Help provide warm coats for kids facing a miserable winter, like these young boys in a refugee camp in Iraq. See Page 11.
Hope can be hard to find in places like Vaziani, the site of an abandoned Soviet military base in the Republic of Georgia. Dilapidated apartments rise out of barren ground that has been stripped of trees for firewood and littered with ruins from the 2008 civil war. Parents are gone all day as they struggle to make a living selling scrap metal or shoes. There’s no local evangelical church.

So what brings a dimpled smile to the face of 11-year-old George Babladze? It’s the Good News he has discovered through The Greatest Journey, the discipleship program developed by Samaritan’s Purse for children who received shoebox gifts from Operation Christmas Child. “I’m interested in getting to know more about Jesus, and I can’t wait for the next lesson,” George said.

George has had a rough childhood in Vaziani but knows he can overcome giant obstacles, now that he has learned about David and Goliath. “This story taught us to always have faith in God,” George said. “David was sure that with God, he could fight against Goliath. If God is with you, no one will overcome you.”

George is among over 1.1 million children in over 80 countries who have made decisions for Christ through The Greatest Journey. Now he is eager to share the Gospel with his family and friends.

In the coming year, through Operation Christmas Child, we want to offer The Greatest Journey to 2.7 million children. We have translated the materials into 54 languages and trained 200,000 teachers to lead discipleship lessons.

The Greatest Journey costs just $6 per child, including class materials, teacher training, and New Testaments for the graduates. By setting up a recurring gift of $6 a month, you can provide 12 children a year with the opportunity to become faithful followers of Christ.

Jesus Christ said the poor would always be among us. Working with Samaritan’s Purse around the world, I witness extreme poverty—not only a lack of money or resources, but an utter lack of hope. As Samaritan’s Purse works to meet the physical needs of the poor, sick, and suffering, we share the Good News of our Lord and Savior. Christ alone offers hope not only for today but also for eternity.

As you look through this catalog and get a glimpse of the scope of our work, I hope you will pray for men, women, and children around the world who are in desperate circumstances right now. Ask God to use these projects to demonstrate His compassion and earn a hearing for the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Sincerely,

Franklin Graham
President

Let’s help millions of children become faithful followers of Jesus Christ

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When you give through the catalog, Samaritan’s Purse can send personalized honor or memory cards directly to your family and friends. Each card includes the name of the loved one being honored, the person’s name making the gift, and a description of the impact your chosen Samaritan’s Purse project will make. See order form for details.
Families left homeless by a natural disaster struggle to survive each day without blankets to ward off the cold, portable stoves and utensils to prepare meals, and soap to cleanse away disease-causing germs. In crisis situations across the globe, our teams and church partners pack essential items like these into family-sized buckets and distribute them to thousands who have lost everything. Our God can make much out of little. In 1 Kings, He sent Elijah to Zarephath, where a poor widow would care for him. When he arrived and asked for some bread and water, the woman broke down in despair—she had nothing to offer because a great drought was choking the village. But Elijah told her not to fear. He said, “For thus says the Lord God of Israel: ‘The bin of flour shall not be used up, nor shall the jar of oil run dry, until the day the Lord sends rain on the earth’” (1 Kings 17:14). Your gift of $45 helps Samaritan’s Purse provide survival kits to meet urgent needs of men, women, and children worldwide and show God’s abundant grace for those in crisis situations.

In the days following a devastating storm, survivors need a roof over their heads so they can escape the soaking rains and scorching sun. When Samaritan’s Purse responds to a disaster overseas, one of our first priorities is to provide emergency shelters for families who have lost everything. A year after Typhoon Haiyan devastated the Philippines, more than 19,500 Filipino families are living in transitional shelters provided by Samaritan’s Purse. As we work alongside local church partners in disaster zones, God gives us opportunities to share with families how they can find eternal refuge in the Lord. “For You have been a shelter for me, a strong tower from the enemy. I will abide in Your tabernacle forever; I will trust in the shelter of Your wings” (Psalm 61:3-4). Your gift of $50 can help supply heavy-duty tarps or other materials to safely shelter a family in crisis.
What made the Good Samaritan different from the religious leaders who ignored a half-dead robbery victim left on the side of the road? Jesus tells us: “He had compassion. So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him” (Luke 10:33-34). When lives are on the line, compassion and care can go a long way. The Lord has blessed Samaritan’s Purse with doctors, nurses, a medical warehouse, and even aircraft so that we can respond immediately to public health emergencies, like a cholera outbreak in Haiti. Your gift of $60 could provide IV solutions, protective clothing for a worker in an isolation ward, or medicines and supplies that can save lives and bring glory to God.

The Pharaoh of ancient Egypt dreamed of seven gaunt cows devouring seven fat ones, and seven blighted heads of grain consuming seven plump ones. With God’s help, Joseph interpreted this vision as seven years of plenty followed by seven of famine. He advised the Pharaoh to store up grain in preparation for the coming drought: “Then that food shall be as a reserve for the land for the seven years of famine which shall be in the land of Egypt, that the land may not perish during the famine” (Genesis 41:36). Famines and disasters usually come without warning and can be devastating for people who live from one harvest to the next. Every year, Samaritan’s Purse distributes tons of rice, corn, beans, and other food staples to help hundreds of thousands survive the hunger gap. Just $35 can help us deliver enough food to sustain a family for a month.

What does the Lord require of you? But to do justly, To love mercy, And to walk humbly with your God? Micah 6:8

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CHILDREN’S MINISTRIES

Bringing Treasures Out of Terror

Children in the Faradje Territory in the Democratic Republic of the Congo Have Never Known a Peaceful Childhood.

Their homeland has been terrorized by the Lord’s Resistance Army, a militant group notorious for abducting and forcing children to become soldiers. Many of the children have either been kidnapped by the LRA or know others who have, and over half of the families living in Faradje have fled from violence elsewhere.

Churches in Faradje want to help but lack resources. Eight out of ten churchgoers in Faradje are children, but only half of the churches have children’s ministries.

Samaritan’s Purse launched a program called SAVE to provide compassionate care to vulnerable boys and girls by equipping local churches to create and sustain children’s ministries.

Through SAVE, we mobilize church volunteers to host weekly youth programs and recreational activities in places that are child-friendly and safe. The children are free to play, dance, sing, and learn about Jesus in a loving environment. Bible lessons introduce them to God’s Word, encourage their developing faith, and teach them to interact with their parents and others in constructive, healthy ways.

“I am beginning to know the greatness of God in my life,” said a 15-year-old boy named Manzikala.

Other children are witnessing to family members and praying for their salvation. A mother named Agoyo said, “My children have said that their papa will change one day, because Jesus changed the blind man, and now their papa is blind spiritually,” she said.

Over 700 boys and girls, ages 6-15, have participated in SAVE. As this new generation learns to live out the Gospel amid the uncertainty and heartbreak they’ve experienced, the SAVE program gives them a chance to build a strong foundation on the Word of God.

SAVE coordinator, Georgine Biwaga, believes the ministry is a “hidden treasure” for the Faradje children to discover the redeeming power of Jesus. “These things allow the children to change the bad traditional culture that dominates today,” she said.

There are places like Faradje all over the world, where children are looking for a sanctuary, and churches need our support to minister to them and lead them to Christ. “In whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge” (Colossians 2:3).

In Lao Cai, one of the poorest provinces in Vietnam, Samaritan’s Purse is working to break the cycle of poverty among vulnerable children from marginalized ethnic groups. These include a 12-year-old girl named Phuong, who said, “I want to be a teacher.” We work with these children to help them see the value of staying in school, setting goals, and learning practical skills that can be a blessing to their families.

We also built a dorm at the school for children, where they can stay during the week so they won’t have to travel long distances on foot every day. Phuong’s dad, a farmer, said this helps his daughter attend on a regular basis. “She can learn more knowledge and have a better future,” he said.

From the plains of Faradje to the highlands of Vietnam to the dusty streets of Egypt and India, Samaritan’s Purse works through partners to help children living in crisis situations, meet their physical needs, and give them a fresh start on a better life.

Your gift of $75 can provide a vulnerable child with daily necessities, safe shelter, and loving care from compassionate believers.

Defend the poor and fatherless; Do justice to the afflicted and needy. PSALM 84:3

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The weather felt a lot like Christmas in a cold, muddy tent city crowded with refugees from Syria. And that’s exactly what the children shouted—“It’s like Christmas!”—when Samaritan’s Purse and our local church partners arrived to hand out coats and nearly 1,500 pairs of shoes. These families had left everything behind, and their children were overjoyed to put on something warm and clean. Clothing is one of the specific ways Jesus mentioned in Matthew 25 about how we should minister to the downtrodden:

“The King will answer and say to them, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me’” (Matthew 25:40).

For $25 we can furnish shoes and clothing for disaster survivors or refugee families, or school uniforms for impoverished children.

Boys and girls played on swing sets, climbed a jungle gym, and kicked soccer balls after a day of class at the Greta Home and Academy in Haiti. “This is an orphanage where a lot of people are working together to take care of the children,” said Merbisson, 12. Woudeline, 11, chimed in with her timid, raspy voice, “When I am here, I eat three times a day. When I am at home, it is not the same thing. Here it is different.” Seventy children who were orphaned or abandoned following Haiti’s 2010 earthquake live at the Greta Home, and another 50 boys and girls from the community have been integrated into the Academy. Many of the children have committed their lives to Christ since they arrived. “I wanted to be baptized because I love God, and I wanted to walk with God,” Woudeline said. A dozen teachers at the Greta Home care for the young boys and girls who have experienced loss and heartbreak—teaching them about their loving Heavenly Father, who promised, “I will never leave you nor forsake you” (Hebrews 13:5). Samaritan’s Purse opened the Greta Home and Academy in 2012. It is named in honor of Greta Van Susteren for her work on behalf of the people of Haiti, and is dedicated to raising up strong believers who can become leaders for Haiti and ambassadors for Christ. Your $150 gift goes toward providing a child with a quality education, school supplies, nutritious food, and loving care at the Greta Home and Academy.

In the very presence of God on Mount Sinai, Moses heard how dearly the Lord loves widows and orphans. “You shall not afflict any widow or fatherless child. If you afflict them in any way, and they cry at all to Me, I will surely hear their cry” (Exodus 22:22-23). In more than 20 countries, Samaritan’s Purse works with Christian partners to care for thousands of boys and girls in orphanages, feeding programs, daycare centers, schools, hospitals, and outreaches for street children. They may have been neglected or cast aside, but they are precious in God’s sight, and we want to introduce them to the “Father of the fatherless” (Psalm 68:5). Your $35 gift can demonstrate His love by providing food, housing, healthcare, and other essentials in the Name of Jesus Christ.

A father of the fatherless, a defender of widows, Is God in His holy habitation. Psalm 68:5
When a team from Samaritan’s Purse arrived to fix a broken well in Kenya, they found something far more ominous. Members of the community were collecting what little money they had to hire a witch doctor, who intended to sacrifice goats to appease the evil spirits that he blamed for the mechanical breakdown. Our workers immediately recognized the situation as an opportunity to demonstrate the truth that Jesus Christ conquered evil at the Cross: “Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it” (Colossians 2:15). Our team was able to repair the well, and women rejoiced and men stood speechless as cool, clean water gushed forth. One elderly farmer exclaimed, “I now believe that there is a God in heaven who has mighty power and cares for His people.” Samaritan’s Purse drills and repairs wells in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Costs range from $400 for a pump or a hand-dug well serving a few families, up to $10,000 or more for a deep-drilled borehole that can supply fresh water for more than a thousand people.

Jesus invites everyone with a thirsty heart to drink Him in. “Come!” and let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely” (Revelation 22:17). You don’t have to be a scientist to understand that water is essential to life, or that drinking from a murky pond or pasture stream can be deadly. But what if you live where there is no safe source of drinking water? In places like these around the world, Samaritan’s Purse has installed water filters in hundreds of thousands of homes. These easy-to-use sand-filtered units remove disease-causing micro-organisms and pollutants using a natural process that requires no chemicals or power. For $100 we can give a family a perpetual source of safe drinking water and teach them about the river of life, “clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and the Lamb” (Revelation 22:1).
For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. 
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Heroes on the Home Front

How can we ever thank military couples who have sacrificed so dearly to guard our freedom?

Juan Montealvo

It was just a few days before Christmas in 2004 when the Army sent Staff Sergeant Juan Montealvo on what seemed like a peaceful mission—delivering school supplies for Iraqi children in Mosul. Then a nasty “daisy-chain bomb” planted by insurgents exploded a few yards from his vehicle.

It was the first of nine major explosions Juan would survive during three combat tours to Iraq. By the time he came home to stay in 2010, his wife Tanya realized something was very wrong. His speech was irregular and his responses were slow.

Juan was diagnosed with traumatic brain injury and went through years of occupational therapy, physical therapy, and speech therapy. “My wife became the caregiver,” he said. “That opened the door to a world that we weren’t prepared for.”

The Montealvos are not alone. When military personnel come home wounded, not only do they have to deal with life-changing disabilities, but their marriages can be strained to the breaking point. Operation Heal Our Patriots is a project developed by Samaritan’s Purse to help these couples work together to grow closer to God and to each other.

We bring them to Samaritan Lodge Alaska for a week where they can enjoy the rugged beauty of a pristine wilderness, while they learn more about the Lord and His principles for a godly marriage and life. Some couples arrive barely speaking to each other, but by the time they leave, their whole outlook is transformed.

The Montealvos had prayed to receive Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior just a few weeks before they heard about Operation Heal Our Patriots. Tanya knew God was answering their prayers.

“I'm ready for a new beginning with my husband, walking along with Jesus Christ,” she said.

Hundreds of military couples have already been blessed by Operation Heal Our Patriots, and we are planning to bring 150 more to Alaska in the coming year. Samaritan’s Purse offers the trip and activities free of charge to the participants, as a token of our appreciation for their service. They are true American heroes.

Your gift will help Samaritan’s Purse cover all the costs of Operation Heal Our Patriots—including transportation and lodging—so that military couples will have this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to enjoy America’s last frontier, strengthen their marriages, and grow closer to God.

Now can you ever thank military couples who have sacrificed so dearly to guard our freedom?

Suggested Gift: $6,000

Share the cost: $60
Come and see the works of God; He is awesome in His doing toward the sons of men.

Psalm 66:5

Families who receive chickens from Samaritan’s Purse give back one of the first offspring to bless their neighbors. In fact, many of them graciously offer more. Your $14 gift can provide a dozen chicks that will not only provide a source of nutrition and income but also help instill generosity. “Honor the Lord with your possessions, and with the firstfruits of all your increase” (Proverbs 3:9).

Reading is fundamental, and not just for success in school or work. It’s also vital for children to be able to read the Bible so they can understand God’s plan for their lives. Samaritan’s Purse works with Christian partners to provide young people living in poverty with basic educational opportunities. For $14 you can help furnish school supplies or a month’s tuition for a child.

After hearing about an orphaned Rwandan girl singing “Jesus loves Me,” Ruth Bell Graham had the idea to give sick and traumatized children cuddly toy lambs that play the same sweet melody. Samaritan’s Purse has distributed thousands of these musical lambs to boys and girls through Operation Christmas Child. For just $10, you can give five children this special reminder of how much they are loved.

On the night our Savior was born, his mother laid him in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn. An angel had told Joseph to name the child, Jesus, “for He will save His people from their sins” (Matthew 1:21). The wonderful story of Christ’s birth, His message of salvation, and other Bible stories come alive for millions of children as they read the Gospel booklets that we distribute along with shoebox gifts collected through our Operation Christmas Child project. Translated into more than 60 languages, these booklets help children discover how much God loves them. Celebrate this Christmas with a gift of $5 to supply booklets for 10 children around the world, so they can learn about the reigning Prince of Peace.
When God called Isaiah to be His prophet, Isaiah obediently responded, “Send me” (Isaiah 6:8). When the Lord sends modern-day evangelists to take the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we don’t want them to be hindered or delayed by muddy roads, thick jungles, or rugged mountains. Samaritan’s Purse provides them with sturdy bicycles, motorbikes, and other vehicles, so they can go the extra mile to proclaim the Gospel.

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Picture wisdom as a person who raises her voice and reaches out her hand. Proverbs instructs us to take hold and listen. “If you seek her as silver, and search for her as for hidden treasures, then you will understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God” (Proverbs 2:4-5). When Samaritan’s Purse builds a community school, we give Christian teachers the opportunity to impart godly wisdom through their lessons. When you invest in one of these schools, you are offering a lifetime of hope for young boys and girls—helping them break the cycle of poverty, pursue career opportunities, and gain knowledge of Christ. A gift of $20,000 goes toward building a one-room school in places like Kenya, Bolivia, and Cambodia.

Three times Peter denied that he knew Jesus. Then a rooster crowed, “And the Lord turned and looked at Peter” (Luke 22:61). Jesus was looking at a friend he was about to die for—the one He had chosen to be the foundation of His church. At that very moment, Peter remembered what the Lord had foretold. “So Peter went out and wept bitterly” (Luke 22:62). The rest of Peter’s life was marked by bold faith, and he went on to establish some of the very first Christian churches. In the same way that Peter became Christ’s “rock,” God uses humble and repentant followers today to become the pillars of the church, ministering to their neighbors through the Good News of forgiveness and the compassion of Christ. Many of these impoverished congregations meet under trees or in thatched-roof huts until Samaritan’s Purse builds them a proper sanctuary where they can worship the Lord and lift high the Cross. The cost of church construction ranges from $15,000 to $75,000, depending on the size, location, and materials.
Where the Sick Can Trust God for Help

Joanna was skin and bones when she arrived at Egbe Hospital in rural Nigeria. The 20-year-old weighed only 65 pounds because her body wouldn’t keep food down.

She had sought care at major hospitals in Africa’s largest city, but none of the doctors there were able to pinpoint her problem, and none of their treatments had helped.

In desperation, Joanna made the five-hour trip to Egbe, where missionary doctors recognized that her symptoms indicated a partial bowel obstruction. They admitted her for surgery, and within a few days, she began improving and was able to eat solid food.

Then the doctors saw something else they hadn’t seen before in her—a smile. When one of them asked Joanna why she left a large city to seek medical care at a mission hospital, she replied, “God is here, and I know that you can help me.”

Egbe Hospital has been a life-saving medical institution and beacon of the Gospel for over 60 years, but the facilities were outdated and worn out. Samaritan’s Purse just completed an 11,000-square-foot facility to add an intensive care unit, laboratory, X-ray, and other essential services.

At the dedication ceremony, more than 1,000 locals took to the streets to praise God for the revitalization of the hospital.

“God is here and I know that you can help me.”

We praise God for how He continues to use missionary hospitals to heal the sick and spread the Good News of salvation in Jesus Christ. Samaritan’s Purse is committed to rebuilding and renovating mission hospitals in strategic locations so Christian physicians can offer the best possible medical and spiritual care for their patients.

Maban Hospital in South Sudan was a rural facility that was overwhelmed by the arrival of over 100,000 refugees. Patients were forced to stay in tents in the tropical heat until Samaritan’s Purse expanded the facilities. We added an operating room that is the only place in the region where surgery is available. Our ministry team at the hospital offers Biblical crisis counseling to patients suffering from physical, social, and emotional trauma.

In Bangladesh, Memorial Christian Hospital serves as a powerful witness for God’s love. “Medical evangelism is of particular importance in showing genuine Christian compassion in a Muslim society,” said Dr. Stephen Kelly (pictured at left), the hospital’s medical director. “Jesus Christ, the Great Physician, serves as our ultimate example. He did not merely talk about God’s love, He demonstrated it through compassionate healing.”

Samaritan’s Purse is helping to construct a new facility for Memorial Christian Hospital that will include a 120-bed medical center, an intensive care unit, operating rooms, an obstetrics wing, emergency room, and trauma services.

Let us know if God is leading you to help build or upgrade a mission hospital. For about $35,000, we can expand an ICU, build an outpatient clinic, or upgrade a surgical ward, enabling thousands to receive life-saving care and hear about the life-giving sacrifice of Jesus Christ.
A missionary doctor serving in tropical Gabon was blessed with twins, but one of them was born with complications that required a portable oxygen concentrator. At the same time, a family in the U.S. donated just such a machine to Samaritan’s Purse in memory of a child they lost, trusting that it might be used to save a life elsewhere. Our medical warehouse specializes in missions like this—shipping donated medical equipment to remote places where God can use it to answer prayers. Devices that might be outdated or even discarded in the U.S. can become a Godsend in a mission hospital. For about $150, we can ship or help purchase an oxygen concentrator, incubator, X-ray machine, or other donated and refurbished equipment that will serve as testimony that God provides.

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As Dr. Brantly was fighting for his life, 23 more young doctors and their families took their own step of faith and began two-year assignments overseas in the same program as Dr. Brantly. World Medical Mission (the medical arm of Samaritan’s Purse) developed the Post-Residency Program to raise up a new generation of medical missionaries to replace those who are retiring. Your gifts help us cover the costs of their overseas service, which breaks down to about $4,200 a month or as little as $7 per patient.

“Following God often leads us to unexpected places,” Dr. Brantly said. “My focus remains the same—to follow God.”

Go and learn what this means: “I desire mercy and not sacrifice.” Matthew 9:13

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God promised Moses to rescue His people from slavery in Egypt and lead them "to a land flowing with milk and honey" (Exodus 3:8). Once they settled in the Promised Land, they would be able to enjoy its abundant blessings. Samaritan’s Purse helps struggling families get the most out of their land by getting them started with goats or other dairy animals. The nutritional advantages of fresh milk every day are obvious, especially for growing children. Dairy animals can also be a dependable source of income, as extra milk can be sold to raise money for school fees, clothes, and medical expenses. As our staff offer training and basic veterinary care, we build relationships with the families that earn us opportunities to share the Gospel. A gift of $70 can help provide a goat or other dairy animal to a family in need.

"YOU GAVE ME SEEDS AND TAUGHT ME HOW TO PLANT AND CULTIVATE MY FIELD. MOST IMPORTANTLY, YOU TOLD ME THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST."

—Georgette, farmer in the Congo

Love, joy, and peace are among the fruit of the Holy Spirit in the heart of the believer, Galatians 5:22 says. Jesus tells us that He is the true vine connecting us to God’s righteousness. "He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit" (John 15:5). Fruit trees are prized possessions for families struggling to make ends meet in places like Honduras, Cambodia, and Niger—growing into a perpetual source of healthy food as well as income. In addition, planting trees protects soil from erosion and helps preserve natural farmland and fields. As our teams distribute avocado, papaya, mango, and other trees in poverty-stricken communities, we point to Christ as the provider of abundant life both now and for eternity. For $45, we can supply a poor family with 30 seedlings that can yield a harvest for seasons to come and encourage them to root their lives in the Word of God.

My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. PHILIPPIANS 4:19

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Jesus described himself as the Good Shepherd guiding his flock. “My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life” (John 10:27-28). For thousands of everyday shepherds in villages throughout the world, the sheep provided by Samaritan’s Purse offer warm wool and lambs to sell for much-needed income. As we teach them how to properly care for their flocks, God gives us opportunities to share Christ’s message as the one true Shepherd and the Door for the sheep. “If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture” (John 10:9). Your gift of $80 helps us to provide a family with a sheep or other herding animal, or offer training on how to tend their flock.

Farming is a faith journey. You can plant in perfect rows and dutifully tend a garden, but you can’t control the weather or force a seed to sprout. As God’s workers, we go into the ministry field to sow the love of Christ, trusting Him to grow His Church. Paul taught the believers in Corinth: “neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase” (1 Corinthians 3:7). Our farm and garden projects equip poor families from Haiti to Cambodia with the means to feed themselves and then earn income. As little as $55 can furnish seeds, fertilizer, tools, and training for hard-working farmers, while giving us the opportunity to tell them about the God who made the sun, the rain, and the way of salvation for all who believe.

Give in honor or in memory of someone special. We’ll send a card announcing your gift and describing its impact. See order form for details.

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.” John 10:11

ANIMALS & AGRICULTURE
Jesus never shied away from lepers, sinners, and others who were branded as unclean. He said in Mark 2:17, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.” This is the heart of what we do at Samaritan’s Purse—offering physical and spiritual aid to hurting people in the Name of Christ. There is no better example today than our ministry to victims of the deadly Ebola virus in West Africa. Samaritan’s Purse doctors and nurses in Liberia risked their own lives to care for sick and dying patients, while Liberian Christians crisscrossed the country to teach a half-million people how to avoid infection and prevent the spread of the disease. A gift of $50 can help cover the cost of protective suits for health-care workers in a place like Liberia or help us fight epidemic diseases like malaria, tuberculosis, or HIV/AIDS in other parts of the world.

They promise education for children and jobs for parents. “Just come with me.” But these are human traffickers, who lure children and young women into unimaginable exploitation and trap mothers and fathers in years of unpaid labor away from their families. Samaritan’s Purse works with church and community leaders in Asia, Africa, and Latin America to help potential victims recognize and avoid these wicked and life-wrecking schemes. “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour” (1 Peter 5:8). Heng Keang, a teacher in Cambodia, said fewer children are dropping out of school now that they understand the dangers that lurk in the streets. “After Samaritan’s Purse trained my school, all the teachers understand about safe migration issues, and we are teaching all the students,” he said. Your gift of $100 will enable our workers to reach more schools, churches, and communities and help those who are vulnerable to human trafficking to escape desperation and trust the Lord as their Redeemer.

The Lord also will be a refuge for the oppressed, A refuge in times of trouble. PSALM 9:9

Jesus told a parable about jobless people getting a day’s work in a vineyard. No matter what time they were hired, the landowner promised everyone would receive “whatever is right” as payment (Matthew 20:4). At the end of the day, he rewarded them all equally. In our vocational training programs around the world, Samaritan’s Purse works with people who might not be the first to be hired, but once we give them training and an opportunity, they can become productive, respected, and self-sufficient. We provide widows, single parents, and others the skills they need to do a job or open a small shop. Participants learn how to develop their trade while working for the glory of God. For $120 we can train and equip a person for sewing, carpentry, food service, or another productive livelihood.
Mary Mitskevich knew there was one thing she was not getting for Christmas—a toy.

Mary grew up as one of five children of a pastor in Russia, and her family couldn't afford Christmas gifts other than a few practical items like clothing and toiletries. So she will never forget the day in 1998 when Samaritan's Purse delivered brightly wrapped shoeboxes from Operation Christmas Child to her church. The boxes were jam-packed with fun gifts and little treasures. “I used every item to its fullest,” Mary said. “I outgrew the gifts inside the box before too long, but I never outgrew the box.” Even today, now that she is married and living in Texas, Mary still uses that 16-year-old shoebox to store precious keepsakes. “I have had the opportunity to pack several shoeboxes myself for kids around the world, and I hope these boxes will bring just as much joy and love as I experienced through the ministry of Operation Christmas Child,” she said.

Never underestimate the power of a simple gift. This year, we are trusting God for more than 10 million gift boxes through Operation Christmas Child to reach boys and girls in over 100 countries around the world. Some of these gift boxes will be packed by children or people on fixed incomes who may not be able to afford the $7 donation for international shipping and other expenses. You can help us cover these costs when you adopt a box for $7 or adopt a carton of 15 boxes for $105.