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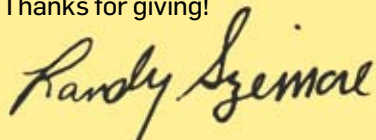
**A New
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THE BIBLE TELLS us that God so loved, that He gave. Just think of all the giving that takes place in the Bible from the Creation account in Genesis to the new Heaven and new Earth in Revelation. Since we are created in the likeness

and image of our Father, we too are "hard wired" to give. You have proven that over and again as together we partner to empower national churches, facilitate mission workers and minister to the marginalized. This updated giving catalog will help you continue that tradition. Here you will be provided with detailed information on the ministries we are involved in as the Evangelical Congregational Church around the globe. Use this resource to fine tune your giving to specific projects God whispers into your heart as you turn the pages. Use this catalog as a prayer tool to lift up the various practical illustrations of the two-handed gospel being preached around the world in word and deed. Use this updated giving catalog to purchase a gift in honor or recognition of someone you love and admire and we'll send a card so you can let them know you contributed in their honor. Most importantly, view this giving catalog as a practical tool which allows you to partner with what God is doing in the lives of your friends in faraway places.

Thanks for giving!



Randy Sizemore, Director



RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT

Launch Liberia

1 War has left the nation of Liberia devastated with demolished infrastructure, hurting families, and damaged people. However, peace has brought new hope for this wounded land and the Global Ministries Commission, in conjunction with OMS International, is committed to fostering that hope through Launch Liberia, a three-year development initiative. Please donate today to help bring healing, advance rebuilding, and support Liberia into sustainable independence. Find out more about Launch Liberia at our ecglobal.org website.

Consider a gift today for this comprehensive development plan which will build a clinic, schools and facilitate micro-enterprise loans.

A gift of just \$25 will buy 5 Bibles so five different Liberian families can read God's word.

A donation of \$75 will buy a bicycle for a local church planter, allowing him to travel to visit people in his community, building relationships and sharing Christ's love.

A \$150 contribution will help to build hand-dug wells, ensuring that local communities have access to clean drinking water.



EDUCATION A

International Student Scholarship Fund

4 This fund helps gifted leaders in our EC churches worldwide to receive the education they need.

A commitment of only \$20 per month for three years will provide strategic leadership training. Invest in the future of the EC Church, and the Kingdom, around the world!



Student Scholarships

5 Students at the Evangelical College of Theology in NE India are the future leaders of this multiplying, mission-minded Body of Christ. **For \$30 per month, a student at ECT receives a full scholarship** for a culturally appropriate education. Over 90 students need scholarships to remain at ECT and continue training in order to answer God's call to service. Don't miss the opportunity to help future pastors and missionaries of the international EC Church obtain invaluable training!



Liberia Church Reconstruction

2 Thirty-six of thirty-nine EC Churches in Liberia were damaged or destroyed during the years of civil combat. The people of God have remained resolute. Peace has spread across Liberia and the time for reconstruction has arrived. This is your opportunity to help rebuild structures to support the work of the church in Liberia.

A one-time donation of just \$50 will help to refurbish a church.

A gift of \$250 will re-roof a church building.



Christian Cemetery in Nepal

3 Death is an obstacle to evangelization. This seems like a strange statement, but in Nepal it is literally true! The people of Nepal believe it is very important to sacredly bury their dead but the Buddhist religious leaders keep tight control on the lands dedicated for cemetery use. As a form of persecution, churches are denied access to burial lands. Evangelism is hampered when poor churches cannot afford the lands for the dead to be properly buried. It sounds odd to us, but it's a profound issue in that culture. Our EC Churches in Nepal are attempting to buy land that can be used by Christians of all backgrounds to bury their loved ones. **Consider helping our persecuted brothers and sisters today** by giving toward the \$10,000 necessary for this project!

If there is a poor man among your brothers in any of the towns of the land that the LORD your God is giving you, do not be hardhearted or tightfisted toward your poor brother. Rather be openhanded and freely lend him whatever he needs. —DEUTERONOMY 15:7-8

ND TRAINING

ECT Faculty support

6 The faculty at Evangelical College of Theology in Churachandpur is dedicated to preparing the next generation of leaders. However, income from tuition does not begin to cover the costs of paying for such expenses as instructors' salaries and property upkeep. Each faculty member at ECT receives only \$150 per month in salary. **Help offset some of the college's expenses by donating towards the cost of a faculty member's salary.**

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. —2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17

Mexico Bible Institute

9 Recognizing that ministry in Mexico needs to speak to the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of local communities inspired the EC Church of Mexico to establish the Evangelical Bible Institute. The training provided at the Institute couples deep theological examination with practical leadership instruction to prepare a new generation of leaders for ministry in the 21st Century.

A regular monthly gift of \$25 will pay a month's tuition for a student at the Bible Institute.

A one-time donation of \$75, \$100 or even \$150 will buy numerous books and reference materials to build the Institute's library, creating a priceless resource for future generations.

Christian Classrooms that can Change the World

8 For just \$1000 you can build a completely outfitted classroom for one of our orphanage's schools in India. Our schools are currently operating over-capacity, educating a completely vulnerable segment of society. Consider giving to this great work in the form of a memorial for a loved one.

Give a gift of \$250, or multiples thereof up to \$1000, and serve thousands for decades to come!





ORPHANAGES AND CHILDREN'S HOMES



EC Church of India and the Two-Handed Gospel

10 The gospel and social concern go forth hand and hand in this nation. The EC Church of India runs three orphanages among the marginalized Christian communities in this predominantly Hindu nation. **A mere \$20 a month helps an orphan to have a home, be fed, and attend a Christian school.** In short, it provides them with a childhood. Consider "adopting" one of these orphans **for an ongoing commitment of \$20/month.** You can make a difference in the life of one of these remarkable children.

Nepal Orphanage

20 One of the world's poorest countries, Nepal is struggling to overcome the legacy of the deadly 10 year Maoist rebellion. Nepal's major religions are Hinduism and Buddhism. While the EC Church of Nepal is making significant inroads in the culture, there is a growing need for a Christian orphanage to care for the children of the Christian faith. They are being passed over, persecuted and even pressured to renounce their faith in Jesus Christ to be granted care in existing orphanages. **\$25 per month will ensure a child housing, food, clothing, schooling and Christian care through the EC Church of India & Nepal.**

Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world. -JAMES 1:27

A GIFT AND MORE...

HAVE YOU EVER had to shop for the person who has everything? Here is a way to give someone a unique gift that will bring joy to them and hope to others!

If you give a gift from this catalog to honor someone, we will send you a lovely personalized gift card that you can pass along to them. For example, if you donate a scooter for one of our EC Church of India missionaries in honor of your favorite Sunday School teacher, we will send you a gift card with the name of the honoree and the item that was purchased. You can then pass this along to your friend.

The upcoming holidays are a great opportunity to help others by purchasing gifts from this catalog, but don't just think Christmas! Birthdays, anniversaries – any occasion is a good reason to help those with needs. Every gift in this catalog will help someone in the EC Church worldwide. Take this opportunity to be part of God's blessing to our EC brothers and sisters around the globe.



EVANGELISM



And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

-MATTHEW 24:14

INDIA

Our EC Church of India has 174 national missionaries that they have sent out to spread God's Word among neighboring states and countries. All of these missionaries have two basic needs to fulfill the Great Commission – support and transportation.



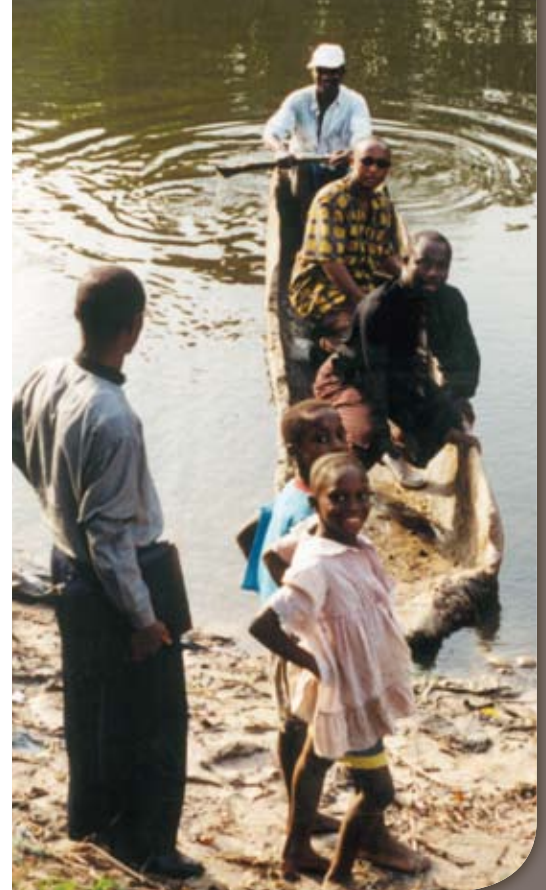
Child Rehabilitation Program

12 During the Civil Wars that spanned over 14 years, the people of Liberia were brutalized. Families were torn apart and numerous children were forced to act as soldiers—trained to carry guns and kill on demand. Others were left roaming the streets in search of protection. Many children were orphaned. Many children were robbed of their innocence. All children were affected. The EC Church of Liberia has heard the cries of a generation scarred by conflict and is working daily to cater to the holistic needs of the children of Liberia. Won't you join with us to give a child hope, a chance, and a future?

A one-time gift of \$30 will provide school supplies for 2 children.

A one-time contribution of \$75 will help to better equip the building currently being used to house the orphans.

\$150 annually will provide the opportunity for a child to attend school to learn such skills as reading and writing.



AND CHURCH PLANTING

Support

13 Our EC Church of India missionaries receive only \$63 to \$151 per month, which provides the basics for sustenance. The Global Ministries Commission is committed to providing half of that monthly support. Can you help? For a **low monthly donation of \$10 or more**, you can be a part of sending the Good News into countries closed to western missionaries. Among the countries being reached are Bangladesh, Bhutan, and Nepal.



Transportation

14 Our missionaries in these hard-to-reach nations need help in order to get there! To accommodate our faithful workers in the field, the following items are needed:

- 20 scooters @ \$1130 each
- 1 motorcycle @ \$1760
- 20 bicycles @ \$114 each

Would you consider buying a bicycle or scooter in honor of a special friend, or in memory of a loved one? What better way to remember them than by having the Gospel furthered in their name!

Maybe your church would like to tackle a larger project. A four-wheel drive vehicle is also needed so the Director of Missions of the EC Church of India can visit and encourage the various missionaries and mission fields under his supervision. Cost is estimated at \$9,000.

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COSTA RICA CHURCH PLANTING:

21 The Costa Rica EC Church has recently dealt with some severe flooding and other challenges but reports health and growth! Rev. Dr. William Araya shares that they have rejoiced in recent conversions and baptisms. The EC Church of Costa Rica now has 5 congregations averaging about 260 members. William's vision is to have an EC Church planted in each of the seven regions of Costa Rica. The Global Ministries Commission has set a goal of raising \$10,000 in 2009 for this much needed ministry. **Your one time gift of \$1,000 or regular monthly gift of any amount will help the church planting vision of Costa Rica become a reality!**

MISSIONARY PROJECTS

MP3 players to share the Gospel"

22 Jim and Janet Stahl work with native Bible storytellers. The Stahls train local people in other cultures in ways to share the Gospel effectively by telling its stories. In order to make this happen, Jim and Janet would like to equip each storyteller with an mp3 player, on which they could record their stories.

For a gift of \$45, you can provide an mp3 player and batteries for those who are carrying the Gospel story into oral cultures. The Stahls need at least 10 mp3 players to give one to each of the storytellers with whom they are currently working. **\$45 provides an mp3 player and batteries for one storyteller.**



MICRO ENTERPRISE LOANS



Evangelical Women's Empowerment Fund- Liberia

19 The male population was devastated during the civil war and women/ mothers are now the basic fabric of Liberia's economic system. In order for single mothers and young ladies to uphold their Christian integrity, this program was established. The program provides assistance in the form of micro-business loans, allowing them to be entrepreneurial with their skills of sewing, baking, computer-work and more. A total of 500 women have benefited from the program and many of them receive ongoing training.

A one time gift can add to the lending capital of our Church in Liberia but **an ongoing monthly gift of \$50** will allow you to change the life of a Liberian woman and her family forever!

God loves good people, protects strangers, takes the side of orphans and widows, but makes short work of the wicked. -PSALM 146:9



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