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CONGREGATION
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Give a gift with lasting impact



2020 CHRISTMAS CATALOG

FEATURING GIFTS TO NURTURE CHILDREN TO THEIR FULL POTENTIAL THROUGH **ONE THOUSAND** DAYS OF LOVE ♥



Love allows us to bridge great distances so that children an ocean away are as precious to us as the little ones living right down the block.

Most Rev. Michael B. Curry, Presiding Bishop and Primate of The Episcopal Church and Honorary Co-Chair of ONE THOUSAND DAYS OF LOVE

SOW SEEDS OF RESILIENCE FOR AN ENTIRE COMMUNITY!

Your congregation can join together and Send *Gifts for Life* this Christmas—and give people all over the world the chance to transform their lives in lasting ways. Check out our success stories in each category—which are based on the three key priorities of community development that have proven to be most effective in our 75+ years of faith-based work.

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PLUS, GIFTS FROM
YOUR COMMUNITY



Look out for these items that can help improve the lives of children through ONE THOUSAND DAYS OF LOVE!

Cover photo: Atubiga, who is featured on the cover, is among a group of women in the Kolgo community in Northern Ghana who participate in a program called "Pass on the Gift." The program provides two small goats or sheep. The gift of animals enables the women to raise livestock. When the animals reproduce, the women agree to pass on the gift of an animal to other women in the community.



Feel good about your gift: Episcopal Relief & Development is committed to using all donations effectively and appropriately to empower people around the world. The product descriptions in this catalog represent gift items related to our programs; actual gifts may vary depending on local need.

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Why Give

Put your faith into action, and your tax-deductible gift will support our mission to fight poverty, hunger and disease worldwide.

Honor a Loved One

With every gift, you can send a personalized card letting them know about the life-changing gift made in their name.

When to Order

We accept donations all year long. But if you're purchasing a Christmas gift, make sure to return the enclosed order form by December 4 to receive your free gift cards in time!

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GIFTS TO FOSTER RESILIENCE

GIFTS IN ACTION:

Women in Ghana Have a Lasting Source of Livelihood

Alice, one of the oldest women in the group of 20, danced like a young girl. Aduko's eyes crinkled with delight. Charity and Rosemond posed proudly for a picture, holding their baby twins. All of these women were smiling with genuine happiness because they had new hope for their future.

Many of them are widows, essentially on their own in an economic situation that requires difficult physical labor. They live in the Kolgo community in the Upper East district of Ghana, where families struggle to survive as smallholder farmers. But now the women are members of the empowering "Passing on the Gift"

program. They each received two small goats or sheep and a chance to raise a small herd, significantly increasing their assets over time.

When the animals reproduce, the women then pass one offspring on to one of their neighbors, thereby sharing the wealth. In this way, the program starts with an initial investment that continually expands its benefits over time, becoming a lifeline to many. These strong, self-reliant women look out for each other and support their neighbors. Together, they are strengthening their livelihoods and their community.



GOAT

Give sustainability—as goats are hardy, reproduce quickly and can be raised in many climates to produce staple items such as milk, cheese and manure for farming.

\$80 for one goat / FS0102



SEEDS, TOOLS & TRAINING

Communities can thrive with seeds, climate-smart agricultural training and quality farming tools to cultivate a sustainable food supply.

\$45 per share / FS1201



FLOCK OF CHICKENS

Help train families and community groups to raise poultry and sell surplus stock and eggs in the marketplace.

\$25 per share / FS0901

\$135 per flock / FS0902



PIG

Offer families financial security and access to food by training them to raise and sell pigs, which reproduce quickly and are ready for market in just six months.

\$20 per share / FS1001

\$100 for one pig / FS1002



COW

With a milk-producing cow, a family has a steady supply of nourishment and can sell surplus milk to better provide for themselves.

\$65 per share / FS2102

\$630 for one cow / FS2101



FRUIT TREES

Passion fruit, mango, avocado and banana trees provide a long-term, sustainable source of nutrition and income—and can be planted on hillsides for erosion control.

\$35 per share / FS2401



CLEAN WATER

Ensure access to the most crucial element of health and resilience—clean water—which prevents the spread of illness and deadly disease.

\$35 per person / PH0301

\$215 per family / PH0302

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DISASTER RELIEF KITS

Provide families and communities with lifesaving necessities like food, clean water and medicine to foster resilience and jump-start recovery after disaster.

\$50 for one kit / DR0304



COVID-19 RELIEF KITS

Give our partners the resources and knowledge to assist their communities to effectively prevent and reduce coronavirus transmission, respond to cases as they arise and safely provide essential relief supplies.

\$45 for one kit / PH1201



GIVING TIP:

Did you know that if you give online, you can send a personalized e-card to your loved ones, telling them all about the meaningful gifts made on their behalf?





GIFTS FOR CHILDREN

GIFTS IN ACTION:

Clean Water, a Vital Key to Safety

Antonio and Manuel are friends who have grown up together. At 10 years old, they are the oldest children in their neighborhood of Kiniambi in Uige Province, Angola. Theirs is a remote community, but even here, they know all about the pandemic that has swept across the world.

The boys goofed around happily among their friends, and they said they were not afraid to be out playing. When they were asked why, they said, practically in unison, “There is enough water to wash our hands as much as we want!” Antonio then continued to explain, “I can even take a full bath... I just have to walk over to the spring.”

“There is enough good water for everyone,” Manuel added.

Kiniambi has 168 households and a population of 714 people. At the end of 2019, construction work finished on the protection of the spring that served as the one and only water source for their community.

Over the course of the last four years, Episcopal Relief & Development and the Anglican Diocese of Angola have succeeded in constructing 126 water structures across Songo Municipality. That means that more than 11,000 children like Antonio and Manuel now have access to improved hygienic water, giving them better means to protect themselves so they can continue to enjoy their time at play.



NURTURE & NOURISH THE EARLIEST LEARNERS

Help kids develop thinking, communication, social, emotional and motor skills through caregiver support and learning groups that promote healthy eating and family play.

\$15 per child / PH1101

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VITAMINS & PREVENTIVE MEDICINE

Ensure children receive the vitamins, nutrients and preventive care needed to protect against illness and infection, as well as build a strong foundation for healthy growth.

\$65 per share / PH1001

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MOSQUITO NETS & TRAINING

Provide insecticide-treated nets and training to pregnant women and their young children, who are especially at risk of contracting malaria.

\$12 per net / PH0105

\$120 per 10 nets / PH0106

\$300 to help 25 families / PH9133

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BICYCLE

Help community volunteers in rural areas cover greater distances, reach more homes and spend more time with children and their families.

\$95 per bike / PH0403

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EDUCATE CHILDREN AFFECTED BY AIDS

Bring trained volunteer teachers, school supplies, curriculum and learning materials to preschool children whose lives have been impacted by HIV/AIDS.

\$80 for one child / HV0501

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FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Hearing aids, glasses and other assistive devices are life-changing to physically challenged children—giving them the opportunity to participate meaningfully in community life.

\$75 for one child / PH0404

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GIVING TIP:

Instead of birthday gifts, ask your friends to send *Gifts for Life* in your name instead! Get started: support.episcopalrelief.org/birthday



GIFTS FOR WOMEN

GIFTS IN ACTION:

New Sources of Income

Mary leads the Seashore Songcolan Livelihood Association (SSLA) in the Philippine fishing village of Songcolan. As a single mother of two, she supports herself and her two young children by making and selling shell-crafts – clocks, candleholders, decorative objects and many other items that she crafts from seashells.

When the COVID-19 pandemic hit Songcolan, the fisherpeople of the community suddenly found themselves stuck at home, unable to go out and fish and sell in the market. Almost overnight, they and their families had lost their sole

source of income. Some of the women in the SSLA sought ways to create new means of income, and Mary had one solution to offer: She began training the women in shell-crafts. Since learning from Mary, these women have been crafting various items that they hope to sell when travel restrictions ease up.

Learning new skills increases women's resilience and economic self-sufficiency. With multiple sources of income, families will be better able to weather the next challenge that comes their way.



SAVINGS & LOAN GROUPS FOR WOMEN

Empower women as they gain confidence in a safe space to save while setting group rules, managing their household finances and accessing micro-loans to meet their families' needs.

\$60 per member / FS1805

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MICRO-CREDIT LOANS FOR WOMEN

Invest in women-owned businesses! Through micro-credit loans and training, you'll help women increase their income, become independent and save for the future.

\$200 per loan / FS1801



LITERACY GROUPS

Empower women in their decision-making processes by teaching them reading and writing, as well as educating them about government and financial institutions.

\$25 per student / FS1802



VOCATIONAL TRAINING

Provide women with opportunities to learn critical job skills that will help them gain confidence and financial independence.

\$100 per student / FS1803



CARE FOR MOMS & NEWBORNS

Provide expectant mothers and newborns, who are most vulnerable to infectious diseases, with the basic information, medicine and nutrition they need to stay healthy.

\$35 per mother and child / PH0801

ONE THOUSAND DAYS OF LOVE GIFT ❤️



WELLS & WATER SYSTEMS

Help communities build wells for clean water and learn hygiene practices for better health. Locally available water also gives women and girls greater security, since they won't be at risk walking long distances to fetch water.

\$750 for a share / PH9131

\$5,000 for a well / PH9132



GIVING TIP:

Organize a virtual coffee-hour fundraiser before worship service one Sunday and share your community's blessings with a community in need.

PUTTING THEIR FAITH IN ACTION:

FEATURED CONGREGATION

*St. John the Baptist Episcopal
Church in Corona, CA*

Each Advent, Karen Chavez, Deacon at St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church in Corona, CA, chooses a project that will raise awareness in her congregation about a need in the community or the world. Then she sets out to raise funds for that cause.

Her choice for Advent 2019 was Episcopal Relief & Development's ONE THOUSAND DAYS OF LOVE, our grassroots campaign to expand our global programs to improve the lives of children through age six. Karen asked the congregation for help, and she met with a group of volunteers to form a team. They created a display board, asked the choir director to teach children "Jesus Loves the



Little Children" and handled the logistics of donations. She also enlisted a talented parishioner named Mary to make ornaments to give to those who made a donation.

Karen introduced the Advent Challenge during a sermon on Christ the King Sunday, setting an ambitious goal of \$6,000, their highest fundraising goal ever. Each week during Advent, she updated the congregation on their progress. During the offertory on Epiphany Sunday, three children presented the gift of just over \$6,000 to the baby Jesus lying in the manger.

MORE INSPIRING CONGREGATIONS

*All Saints, Tarpon Springs, FL –
Raised \$900*

The Episcopal Church Women raised money through their "Designer Bag Bingo" for Episcopal Relief & Development.

St. Andrew's, Houston, TX

St. Andrew's hosted an Alternative Gift Market so members of the congregation could purchase presents for loved ones from *Gifts for Life*. Goats and bicycles were popular favorites.

*Trinity Episcopal Church,
Cranford, NJ – Raised \$200*

Marion, a Trinity congregant, held a fundraiser during the month of December that raised enough money to buy two goats and two pigs for a family.

♥ How will your congregation take part in ONE THOUSAND DAYS OF LOVE?

Share your story at info@episcopalrelief.org

BRING HOPE, RESILIENCE AND LASTING CHANGE TO **COMMUNITIES WORLDWIDE THIS CHRISTMAS**

By rejoicing in the Lord, we can also rejoice in one another—strengthening our connections and helping each other thrive. Encourage your congregation to empower a community in need with one of our Christmas gift packages:



ONE THOUSAND DAYS OF LOVE PACKAGE

Empower communities to help children up to age six thrive and achieve their full potential. These combined gifts build the foundation for our THOUSAND DAYS OF LOVE campaign.

- ✓ Care for five moms & their newborns
- ✓ Nurture & nourishment for 12 children
- ✓ Bicycles for three community volunteers
- ✓ Mosquito nets & training for 10 families
- ✓ Four savings & loan group memberships

\$1,000 / CH1010

ONE THOUSAND DAYS OF LOVE GIFT ♥



UNLOCKING ABUNDANCE PACKAGE

Help children thrive, empower women and build resilience with one gift bundle.

- ✓ Two disaster-relief kits
- ✓ Seeds, tools & training for two families
- ✓ Mosquito nets & training for 10 families
- ✓ Three savings & loan group memberships

\$490 / CH1007



COMPLETE CARE PACKAGE

Give a variety of key items from our gift categories to empower a community worldwide.

- ✓ Three goats and one pig
- ✓ Clean water for a family
- ✓ Vitamins & preventive medicine for five children
- ✓ Care for four moms & their newborns
- ✓ Two micro-credit loans for women

\$1,284 / CH1009



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So let us not grow weary in
doing what is right, for we
will reap at harvest time, if
we do not give up.

Galatians 6:9

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