

Meaningful Gifts...

*Jesus transforms us so that we can help
change the world!*

Alternative Christmas Market 2009

Alternative gifts represent the love of Christ

He who is kind to the poor lends to the Lord,
and he will reward him for what he has done,

Proverbs 19:17

“For I was hungry and you gave me food,
I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink,
I was a stranger and you welcomed me,
I was naked and you gave me clothing,
I was sick and you took care of me,
I was in prison and you visited me.”
Then the righteous will answer him,
“Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you
food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink?
And when was it that we saw you a stranger and
welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing?
And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison
and visited you?”
And the king will answer them,
“Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of
these who are members of my family, you did it to me.”

Matthew 25: 35 - 40

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Alliance for African Assistance

The Alliance for African Assistance is a non-profit agency founded in 1989 by Walter Lam, a Ugandan refugee, to help fellow refugees coming to San Diego. The alliance now has approximately forty staff members representing sixteen different countries. The Alliance will resettle more than 650 refugees this year, providing over twenty types of services to lead them toward self-sufficiency.

Pray for homes for the hundreds of thousands of refugees in camps around the world. Pray for the resources so the Alliance can continue to meet the needs of refugees in San Diego. Pray for world peace so that people will never again be forced to flee their homelands.

Be a Gift

Mentor a family

Help prepare tax returns for low-income San Diegans

Tutor in English and other school subjects

Drive refugees to their appointments in San Diego

Give a Gift

\$25 = Hearty breakfasts for a school-age child

\$50 = Transportation for one month for one refugee

\$75 = Diapers and toiletries for one infant for one month

\$150 = Bed, blanket, sheets and pillows for a refugee

\$300 = School sponsorship in Gulu, Uganda for one child for one year

Agabus Ministry

Agabus is an active Ministry of RBCPC that provides much needed support to the pastors in Egypt. Egypt is a predominantly Islamic country where persecution against Christians is high. Pastors, under these conditions, are not always able to make enough money to care for their families, and are in great need of support. Because in Egypt a Pastor is not allowed to take a second job, Pastors are in a tough situation. Agabus provides a solution to their dilemma. For \$50 USD a month, Pastors receive the help they need. 100% of the money collected goes into the hands of the Pastors and gives them the chance to provide food, clothing, shelter, and other necessities for themselves and their family. We are pleased to announce that Agabus now supports 70 pastors for \$50 a month each! Our goal is to support 5 more pastors.

Another Ministry of RBCPC, which originated from Agabus, is Agabus PK. Agabus PK provides support to the Pastor's Kids. In Egypt, obtaining university level education requires students to receive additional tutoring during their secondary school years. Private tutors are expensive and many Pastors can't afford to provide that for their children. For \$400 a year, PK's in Egypt will be able to receive tutoring to help them in school. This year's goal is to support 10 students in their education by providing tutors. Additionally, many churches are unable to provide Sunday School supplies for their classes, and in some cases Bibles, reading material, and even music is missing for the poorer churches. Agabus PK helps provide items like musical instruments, puppets, and cut-outs/felt stickers/pictures for teachers to use during the Sunday School lessons .

Items Available

\$10 buys home made toys for about 10 children

\$25 buys home made toys for 25 children

Food for Sale on ACM Sunday (\$1.00 per item)

Baklava

Grape Leaves

Middle Eastern Macaroni

Arabic Pastry/Dessert (Konafa)

Middle Eastern Cookies

And other Middle Eastern goodies!

Baja Presbyterian Missions

Founded in 1970, Baja Presbyterian Missions, Inc. (BPM) is an endorsed mission project of San Diego Presbytery. In partnership with the Mexican Presbyterian Church, BPM plants and nurtures missions and churches in Baja California. Currently, eight pastors and church workers receive support at sites in Tijuana, Tecate, Mexicali, Ensenada, and San Jose del Cabo.

In coordination with Pueblos Hermanos of the Presbyterian Border Ministry, BPM provides funding and work crews to build the churches, and mission teams. Each Christmas Baja Presbyterian Missions collects and delivers more than 300 gifts to children of the congregations. Your generous gift to BPM will help spread the Good News of Christ's love and saving grace to the people of Baja California.

Give a Gift

\$20 buys materials for one work project	Youth Program Support
\$10 buys 4 Bibles	Spanish Language Bibles

Buckheart Ranch

Buckheart Ranch is a home and vocational school for young men who are considered "at risk" because of serious abuse in their home environment and who have been in jail or on probation. Buckheart Ranch helps these young men catch up in school and prepare for the future, training them for a productive career in the work force and/or sending them to college.

Buckheart also ministers to the community around it by providing food to over 500 people each month. These families are struggling for many reasons. Some have lost jobs or homes, or are single moms who need assistance.

Give a Gift

\$25 provides milk, meat, cheese, fresh produce, bread and eggs for a family of five for one month

\$50 provides school curriculum for one child for one semester

\$100 provides counseling for the dozen young men who are healing from being abused as children

\$200 helps provide clothing, transportation to church and youth activities and day-to-day needs for the boys who live at the Ranch

Thank you for considering Buckheart Ranch in your gift giving!

Door of Faith - Mexican Orphanage

Door of Faith Orphanage (DOFO) was founded in Tijuana, Mexico in 1959 and has been in its current location in La Mision since 1962. It has become one of the largest orphanages in Baja, caring for over one hundred children. DOFO helps children overcome their broken past through education, strong family values and the transforming love of Christ. Door of Faith also has become a base for other ministries and outreaches including food distribution, home construction, orphanage consulting and short-term mission trips.

Running an orphanage of this size does not come without challenges. Each week the staff prepare 2,850 meals; assist with 980 showers; change 567 diapers; do 480 loads of laundry and make 98 trips to school. DOFO goes through 175 rolls of toilet paper, 109 Band-Aids, 70 gallons of milk, and 15 gallons of bleach weekly. They receive no funds from the Mexican government and are supported entirely by private donations. Thank you for considering how you might be a blessing to these children and their community.

Be a Gift

Please pray for daily provision, patience and blessings for their staff, spiritual renewal, protection, and quick recovery for a child who has recently undergone surgery.

Consider visiting the orphanage to spend time with the children, help prepare a meal, or assist with a project.

Give a Gift

\$25 per month sponsors a child

\$30 per foot donate towards construction of their new nursery

\$40 sponsors a meal

\$60 purchases a tank of gas for their bus

\$300 provides a college scholarship

Visit DOFO's online store to purchase T-shirts, sweatshirts, stickers and coffee mugs. All proceeds directly support their ministry.

Downtown Salvation Army - RBCPC Bread of Life Ministry

The goal of this program is to share God's love with those families and individuals in the center city area of San Diego who are either needy, at risk, homeless, or otherwise in need of assistance. Our participation takes many forms including "one on one" fellowship and evangelism, serving a nutritious meal, donating clothing, shoes, blankets and toiletries and making referrals to social service organizations for follow up assistance.

Spiritual support, meals and the distribution of clothing happens four nights a week at the downtown Salvation Army Center City Corps. There are many individuals from several churches and organizations who support this effort by shopping, preparing food, collecting clothing and toiletries for distribution, working at the service functions and providing financial support.

The participating churches and groups are as follows:

Monday Nights

Rancho Bernardo Community Presbyterian Church

Friends and Family Network

St Anthony Orthodox Church

Rancho Bernardo Baptist Church

The Church at Rancho Bernardo

Tuesday Nights

Mid City Church of the Nazarene

Mission Valley Church of the Nazarene

Abundant Life Community Korean United Methodist Church San Diego

Wednesday Nights

St. Stevens Church of God in Christ

Thursday Nights

San Diego Chargers Foundation

Give a Gift

\$10 pays for 5 Bibles to give to our guests who are new to the Lord

\$25 pays for 7 tubes of toothpaste for 7 families

\$50 provides 3 blankets for people living on the streets

\$100 will provide a nutritious dinner to 110 individuals at the Bread of Life event

Children's Orphanage, Kenya

Elma Barnett Children's Centre Kamonong (formally known as Cheppema Children's Home) was established in January 2009. The home is located in the Rift Valley province of Kenya. Its mission is to provide basic needs, i.e. education, food, clothing, shelter, spiritual guidance, medical care, love and protection to the affected children within the surrounding Kamonong community. Currently there are a total of 70 residents, 47 primary and 23 secondary pupils.

Give a Gift

\$10 buys one Bible

\$32 provides one School Uniform

\$50 buys one months supply of Milk

\$120 provides a bunk bed

\$100 will feed five children for an entire month

Escuela Christiana Camirni School – Bolivia

Escuela Christiana Camirni School provides education for grades K through 12 in a very, very poor part of south central Bolivia where education is not generally available. The school provides basic education for children who would otherwise receive none. RBCPC in conjunction with other churches supports a US missionary who provides guidance and oversight to the teachers and administrators at the school.

The school is Christian based and allowed by the government to teach Christianity. The school also serves as a centre of outreach to the surrounding community for Sunday Services and other community activities.

Give a Gift

\$20 pays a teacher's monthly salary

\$30 buys supplies for one child for a year

\$300 provides one child's education for a year

Gatyana Bible College

Gatyana Bible College is located on the grounds of the mission station in the territory of the Transkei where the Xhosa people live in the eastern central part of South Africa. There are about 40 people enrolled in this two-year program at Gatyana.

The local people are desperately poor. Their villages do not have electricity, running water, or heat. It is difficult to imagine a people who need Christ more than do the Xhosans. Voodoo and ancestor worship are still the most common religion. Wives and children are often beaten. Rape is extremely common and it is not treated as a crime.

Our missionary who has lived there for 21 years, Kelly Kosky, has a three-year waiting list of villages which need to hear him preach - often a person from another village hears Kelly preach and asks Kelly to come to his village. During Kelly's serving in the Transkei many people have come to the Lord while listening to him speak. The graduates of the college will help Kelly in his efforts to reach many more villages.

In addition to learning the Bible, each graduate must start a new church in a village that has no church. The need for these graduates to know the Bible and teach it to their fellow citizens is tremendous, but expensive. Because these people are so poor, Gatyana Bible College must pay for all the students' needs while they are school.

Give a Gift

\$50 supports one student at the Bible college for one month
\$100 buys a Xhosa Bible (with commentary and maps) for graduating students, probably the only book they will ever own

God's Hidden Treasures

God's Hidden Treasures serves the needs of the poor, afflicted and the orphaned in the Ukraine: and to bring love through personal relationships in the name of Jesus Christ.

It was founded in 1997 by Nita Hanson of Thousand Oaks, California. Initially it provided wheel chairs to handicapped people in the Ukraine. The handicapped in this country are shunned and ignored and often have to fend for themselves. Over the years the ministry has expanded the services it provides both in scope and geography. The range of current ministries include the original Wheel Chair Ministry, a Medical Ministry, an Orphan Ministry, a Spiritual Ministry, the Sponsor a Family Program, Mission Opportunities, Outreach Ministries and The Village Dream.

The Village Dream is a village built on land provided by the government to provide accommodation for groups of handicapped children (about 10 per group) and their foster parents in their own building. These homes exist in a village setting of many such homes. Amazingly the government of what was a soviet satellite is even encouraging Nita to build a church in the village.

While in the Ukraine Nita lives in Bila Tserkva and continues to oversee the ministry and staff, visiting the States twice a year to speak at various churches and organizations. The ministry is for individuals, churches and organizations from across the United States.

Give a Gift

\$20 provides two months of therapy for a stroke victim
\$25 provides a month of support for a disabled child
\$50 gives a month of support to a diabetic child
\$65 buys a wheelchair for a disabled person

Habitat for Humanity - San Diego

San Diego Habitat is an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, a non-profit, Christian, ecumenical organization dedicated to eliminating substandard housing and to making adequate, affordable shelter a matter of conscience and action. Habitat builds simple, decent, affordable homes to be owned by low-income families. Habitat is offering a hand-up, not a handout, to these partner families who invest “sweat-equity” as part of the process of obtaining a Habitat built home.

Give a Gift

\$6 buys two bags of cement

\$10 buys a stud

\$25 buys a box of nails

\$30 buys a smoke alarm

\$50 provides a house with light fixtures

\$100 buys a 4' x 8' wall panel

\$300 buys a window

Interfaith Christian Services

ICS has a service centre in Escondido and partners with RBCPC in providing services for the homeless and others in need of supporting services.

Interfaith's Alternative Giving program allows you to give a holiday donation to honor the life or memory of a friend or loved one while simultaneously enriching the life of someone who might otherwise be without hope. The funds given for the tribute are in turn used by Interfaith to provide assistance for families and individuals needing it most this winter. Alternative gifts can help pay for a client's prescription, or cover a client's one-month stay at one of our housing programs.

Give a Gift

\$10 gives a memorial, tribute, or Christmas card to a friend or relative

\$25 provides school and art supplies to a youth enrolled in our Transitional Youth Academy

\$75 provides baby items for a family with an infant that includes items like clothes, diapers, formula and wipes

\$150 offers equipment like grab-bars, canes, or walkers, to help senior clients live safely and independently as long as possible

\$300 provides a month of transitional housing for a veteran, which also includes comprehensive case management and vocational training

\$500 gives a month of shelter and comprehensive case management to a mentally ill adult at one of our new housing facilities

Military Families Ministry

San Diego Military Outreach Ministries, a ministry endorsed by the Presbytery of San Diego, is committed to sharing God's love in word and in deed with military families. There are nearly 300,000 military personnel and family members stationed in San Diego County, and Military Outreach has been caring for their unique financial, emotional, and spiritual needs since 1968.

The cost of living in San Diego is so high that many young military families find it extremely difficult to make ends meet. Most military families are not involved in a church community, and social isolation is common for families stationed away from home.

San Diego Military Outreach helps these families by providing food, baby items, children's clothing, furniture, and household goods. . The ministry also cares for their spiritual and emotional well-being through personal home visits, activity classes (with free child care), referral services, prayer, and Bible studies.

Give a Gift

\$10 Package of diapers

\$10 Store gift card for special needs

\$15 Two hours of child care for activity class

\$15 Can of baby formula

\$25 Emergency food bag

\$25 Gas card

MFM also gratefully accepts donations of food, Bibles, vehicles, furniture, baby equipment, household items, and children's clothing (up to age 12). Thank you for your compassion for our military community!

Operation Christmas Child

Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has hand delivered over 69 million gift-filled shoeboxes to needy children in hospitals, orphanages and villages in the most remote areas of the world. These children live in desperate conditions and need to hear about God's love and hope for their lives. Along with the gift-filled shoebox, the Gospel, translated to their native language, is given to them as a colorful booklet. Last year, over 725,000 children dedicated their lives to Christ through these simple shoebox gifts. With 2.2 billion children in the world today, we've still got a long way to go to reach every child, but we can do it one shoe box at a time! Help share the love of God and the hope of salvation to these children in need.

"Let the little children come to me..." Mark 19:14.

Our KidsLife Sunday School program assembles about 250 shoeboxes each year. Sponsorship of a shoebox will pay for the shipping of one shoebox. Sponsor a KidsLife shoebox:

Give a Gift

\$7 provides shipping costs for one box

Presbyterian Urban Ministries - Crisis Centre

Presbyterian Urban Ministries (PUM) ministers to the poor and homeless in urban San Diego. PUM, a mission of the churches of the Presbytery of San Diego provides services including prayer and counseling, identification documents, food and clothing, employment referrals, transportation assistance, and tools and work boots to needy people since 1968. This ministry seeks to provide a hand-up to the less fortunate in the name of Jesus Christ, who told us

“Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.”

Please prayerfully consider supporting our mission to “the least of these brethren of mine” through the programs of the Presbyterian Urban Ministries.

Purcifull Child Care Center

The Purcifull Child Care Center began with one women’s prayer. Veronica had prayed for many years for a safe place where the lonely, abandoned, abused children of South Africa could come and be fed and cared for and learn about Jesus. These children were hungry and wandering the streets, often hiding in the bushes and under pieces of cardboard to protect themselves. They were scared and had no one who cared about them.

The RBCPC Resale Shops heard of Veronica’s prayer and God spoke to them in a special way. A group from RBCPC went over to South Africa on a Mission Trip to see how we could help-how we could be an answer to Veronica’s prayer.

The idea was to see if RBCPC could build a Child Care Center. After many prayers and meetings the Resale Shop held an auction to raise the money. Thanks to the people who supported our auction and also to some very generous donors we now have The Purcifull Child Care Center in Burterworth. It provides loving daycare for the children who otherwise would be left on their own wandering the streets.

Our dream is now a reality. We have created the “Miracle of Butterworth.” Children are safer, they are being fed, they are loved and they are learning how much Jesus loves them. And all across the valley, people of Butterworth can see on the side of the building the message painted: “Jesus Loves You.”

Gifts of any amount to RBCPC designated to the Purcifull Child Care Center will allow children to receive the loving care they need.

Give a Gift

\$25 provides care for one child for a month

\$100 provides care for four children for a month

Reality Changers

Reality Changers provides scholarships and moral support to underprivileged students. They meet one evening each week for Bible study, and mentoring toward college scholarships. The students all come from families who have no way of funding college for their children. Scholarships provide the means for these worthy students to achieve their goal of attending college.

Several of the students in Reality Changers have spoken to the RBCPC congregation to give their testimonies about how Reality Changers has changed their lives. Reality Changers is a tremendous example of God in action through us.

Please support these scholarships with contributions of \$10, \$25, or more.

Talking Bibles International

Can you imagine a place where there are no Bibles? How can this be when there are so many Bibles in the world? It is because the people cannot read.

Evangelist Ishmael Elish Mahava, 27, is working as a church evangelist in Jofane, Mozambique, Africa. He serves in an area where there are no schools.

There are no written Bibles in Jofane, which is 200 kilometers from the nearest tarmac road. In a village of 200 Christians, not one person has a Bible. The evangelist does not know of any Bibles in the surrounding villages either.

Even though there are no written Bibles in Jofane, people are learning the Word of God through listening to the Talking Bibles. Talking Bibles International (TBI) provides God's Word in the Talking Bible format, translated into the local language, for new believers in places where people cannot read. These people, along with tens of thousands like them, are hungry for God's Word, but have no access to it unless they have their own Talking Bible. Your gift will make a difference in someone's life.

Give a Gift

\$18 will enable three people to hear the Talking Bible

\$36 will enable six people to hear the Talking Bible

\$72 will provide one Talking Bible for a needy family or village

\$360 will provide five Talking Bibles to needy families or villages

Uplift: Urban People Living in Faith and Trust

Uplift was founded in 1987 by a Presbyterian pastor, Reverend Burton Smith, as an ecumenical program to provide care and protection for some of the inner city's most vulnerable populations. Currently, over 300 children and teens, senior citizens and homeless ex-offenders in San Diego receive the gift of God's love and grace through one of Uplift's three programs:

- 1) Kids at Heart (KAH) offers tutoring and mentoring for low-income, at risk children and teens;
- 2) Senior Partners Plus (SPP) provides fellowship and group activities for low-income seniors;
- 3) Triple Cross (TC) provides assistance and transportation to homeless people who are seeking to become reintegrated into the world outside of prison walls.

While our greatest need is for the Kids at Heart program, we have listed areas of support for the other two programs as well. For more information please visit our website at www.upliftsandiego.org or call us at 619-234-4504.

Give a Gift

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| \$10 | provides academic skills development materials for one child |
| \$15 | provides a new book or educational game for the KAH program |
| \$25 | provides school supplies for one child |
| \$30 | covers the cost of van transportation for an SPP outing |
| \$46 | buys a two week supply of bus tokens for TC clients |
| \$50 | provides a week's supply of nutritional snacks for KAH |
| \$75 | covers the cost of van transportation for one week of KAH |

Voice of Peace – Thailand

A chance to be a missionary to Thailand will involve you in sending God's word out through radio broadcasts to those who do not live in a Christian world. Our church can adopt a radio station broadcasting the gospel throughout Thailand and all the surrounding communist countries in Asia. It can be our RBCPC MESSAGE OF PEACE. You can purchase a week or a month of this Broadcast, or maybe a whole year's worth for \$1,000.

Or, you can help Voice of Peace support children living in the refugee camps along the Burma -Thailand border. \$10 or \$20 buys food and medicine for little orphans who are hungry, sick and lost. Sadly, children are dying of AIDS, so we desperately need medical help and support.

A third mission is to the prostitutes in the slums of Bangkok who need counseling and job assistance, which can be provided at a cost of \$30 an hour.

Become a missionary without leaving home and get in touch with an exciting ministry in Asia.

Give a Gift

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| \$10, \$20 | Food and medicine for Burmese orphans |
| \$25 | Radio broadcast of the gospel for one week |
| \$30/hour | Counseling for prostitutes in Bangkok |
| \$100 | Radio broadcast of the gospel for one month |
| \$200 - \$500 | Medical care and services for children dying with AIDS |