



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 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 7 and 14, 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 through 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Hylton".

Rev. Dr. Ray Hylton, Sr.
Senior Pastor, National Presbyterian Church

BUILDING UP THE GLOBAL CHURCH



The Evangelical Center for Pastoral Studies in Central America (CEDEPCA), based in Guatemala, is dedicated to promoting justice, peace, and abundant life through transformative pastoral education and community engagement. Their work empowers individuals and communities by addressing social realities through a theological lens that affirms the dignity of all people. CEDEPCA places a strong emphasis on gender equity, advocating for respectful and equitable relationships between women and men. They are also deeply committed to rejecting all forms of violence, celebrating the diversity of God's creation, and fostering peaceful coexistence among people of different cultures and worldviews. cedepca.org/en

Indonesian Leadership Foundation (ILF) in Indonesia focuses on developing future Indonesian leaders 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

Investing Hope Foundation (IHF) in Colombia, SA, shows children, youth, and families a pathway out of poverty through relevant economic tools, biblically-based financial training, and God's love. Their unique Entrepreneurship and Savings Clubs use a fun, experiential training model to help kids start a business, sell products, save, and invest their profits. IHF works with existing ministries, churches, and schools to teach financial literacy and give kids hope and a future. investinghopefoundation.org

Peer Servants is a diverse global community of hundreds of volunteers who want to see more people experiencing the kingdom of heaven on earth. Peer Servants partners with indigenous, autonomous organizations in Africa, Eurasia, and the Americas to help advance their communities. Together with these global partners, Peer Servants empowers the materially poor by helping start or grow small businesses, educating children, engaging young people in kingdom ministry, extending affordable healthcare, addressing food/water security, and much more. peerservants.org

The Philemon Project GROW Centers, based in Beirut, provides Christian early childhood development programs for underserved and at-risk children, many of whom are Syrian refugees. Through active learning methods, children are encouraged to use their imaginations, think critically, and “color outside the lines,” giving them the freedom and tools to create beyond imposed boundaries. In addition to its work with children, the GROW Center offers adult mentoring programs that support parents, strengthen families, and build community resilience. thegrowcenters.org

The SMILES Foundation in Romania 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. SMILES has served Romania for nearly 30 years and currently supports several Ukrainian refugee families. NPC is planning a mission trip here next summer. thesmilesfoundation.org

CARING FOR THE VULNERABLE



American Near East Refugee Aid (ANERA) provides humanitarian and development assistance across the Middle East and North Africa, with a focus on communities affected by conflict. Their programs address critical needs such as education, healthcare, water access, and economic opportunity for refugees and vulnerable populations. Working closely with local partners, ANERA delivers sustainable, culturally appropriate support to help communities rebuild and thrive. anera.org

Angela Bednarczyk is a missionary who 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. 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 (ARDA) in Armenia serves 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. ardausa.org

Educational Concerns for Hunger Organization (ECHO) works in multiple countries around the world to fight hunger and improve nutrition by equipping small-scale farmers with agricultural training, resources, and seeds. Through its global network, ECHO shares sustainable farming techniques tailored to diverse local environments. Their mission is to honor God by providing the knowledge and tools needed to grow food effectively and improve lives. echonet.org

EverWell International Scholarship is a global program supporting survivors of human trafficking with scholarships in their pursuit of education, independence, and success. The scholarship aims to alleviate the financial barriers that often hinder academic success by providing financial assistance, mentorship, and resources. EverWell International focuses on fostering a diverse pool of talent and encourages recipients to engage in leadership and community service initiatives. The scholarship helps individuals achieve their academic goals through its commitment to equity in education. It also nurtures a new generation of leaders equipped to impact their communities positively. everwellscholarship.org

Salam Medical Center is a Christian health clinic in El-Qanatir Elkhaira, Egypt that provides affordable medical and dental care to underserved communities. In addition to treatment, they offer health education and spiritual support to vulnerable populations who often lack access to quality healthcare. Guided by their mission to reflect Christ's compassion, they serve both physical and spiritual needs with dignity and respect. smcegypt.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

PROCLAIMING JESUS AS LORD & SAVIOR



ByGrace Children's Home and School, located near Nairobi, Kenya, provides a loving home and quality education for orphaned and abandoned children while addressing both the physical and spiritual needs of the surrounding community. Now serving over 100 students, ByGrace offers primary and secondary education with impressive pass rates that enable students to pursue university education. Many graduates have gone on to earn college degrees and now give back to the ByGrace community through their professional and spiritual gifts. In partnership with Living Word Church, ByGrace also works to make Christ known in the impoverished communities of Nairobi. bygracetrust.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

FOCUS (Fellowship of Christians at Universities and Schools) fosters vibrant Christian community among students in educational settings. By providing opportunities for spiritual growth, leadership development, and meaningful connections, FOCUS supports students in their faith journeys while encouraging them to engage with their campuses and communities. The organization offers various programs, including Bible studies, mentorship, and service projects. FOCUS creates a supportive environment where students can explore their beliefs and build lasting friendships. infocus.org

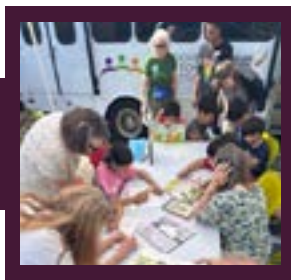
Good Shepherd India operates a variety of programs to meet the physical and spiritual needs of marginalized communities, particularly in rural and tribal areas. Their ministries focus on education, healthcare, and leadership training, all rooted in a commitment to Christ-centered service. Their mission is to be used by Jesus to affirm the God-given dignity of all Indians, especially the poor and downtrodden. gsi.org

GraceInside trains and equips chaplains in Virginia to provide compassionate spiritual care and support to incarcerated individuals throughout the state. This includes providing one-on-one pastoral care, leading worship services, coordinating volunteers, supporting correctional staff, and overseeing all religious programming. Through regular visits, counseling, Bible studies, and prayer, these chaplains bring hope and healing to men and women facing the challenges of prison life. Their ministry fosters restoration and transformation, helping inmates discover God's grace and rebuild their lives both inside and beyond the prison walls. graceinside.org

Salvation Army National Capital Area Command preaches the Gospel of Jesus and meets 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 serve as missionaries with Action International Ministries while continuing their work under International Teams, Austria, at the Oasis—a Christian community center for refugees near the Traiskirchen refugee camp outside Vienna. Through clothing distribution, emergency housing, friendship, Bible teaching, the Jesus Film, and German language classes, they share God's love and the Gospel with refugees, many of whom are hearing about Jesus for the first time. actioninternational.org/fw/seep

LOVING OUR NEIGHBORS



Our featured “Loving our Neighbor” organization is **Solutions in Hometown Connections** in Riverdale, Maryland. Over the past 10 years, Solutions in Hometown Connections has partnered with NPC in a variety of ways — helping us resettle refugee families from Syria and Afghanistan, providing volunteer opportunities through our Great Day of Service, and sharing valuable insights as guest speakers at our church on refugee resettlement and the immigration experience.

Solutions in Hometown Connections (SHC) 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 curriculum and supplies for three learners, but any amount will help support literacy. shconnections.org

SUPPORT NPC YOUTH MISSION TRIP



In July 2026, our youth will embark on a mission trip to the Dominican Republic to serve alongside NPC Mission Partner, **Foundation for Peace (FFP)**. FFP collaborates closely with local communities to provide healthcare, education, and community development in underserved communities through the Dominican Republic. All donations toward this trip will go directly to student scholarships, helping cover expenses and enabling more young people to participate in this life-changing experience.



NPC MISSION PARTNERS

This year, in an effort to highlight organizations that NPC members are passionate about, Serve Ministries made the difficult decision not to include our Local or International Mission Partners in Mission Gifts for Christmas. We understand that many of you look forward to supporting these partners during the holiday season and deeply value the important work they do. If you feel led to give, we encourage you to support them directly. For more information about our mission partners, visit the [NPC website](#) or check out the new Mission screen outside Stone Hall.

Local Mission Partners

1. Central Union Mission missiondc.org
2. Friendship Place friendshipplace.org
3. Habitat for Humanity DC/NOVA habitatdcnova.org
4. Little Lights littlelights.org
5. Martha's Table marthastable.org
6. Unique Learning Center ulcdc.weebly.com
7. Young Lives DC younglives.younglife.org/

International Mission Partners

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| 1. Bethlehem Bible College
theoutreachfoundation.org | 8. John Wagner
globalcities.younglife.org/about/ |
| 2. Dustin and Sherri Ellington
theantiochpartners.org | 9. Keith Patman
wycliffe.org/partner/3ED964 |
| 3. European Christian Mission International
ecmi.org | 10. McGilvary College of Divinity
globalministries.org/partner |
| 4. Evangelical Theological Seminary, Croatia
etvos.hr | 11. Our Missionaries in the Middle East
theantiochpartners.org |
| 5. Foreman Christian College
fccollege.edu.pk | 12. Steve & Janice Quakenbush
sil.org |
| 6. Foundation for Peace
foundationforpeace.org | 13. Ted & Joy Carr / ProVision
International-provision.org |
| 7. International Justice Mission
ijm.org | 14. University Divitia Gratiae
uni-dg.md |



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