

Gifts of Hope

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Henry Siddons Mowbray, "The Magi" 1915

How Does This Work?

C.S. Lewis once asked, “Can it really be my duty to buy and receive masses of junk every winter?” Some may find his question harsh, but we all lament that Christmas has morphed into an ungodly materialist celebration rather than one centered on Christ’s birth. The sad reality is that the Good News of the angels is now good news about where to find the best bargains.

We want to take Christmas back from the commercialism through our Alternative Christmas Market. We propose to replace one of your gifts to a friend or family member with one of the options contained within. We will supply you with a card explaining the nature of your gift that you can give to the recipient thus allowing you give not one gift, but two. Herein is the beauty of the Alternative Christmas Market, your gift also helps to bring hope and love to someone in need here at home, in some other part of our nation, or even our world.

Please complete an order form either on the Grove Park website or pick up and return a form at Sunday worship to choose your gifts. Once your order form has been submitted, you can either pick up your cards or we will mail them to you, if requested. It should also be noted that your purchases are considered tax-deductible.

So, how about it? Are you tired of the message of Christmas being replaced with a lesson on materialism? Come join us then at the Alternative Christmas Market.

Plant With Purpose

Plant With Purpose was created in 1984 to bring a holistic approach to the fight against poverty in the Third World. They believe that restoring relationships between people, God and the environment is key to resolving many of the world’s social, economic and environmental problems. They believe that God has called us to be agents of encouragement and empowerment, enabling the poor to both feed their families and restore their degraded lands thereby being good stewards of God’s creation.

Gift Option: \$1 to buy a tree. Trees are life. They bring productivity to the land so that poor, rural farmers can provide food for their children and income for their families. Trees not only provide a source of food, but also stabilize the soil to prevent massive erosion due to deforestation.



Door of Hope

NC Baptists on Mission is partnering with Door of Hope to develop a village that will house abandoned children and infants near Johannesburg, South Africa. Since 1999, Door of Hope has rescued over 1,750 abandoned infants with the goal of providing them a temporary Christian home while seeking long-term foster care or permanent homes for each one. At least three babies are abandoned every day in Johannesburg. Wrapped in a plastic bag, discarded in garbage cans, thrown in dumpsters, left in public toilets, thrown in rivers, or left in hospitals and parks, these children face certain death without immediate intervention. There are many older children not chosen for adoption who need a long-term home. NC Baptists on Mission will help build small cottages that will house an average of six children along with a host couple. Cottages will be made of interlocking cement blocks that will be made on site and then stacked to build the cottages.

Gift Option: A gift in any amount will be used to assist in building a cottage to house these orphans.



Holy Palace Christian Hospital

Holy Palace is a rural, 43-bed hospital serving the Darjeeling district in northern India. The entirely indigenous staff provides compassionate physical and spiritual care to people regardless of caste, creed, or color—all still issues in India. Responding to the COVID-19 pandemic placed tremendous strain on staff and equipment, but their efforts at the hospital and through mobile medical clinics saved many lives. They now have a fully functional Neonatal ICU and Maternity Ward, and are continuing their community outreach through free clinics. In addition, four nursing students successfully completed the Basic Nursing and Community Health program this year.



Gift Options:

Blanket: A warm blanket is both a comfort and a necessity for patients. **\$25** will supply a soft and sturdy hospital blanket that will be used for several years.

Nurse Training Financial Assistance: Holy Palace offers the only medical training in the area, and students who receive training go on to help their communities. **A gift of \$20** will help cover tuition and other expenses for students with a desire to bring healing to their neighbors.

Free Medical Camps: The region served by Holy Palace is poor, and affordable medical care is not generally available, especially in rural villages. **A \$10 gift** will help bring free medical camps to the sick and poor.

A Note about Our Projects

Each of our projects has been evaluated to determine whether the sponsoring organizations align with the beliefs and values of Grove Park Baptist Church.

You will note that our projects, particularly our Jerusalem projects, work to satisfy one of our four core convictions to be community champions. Furthermore, many of these organizations can be linked to one of our four redemptive ministry foci dealing with food insecurity, environmental justice, the plight of the incarcerated and recently released, and equitable health care access.

While we encourage everyone to participate in the Alternative Christmas Market by making a purchase, please know that you can help these causes in other ways. Our catalogue also serves as a prayer guide to enable you to pray for them and their work for the Kingdom throughout the year. Prayer support is just as vital to the success of these efforts as monetary support.

Thank you again for your support.

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Grove Park Alliance for Learning & Service (GPALS)

It is hard to imagine, but there are children in our neighborhood who, instead of worrying about what toy to play with or how to work on their batting stance, must fret about where their next meal may come from. Indeed, 1 out of 5 children suffer from hunger in our nation. Studies repeatedly have shown that food insecure children are more likely to have lower academic success, score lower on standardized tests, be the source of classroom behavior issues, and suffer from greater instances of being ill. It is not hard, then, to draw links between food insecurity and the growth and stability of children in the classroom.

Grove Park Baptist Church is at the forefront of the battle to end childhood hunger at Grove Park Elementary School through our GPALS program. We currently provide approximately 20 children enough food each weekend for them and their families. By doing so, we fulfill the example of Jesus to feed the hungry and care for children.



Gift Option: \$10 provides a child with a weekend's worth of food from the GPALS program.



Sustainable Alamance

Sustainable Alamance is a faith-based program that seeks to address the holistic needs of those at various stages of interaction with the criminal justice system. Sustainable Alamance serves as Alamance County's official re-entry program for those exiting the penal system. They serve as a clearinghouse for those seeking employment assistance and mental health treatment, all while seeking to ensure that participants remain in a physically, emotionally, and spiritually secure space that enables them to have a successful and abundant post-incarceration life. Less than 10% of those who participate in Sustainable Alamance reenter the penal system.

Gift Option: A gift in any amount will help supply those exiting the penal system reenter the workforce with the resources necessary for their new employment.



Soles For Jesus

Soles For Jesus exists to provide new and gently used shoes to the people of Africa who desperately need them. Many of us are unaware that millions of people across our globe live barefoot. Diseases often spread through the open sores on their feet because of the unsanitary conditions of roads and paths. A pair of new or gently used shoes is a simple cure to prevent many of these diseases. With every pair of shoes, SFJ sends Bibles and Gospel booklets in the recipients' native language. Sharing shoes along with the Gospel opens doors to remote villages for further discipleship.



Gift Options: \$2 will reach one person with a pair of shoes.

\$55 helps us send one large box of shoes and Gospel booklets in their language.

Calvary Baptist Church, Armenia

Armenia has a long Christian history, as it was the first country to officially declare Christianity as the state religion in 301. Sadly, the last 100 years of Armenia's history is marked by some inherently dark and evil times. The Turks systematically murdered approximately 1 million Armenians during World War One, as well as forcibly converting between 100,000 and 200,000 Armenian women and children to Islam. These horrors were followed by 70 years of Soviet rule. When Communism fell, the spiritual landscape was severely suffering, but a revival of the faith was soon underway. Grove Park began assisting in this effort in 2022 as we began sponsoring an Armenian church planter through NC Baptists on Mission. Pastor Tigran Grigoryan serves as pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church in Yerevan, Armenia. They currently hold services on Sunday afternoons in a building they share with another Baptist church. Armenian Christians sit at a key geographic location with the ability to reach some of the spiritually darkest areas of our globe. This combined with Armenia's ongoing conflict with Azerbaijan makes the task of Pastor Grigoryan and his fellow Armenian Christians even more urgent.



Gift Option: A gift in any amount to aid Pastor Grigoryan and Calvary Baptist Church in their efforts to reach their nation with the hope of the Gospel.

Transworld Radio

Transworld Radio exists to assist the Church in fulfilling the command of Jesus Christ to make disciples of all peoples by using and making available mass media to proclaim the Gospel of salvation to as many people as possible and instruct believers in biblical doctrine and daily Christlike living. TWR began in 1954 from a radio station in Morocco and now reaches into 190 countries, spreading the good news of Jesus in over 300 heart languages.



Central Asia

A significant number of people in Central Asia live in rural areas. Despite the geographic distances, they still seek to connect with the world. For example, shepherds go to the high mountain areas and summer pastures with their flocks of sheep. Providing radios or media devices for shepherds and their families is a unique opportunity to share the gospel message in their heart languages.

Gift Option: A gift of \$35 makes it possible to deliver a radio or media device full of Christian content to remote areas of Central Asia.

Paraguay

The inhabitants of Puerto Fronciere, Paraguay, live in a vulnerable socioeconomic situation and lack spiritual leaders. They are exposed to the doctrinal influence of the Paraguayan People's Army, a leftist guerrilla organization that operates in Paraguay. TWR Paraguay, in alliance with a local church led by Pastor Javier Bello, wants to reach these people with the message of hope in the Guarani language.

Gift Option: A gift of \$35 will provide one audio player that can bring the hope of the gospel to this vulnerable people group.

Ukraine and Belarus

Many people in Ukraine and Belarus still live far away from any church of fellowship. They desire encouragement and friendship. Now, Ukrainians are experiencing extreme crisis due to the ongoing conflict and mass refugee migration. TWR's local partners are bravely continuing to produce programs for both young and old, offering hope in the uncertainty. Radios and other media are helping to reach those who need encouragement the most.

Gift Option: A gift of \$40 will help share life-changing, hope-filled programs via radio and media players full of Christian content to the Ukrainian and Belorussian people.



Meals on Wheels

Alamance County Meals on Wheels has served the elderly of Alamance County for over 45 years. Currently, Alamance County Meals on Wheels serves over 300 people each day located on over 24 routes. Grove Park currently services 30 individuals on our route. For some of these recipients, Meals on Wheels is their only contact in the course of a day.



Gift Option: \$20 provides a birthday bag for a Meals on Wheels recipient.

Open Door Clinic of Alamance County

Since 1990, the Open Door Clinic of Alamance County has helped reduce the cost of healthcare by treating the uninsured for chronic and acute disease.



This greatly reduces the uninsured from seeking primary care at the emergency department. Untreated disease can lead to costly hospital admissions. Open Door Clinic now treats over 500 patients with more than 2,500 visits a year. The value of services that are donated to patients each year is close to \$1 million.

Gift Options: \$10 provides one month of diabetic testing supplies and medications to one patient

\$2 provides a patient with medication for hypertension for a month.

\$10 provides a patient with one month of blood thinning medications to reduce the risk of stroke, DVT, or pulmonary embolism.

The ARC Alamance County

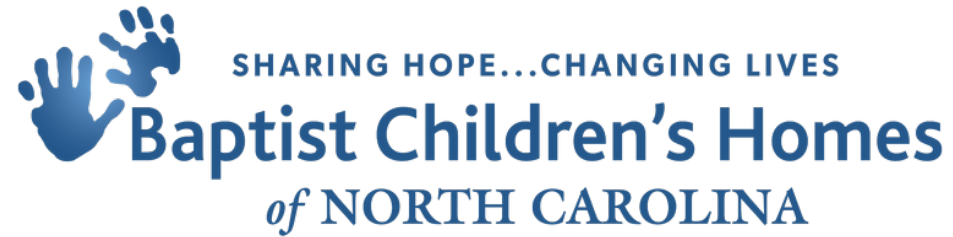
For over 40 years, ARC of Alamance County has served individuals in the community with intellectual and developmental disabilities through advocacy and services like skills training and recreational activities. ARC serves approximately 300 individuals from Alamance County who are living in group homes, with family members, or at Murdoch Developmental Center in Butner, NC. ARC of Alamance provides Christmas gifts and a Christmas dinner every year so that all residents can participate in this special season.



Gift Options: A gift in any amount for Christmas presents. It is their goal that no one should wake up on Christmas morning without a present under the tree.

A gift in any amount to be used to prepare and deliver Christmas dinner for hundreds of local individuals with disabilities.

Baptist Children's Homes



Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina (BCH) was born on November 11, 1885, when nine-year-old Mary Presson stepped off the train at the property located in the small community of Thomasville, NC. Greeted by founder and longtime North Carolina Baptist John Haymes Mills, Mary became the first child admitted into the care of the Thomasville Orphanage as it was originally known.

Today, BCH has grown from its inaugural location into a sprawling organization located in 30 communities throughout North Carolina, South Carolina, and in Guatemala. The nonprofit, which is fueled by charitable funding provided by churches and donors, has added a variety of services to offer help and hope to children, families, single mothers, college students, intellectually/developmentally disabled adults, and aging adults.

Gift Options: \$20 to provide a gift card for groceries.
\$25 to sponsor a bed at BCH for one month.

Yokefellow Prison Ministry

In response to the call and example of Christ, Yokefellow Prison Ministry of NC, Inc., motivates and encourages prisoners, yoked in personal relationships with community volunteers, to examine their lives; experience the forgiveness, healing and power of God's love; and return from incarceration with a covenant commitment to, and new disciplines for, personal responsibility and contribution to family and community. In-person volunteer services have begun to resume after COVID-19 at some locations, and volunteers are always needed. They are in the process of initiating new programs for aftercare with "returning citizens."



Gift Option: \$5 for the purchase of paperback editions of the Good News Bible through the American Bible Society.

Riggsbee Medical Mission

In countries with limited resources and scattered rural populations, making sure people get the care they need can be especially challenging. The Riggsbee Family lives in Nepal, where Josh and Sarah work to bring hope and healing through medicine. One of the difficulties for healthcare workers based in larger cities is providing follow-up visits to patients living in remote or hard to reach villages. Community re-integration following a medical procedure can improve patient outcomes and prevent future problems. Services like home modifications for wheelchair access, vocational training, and income-generation skills are not available due to a lack of funds.



Gift Option: Help the Riggsbees and Green Pastures Hospital in Pokhara, Nepal, raise funds for home assessment and follow-up visits. **A donation of any amount** will go toward travel to patient homes, as well as purchasing needed supplies for care during rehabilitation.

Honduras

Honduras continues to be a nation struggling with the effects of severe weather as well as violence due to the illegal drug trade. Honduras has one of the highest murder rates in the Western Hemisphere. Truly, Honduras is a nation that desperately needs to experience hope found in Jesus Christ.

Very often, children are born without necessary supplies to insure a healthy start to life. A baby care package would provide basic supplies such as wipes, diapers, and onesies to provide hope to young families and a solid start to life for these children.

Gift Option: \$25 for baby care packages. Covid has already impacted so many lives. A lot of people sell food on the street. Because of the pandemic, they have not been able to leave their houses and make any money.



Gift Option: \$1.25 will provide balanced Honduran meals each week for one child.

Church World Service (continued)

Books: Books allow us to explore times, cultures, and worlds that for various reasons are closed to us. Literacy is particularly crucial to a child's development and future success. Children in rural and impoverished schools are often left at a disadvantage when it comes to being provided sufficient reading material.

Gift Option: \$7 will provide 3 students in Vietnam with books to allow them to explore new ideas and amazing places.



Fish: Teaching someone how to fish is of little benefit if the person is unable to access fish. Accordingly, supplying someone access to 250 or 500 fish changes everything. The ability to catch healthy fish not only improves a family's diet, but allows them to sell the excess, earning income that improves their overall station in life.

Gift Option: \$15 will provide 250 baby fish.



Water Filters: The difference between having water and having clean water is dramatic. Dirty water can contain deadly diseases and parasites that put families in rural Cambodia at risk with every sip.

Gift Option: \$30 provides a water filter to equip one household with a daily supply of fresh, clean water for drinking, washing, and cooking.

5-Gallon Canister of Drinking Water in Serbia: Safe water keeps communities healthy. Roughly one in nine people still don't have clean water in or near their homes. Your gift can help provide safe water year-round with families who need it.

Gift Option: \$5 provides a 5-gallon canister of safe drinking water in Serbia.



Access to Community Water for a family in Kenya: In the dry season, families have long daily commutes in the dangerous heat to find water—precious time they could be using to farm, study, or work. Your gift gives year-round access to clean water for a family through your support of community water projects. Thank you for helping others stay hydrated and healthy!

Gift Option: \$10 provides access to a community water system for a family in Kenya.



Hope Boxes

Eleven years ago, Hope for Appalachia began taking small plastic shoeboxes, now called Hope Boxes, filled with gifts to use to share the Gospel with Appalachian school children. Approximately 1,000 children in eastern Kentucky heard of the enduring hope of Jesus Christ that year. Each subsequent year has resulted in new schools being added to the outreach, which now covers a

dozen counties in Kentucky and West Virginia. Easter 2024 promises to reach over 27,000 students reached with the Gospel.



Gift Option: \$25 to purchase one Hope Box for a student in Appalachia this Easter.

Welcome Houses

Refugees arrive in our country every day from war-ravaged parts of our globe. They are fleeing violence being perpetrated against them because of their gender, ethnicity, political affiliation, and/or religious background. Welcome Houses is an ecumenical response working to offer hospitality to what the Scriptures call sojourners into the safety of our country by providing homes to house them initially and then setting them up in their own home soon thereafter. Last year, one was established here in the Mt. Zion Association. The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of NC works in the Triangle area, and Lutheran World Relief works in the Triad. By providing hospitality, we not only offer provision to those without anything, but also open the door to sharing the living hope of the Gospel.

Gift Option: A gift in any amount to provide gift cards to purchase home and food supplies that will enable these families to get set up in their new homes.



Graffiti Baltimore

Graffiti Church in East Baltimore, MD, is on the front lines of the fight against evil and injustice in our world. They are located in one of the most impoverished areas of Baltimore with some of the highest rates of homelessness, drug abuse, and violence in the city. There are estimated to be over 2,200 homeless people on Baltimore's streets on any given night. The city has experienced 226 murders this year at the time of printing. Pastor Charlie Brown is the pastor of Graffiti Church. They are a ray of hope in a city that only knows hopelessness and despair.



Gift Option: A gift card of any amount to purchase food used at the end of the month bus-stop ministry. The end of the month is when most families' food resources have been exhausted and the need is most great. The average cost for this ministry is \$500 a month.

\$20 to purchase one male and one female winter survival hospitality bag for the homeless. Each bag contains a pair of socks, toboggan, gloves, and toiletry items.

Dancing With The Spirit

Dancing with the Spirit connects Alaskan youth and elders through school music programs and camps—promoting spiritual, physical, and mental wellness with the joy, love, and hope of music. The Rev. Dr. Trimble Gilbert from Arctic Village says, "In the old days we fought tribal wars with arrowheads. It's a different war now—against drugs and alcohol. I believe we can win with music!" Our mostly Native staff travels to Alaskan villages with plane loads of guitars, fiddles, and ukuleles. We teach the village favorite songs: bluegrass, country, rock 'n' roll, and gospel with a unique color-coded method of teaching. By the end of week, students can perform songs and host a fiddle dance for the community.



Gift Option: A gift in any amount helps bring music, joy, happiness, hope, and healing to remote Alaskan Native villages.

Church World Service

Church World Service has provided a global ecumenical approach to feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, healing the sick, comforting the aged, and sheltering the homeless for over 75 years. They seek to minister not only to immediate short-term needs, but also to systemic issues by seeking to break the cycles that perpetrate those issues.

Emergency Rations for Child: A series of natural disasters in Kenya's West Pokot region has resulted in massive food shortages due to the loss of farms, livestock, and homes. Many families are struggling with where to find food for their children.



Gift Option: \$9 will ensure that a child receives a month's worth of emergency food rations.

Corn Seed: Farming is a difficult business as the farmer's survival often rests on natural phenomena beyond their control. One weather event can destroy the most promising of crops. Haiti is particularly susceptible to hurricanes aside from the many other issues facing that troubled country.



Gift Option: \$10 will purchase 3 cans of corn seed to enable a farmer to recover from a lost harvest or expand their livelihoods with additional crops.

Chickens: Protein is an important part of a children's development, but families in rural Tanzania don't always have access to it. That's where chickens come in. Chickens provide a constant supply of eggs (protein), and those eggs can also be sold to pay for healthy vegetables.



Gift Option: \$20 will give the gift of four chickens to promote a well-balanced diet.

School Supplies: Haitian school children desperately need normal. Hurricanes, earthquakes, rampant violence, political upheaval, and rampant poverty have resulted in school closures and left children's future teetering.



Gift Option: \$16 equips 12 students with pens, pencils, and notebooks so they can study both inside and outside of the classroom and work for a more calm and certain future.

Our Vision

Our Alternative Christmas Market seeks to holistically address the two great commandments of loving God and loving our neighbor. We are guided by two passages of Scripture. The first is Acts 1:8 when Jesus commands the disciples to “be my witnesses to Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Jesus is quite clear in reminding us that our task is not sequentially focused that first we go here and then we go there. We are to be Jesus’s witnesses everywhere across the globe through both our personal witness in our community and by providing resources to those who have been called to places beyond our community to be witnesses there. How can we even know where to start with such a vast assignment? Jesus tells us in Matthew 25.

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’”

Each of the groups we highlight in our Alternative Christmas Market seeks to minister in one of the areas Jesus addresses in Matthew 25 as a place where we can find Him. We very often do not think of Jesus in places of such sorrow and hopelessness, but where else would Jesus be? Jesus is the hope of the world, the Bread of Life, Living Water, the Prince of Peace, a man full of sorrows and acquainted with grief we confidently and rightfully confess. Why would Jesus not be with those who desperately need these and the infinite number of other attributes He possesses. We would be in error if we labeled these groups as simply “social ministries” or ones that engage in “needs based evangelism” for these groups are much more. These groups have the holy privilege to join Jesus where He is at work and as they minister with Him, Jesus is quite clear they are ministering to Him as well. Such is how we can love God and our neighbor at the same time.

Camp Oak Hill

Camp Oak Hill is a holy place, a place where since 1976 people have come to know the Lord, where He moves and increases His Kingdom. When kids are at camp, they can feel the Lord working. Camp Oak Hill shares and models the love of Jesus Christ through intentional relationships while providing safe, challenging, and joy-filled experiences. Activities at camp include swimming, sports, arts and crafts, archery, and lots of fun competitions. Each day also includes worship and devotional time with camp counselors to help guide campers in Christ.

Every summer, children are exposed to Jesus and His perfect love. But financial hardships should not prevent a child from experiencing summer camp. Camperships are a way to help parents afford to send their kids to Oak Hill.



Gift Option: A gift in any amount will go toward Camperships to allow children to attend Camp Oak Hill at reduced or no cost.

Stocking Stuffers



- \$1** plants a tree through Plant with Purpose
- \$1.25** provides 1 child with 1 week of meals in Honduras
- \$3** provides a month of emergency food rations in Kenya
- \$2** to ship a pair of shoes to Africa through Soles of Jesus
- \$4** provides 3 students with school supplies in Haiti
- \$5** aids in World Bible Translation
- \$5** provides a 5-gallon canister of safe drinking water thru CWS
- \$5** helps translate Luke for the Samba Cluster in Gabon
- \$5** provides a Bible through Yokefellow Prison Ministry
- \$5** helps the Mandang Province in Papua New Guinea get their first Scripture
- \$7** provides 3 students in Vietnam books thru CWS
- \$2** provides a patient with medication for hypertension for a month



Wycliffe Bible Translators

Wycliffe Bible Translators was founded in 1942 with the goal of providing the Cakchiquel people of Guatemala with the Scriptures in their own heart language. Since that time, Wycliffe has partnered to translate the Scriptures in over 700 languages. Currently, 350 million people in the world do not have God's Word available to them in their own heart language. Millions of people are still waiting for God's Word in a language and format that speaks directly to them. Today Wycliffe has more opportunities for Bible translation projects than we can include in this catalog.



Gift Option: A \$5 gift to World Bible Translation will enable response to new opportunities quickly to ensure that critical projects receive the financial resources they need.

First Scripture for Madang Province, Papua New Guinea

In Papua New Guinea, 80 communities in Madang Province are waiting for Scripture in their language. For 70 of these communities, it will be their first Scripture! These communities are led by a first-of-its-kind collaboration between local churches. Your gift will help complete the translation of the Gospel of Mark for them.

Gift Option: A \$5 gift will help equip Madang communities in Papua New Guinea with the first Scripture in their own language.



First Scripture for the Samba Cluster in Gabon

The 17 language communities of the Samba Cluster in Gabon (West Africa) are ready to receive their very first Scripture—the Gospel of Luke. Local church leaders believe that translated Scripture will have a tremendous impact in their communities. Your gift will help these communities gain access to the Gospel.

Gift Option: A \$5 gift will go toward blessing the Samba Cluster communities with the first Scripture in their language.



Wycliffe Bible Translators (continued)

Audio Scripture in Asia

In one area of Asia, communities are translating Scripture in chronological storying format but face security concerns. God is moving in this region to share His Word using translated audio Scripture stories on social media. Over 773,000 people have accessed them! Your gift helps these teams translate and record more audio Scripture.



Gift Option: A \$5 gift will go toward recording audio Scripture to spread God's Word in Asia.

Open Door Foundation–Ukraine

Open Door Foundation shows God's love by meeting the practical needs of Ukrainians struggling because of war, poverty, disability, and homelessness. Millions of Ukrainians have been displaced as a result of the war, and many who remain lack basic resources. The poor have gotten poorer, and the government cannot provide services to those in need.



Winter Coats for Children

Harsh Ukrainian winters are even more difficult when power, heat, and shelter are unreliable. Open Door provides warm winter coats for displaced children and those living in orphanages.

Gift Option: For \$37 you can give a warm coat to a child in Ukraine.

White Canes for the Blind

The blind community has been significantly affected by the war, as government assistance is unavailable. Most do not even have a white cane to help them navigate, instead relying on a family member or friend.

Gift Option: A gift of \$20 will bless a member of the blind community with a white cane to improve their mobility.

Warm Meals for the Homeless

Like the blind community, the homeless in Ukraine are disproportionately affected by war. Mission groups and churches are stepping in to provide freshly prepared meals. This outreach is especially important as winter approaches.

Gift Option: A gift of \$10 will provide several warm meals for a homeless individual in Ukraine.

