; fosters life skills; and promotes education and employment skills. The program allows women to end the cycle of homelessness and live independently. NEW has helped more than 3,000 women break the cycle of homelessness. *nebw.org*

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 lives 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%. Women also receive one-on-one spiritual support as they grow in their walk with Jesus. *rosegomensfoundation.org*

Solar Household Energy (SHE) strives to unleash the potential of solar cooking to improve social, economic, and environmental conditions in sunny areas around the world. Solar cooking with low-cost modern solar cookers offers a practical, affordable, and sustainable alternative to fires in these regions. Solar Household Energy partners with governments, NGOs, and the private sector to distribute solar cookers, provide training, and conduct project assessments. *she-inc.org/*

Unique Learning Center (ULC) in Washington, DC, provides a nurturing and Christian educational environment for under-resourced 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. ULC works to break the cycle of poverty and help children realize their potential to become the next generation of leaders in their homes and communities through programs including tutoring, afterschool homework clusters, book club, computer club, 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 through 12 through after-school programs. The Casa's mission is to see the Chirilagua neighborhood transformed by Christ. 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, household goods, access to medical and dental care, job skills training, job placement assistance, counseling, educational programming in English and Spanish, and work experience. The Mission also helps people access public services and benefits and provides summer camp for children. missiondc.org

Cornerstone Schools of Washington, DC, cultivates a partnership among family, school, and community to provide a Christ-centered, nurturing, and academically rigorous education. Cornerstone equips children with the knowledge, skills, and values necessary to become leaders who serve others in light of Christ and his truth. Cornerstone serves 180 children from kindergarten to 12th grade. cornerstone-schools.org

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

Operation Mobilization Good Shepherd Schools in India educate 25,000 students from poor, disadvantaged communities according to biblical values and a government-approved curriculum that empowers students to realize a brighter future for themselves, their families, and their communities. Good Shepherd Schools also provide medical services, support churches, and conduct anti-human trafficking efforts to free girls and women from temple prostitution. Good Shepherd graduates hundreds of students who go on to higher education or vocational employment every year. omusa.org

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, assist with humanitarian needs, help lead an English language church for local missionaries, and share God's Word among the thousands of refugees and Internally Displaced People, primarily Syrians and Iraqis. The couple works 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, summer camps, music and tutoring programs, a Christmas gift program for low-income families, and an emergency human trafficking shelter. Army Corps locations within the National Area Command also provide various programs to local communities, including learning enrichment programs and holiday meal cards. Programs are Bible-based and adapted to local needs. 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/

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. NPC is planning a mission trip to Smiles in the summer of 2024. thesmilesfoundation.org

LOVING OUR NEIGHBORS



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Serve Ministries selects a fourth theme for Mission Gifts each year. This year's theme is Loving Our Neighbors, which we aim to do through our local mission partners and other organizations with shared purposes.

Solutions in Hometown Connections (SHC) in Riverdale, Maryland, is a friend who helped us resettle our refugee families from Syria and Afghanistan and with whom we partnered the past two Summers of Serving.

Solutions in Hometown Connections provides programs and solutions tailored for refugee and immigrant families and bridges them to crucial services and programs within their local communities. To meet the needs of immigrant and refugee mothers and their young children, SHC offers a family-friendly program. When mothers, bereft of the traditional familial and cultural support systems they left behind, arrive in a new community, they can feel alone and overwhelmed, often in communities that are not walkable and without convenient public transportation. Learning English is one of their most intimidating challenges. Removing barriers such as transportation and childcare, the SHC bus is a mobile classroom offering multigenerational classes designed for mothers and preschool children together. This year at Mission Gifts for Christmas, you can give the gift of language and literacy to a refugee mom and her preschool children. \$100 covers the cost of curriculum and supplies for three learners, but any amount is helpful and welcome. *shconnections.org*



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