



Asbury
Christmas
Giving
Center



2017 Catalog

1. SOLAR OVEN PARTNERS

Solar Oven Partners (SOP), headed by Marj Evans-de-Carpio in Volga, SD, is a United Methodist Volunteers in Mission (UMVIM) project that works to place solar ovens in the hands of the poor in deforested lands. SOP partners with the indigenous church and relief organizations to help alleviate human suffering and environmental destruction, following the UMVIM motto of “Christian Love in Action”!

<http://www.solarovenpartnersumc.org>

Gift of shipping and cooking seminar - \$50

Complete solar oven package - \$150

2. HEIFER INTERNATIONAL

Heifer International (HI) empowers families to turn hunger and poverty into hope and prosperity – but their approach is more than just giving them a handout. Heifer links communities and helps bring sustainable agriculture and commerce to areas with a long history of poverty. HI animals provide partners with both food and reliable income, as agricultural products such as milk, eggs and honey can be traded or sold at market. When many families gain this new sustainable income, it brings new opportunities for building schools, creating agricultural cooperatives, forming community savings and funding small businesses.

<http://www.heifer.org>



Gift of flock of ducks, chicks or geese - \$20

Honeybees - \$30

Rabbits - \$60

Goat, Sheep or Pig - \$120

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3. UMC ABUNDANT HEALTH: OUR PROMISE TO CHILDREN

Abundant Health: Our Promise to Children is The United Methodist Church's primary global health initiative for the next four years. It focuses on four core areas impacting the health of children throughout the world. The initiative aims to reach 1 million children to ensure safe births, address nutritional challenges and promote breastfeeding, advance prevention and treatment of childhood diseases, and promote children's health and wholeness. The Global Health Unit is currently providing technical support and grants for abundant health projects in six countries: DRC (Democratic Republic in Congo), Haiti, Liberia, Mozambique, Nigeria and the United States.

2 healthy cooking classes for individuals, aiding them in preparing nutritious meals for their families - \$10

Rapid diagnostic tests to clinics abroad, expediting the malaria diagnosis and treatment - \$25-125

Prenatal care for 10 pregnant women - \$50

3550 pounds of fresh produce for local communities - \$50



4. UMCOR - DISASTER RESPONSE, UNITED STATES

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) responds to natural or civil disasters of such magnitude that they overwhelm a community's ability to recover on its own. Through UMCOR, United Methodists extend loving care to people within the United States. When disaster strikes, it is local churches that provide the first response to their communities. This basic understanding - that disaster response is local - forms the foundation for UMCOR's US disaster training and response. When responding to a disaster in the United States, UMCOR provides training, financial assistance, expertise, community collaboration to churches and partners making them more resilient to disasters.

<http://www.umcmission.org/Give-to-Mission/Search-for-Projects/Projects/901670>

Gift of any amount will support disaster response in the
United States.



5. UMCOR - GLOBAL REFUGEE/MIGRATION PROJECT

Millions of refugees are fleeing war, persecution and violence in their homelands, often running with just the clothes on their backs. Other migrants are escaping from untenable situations of hardship and poverty in their home countries.

Refugees and migrants are crisscrossing the world. They are traversing borders in Africa, Europe, the Americas and Asia, in search of safety, protection and a chance at life.

But from start to finish, their journey is treacherous. Those who embark on it include Syrians, Iraqis and Afghans running for their lives from war and repression; Central American youths fleeing the threat of gang recruitment or death; and Africans escaping poverty and conflict, thousands of whom have died while crossing the Mediterranean Sea in the ill-equipped boats of smugglers. In Asia, Bangladeshis, and Rohingyas from Myanmar, flee repression and poverty, only to be turned away in the rickety boats in which they came in hope of finding safety. Those who make it to a new place are not necessarily assured they can stay, and many are turned back.

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) and Global Ministries are addressing the global refugee and migration contexts guided by four principles: the right to stay and flourish in one's country of origin; safe passage for those with no viable alternative but to leave; welcoming and belonging, a process wherein migrants, refugees and receiving communities work together to meet the needs of new arrivals; and support for the returned to help them reintegrate with dignity into their home countries after deportation.

<http://www.umcor.org/Search-for-Projects/Projects/3022144>

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Gift of any amount will provide

- Support partner churches, organizations, and communities that are providing alternative possibilities for survival, directly in relation to the communities that are fleeing. (Right to Stay)
- Provide protection and access to communication, as well as food, water and shelter along the traveled routes. (Safe Passage)
- Provide emergency assistance to communities overwhelmed by an influx of refugees and migrants, and provide support for welcoming and integrating the newcomers. (Welcoming and Belonging)
- Provide assistance and support to those who have been returned or deported to their countries of origin, so that they may reintegrate with dignity. (Support for the Returned)



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6. UMCOR - RELIEF SUPPLY KITS

Relief kits help provide care for the most vulnerable people during times of crisis. UMCOR collects hygiene, school, and cleaning kits for distribution within the United States. Kits help sustain everyday life for people who lack ready access to essential supplies when a disaster strikes. International distribution of relief supplies will be discontinued by December 31, 2017. Relief grants will be offered to international partners to allow for local purchase and assembly of kits that are more culturally appropriate.

<http://www.umcor.org/UMCOR/Relief-Supplies>



Gift of School kit - \$11

Hygiene kit - \$12

Cleaning bucket - \$65

7. UMCOR WORLD HUNGER/POVERTY PROGRAM

Approximately 842 million people are estimated to be suffering from food insecurity or chronic hunger, regularly not getting enough nutritious food to maintain a healthy and active life. Chronic hunger kills more people every year than AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis combined; in fact, poor nutrition contributes to 45% of deaths in children under five - 3.1 million children each year - and iron deficiencies cause 315,000 women to die from hemorrhaging during childbirth every year. Additionally, a lack of nutritious food can stunt growth, hinder fetal and mental

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development and negatively affect people's productivity and sense of hope and overall well-being which traps people in poverty. 80% of food insecure people live in rural areas and the vast majority are either smallholder farmers (less than 5 acres) or are landless farmworkers. Small farmers are struggling to provide for their families in the face of land degradation, lack of access to water and seeds, land grabbing, gender inequity, and climate change. UMCOR accompanies and empowers families and communities by providing access to the resources, training and technical support they need to increase and diversify their agricultural production enabling them to consume sufficient food to maintain a healthy and productive life and to sell excess to meet other needs like health care or education. By providing training in sustainable, organic methods, we build the capacity of farmers, pastoralists and fishermen to reverse the trend of poor land and water resource management and ensure the long term health and vitality of the resources on which they depend. Recognizing that the linkages between farming and improved family nutrition is very complex, UMCOR emphasizes a nutrition sensitive approach which seeks to strengthen the impact of agricultural projects by improving household health and nutrition behaviors.

<http://www.umcor.org>

Gift of any amount will provide funding, accompaniment and technical support to organizations empowering families to sustainably improve their food and nutrition security; and develop resources and educational materials to educate and raise awareness for ending the systemic injustices of hunger and poverty in the world.

8. BAKKAN OIL RUSH MINISTRY - OUT IN FAITH MINISTRY

Out in Faith Ministry reaches people in the heart of the Bakken Oil Field. They provide support to folks moving into the Williston area with a weekly meal and fellowship on Saturday nights. Out in Faith also provides emergency support with winter coats, boots and gloves along with phone cards and transportation support.

<http://www.oilrushministry.com>

Gift of Bible - \$7

Emergency food packet (peanut butter, crackers, energy bar and bottle of water) - \$10

Support of five meals - \$25

Phone card - \$45

9. TREE OF LIFE - MISSION, SD

Tree of Life Ministry (TOL) is a part of the working hands and feet of God to the Lakota Nation residing on the Rosebud Reservation serving body, mind, and soul. TOL feeds, cloths, shelters, and loves while demonstrating God's love, power, and grace to a broken, hurting society. During the summer, volunteers work in the community repairing reservation homes. TOL also runs a Thrift Shop Boutique, food pantry and hot meal program, providing food, clothing and household items for the entire reservation.

<http://www.treeofliferelief.org/>

Gift of socks or underwear - \$15

125 meals - \$50

250 meals - \$100

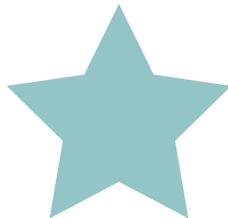
10. FLANDREAU INDIAN SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY PROGRAM

The purpose of the Flandreau Indian School Chaplaincy Program is to serve the students and staff of Flandreau Indian School by providing:

- Biblically-based, Christ-centered spiritual guidance and pastoral care for those who seek it;
- Community-building, social activities;
- Faith-based programs including worship services, Bible studies, and opportunities for service and ministry;
- Assistance in meeting critical needs on and off campus; and
- A connection between the school and local region.

FIS Chaplaincy is financially independent from the school operation and is fully funded through donations from corporations, denominational entities, churches, civic groups and individuals. Thanks to that support, the Chaplaincy has continued an ongoing partnership with the Flandreau Indian School for almost 50 years offering weekly, large group activities, hosting special events for students and staff, and providing ecumenical worship services each Sunday.

<http://www.fischaplaincy.com>



Gift of any amount will support the work of
Chaplain Bill Britton.

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11. ASBURY CAMPERSHIPS

Each summer many children, youth and adults from Asbury attend camp at one of three United Methodist camps in the Dakotas: Lake Poinsett Camp and Storm Mountain Camp in South Dakota and Wesley Acres in North Dakota. Asbury has a long-standing commitment to pay one-half the cost of one camp for each camper. In 2017 we supported 38 children, youth and adults as they experienced the fun and fellowship of church camp.



Gift of a 2-day camp - \$30

3-day camp - \$60

6-day camp - \$150

12. ASBURY COMFORTERS

Two Wednesdays each month Asbury women gather in the Fellowship Hall to sew flannel baby blankets for Tree of Life (TOL) Ministry in Mission, SD. The blankets are available to the community at TOL's thrift shop and provide a warm welcome to babies born on the Rosebud Indian Reservation.

Fabric for 1 flannel blanket - \$10

13. ASBURY YOUTH INTERNATIONAL MISSION TRIP

Youth and adults from Asbury will travel to Jamaica in July 2017. They will travel with Samaritan's Feet and help with several shoe distribution events. Cost per person is \$1250 plus airfare.

Gift of any amount will help defray expenses for youth and adults going on this trip.

14. THE BANQUET

Volunteers are the heart and soul of The Banquet ministry. This ministry seeks to equip volunteers to provide food and fellowship to those served through this ministry. The Banquet provides a safe place where people can gather, receive nourishment and experience love in action. Volunteer groups come from churches, businesses, service clubs, schools and individual families. Asbury volunteers serve an evening meal and a breakfast each year.

<http://www.thebanquetsf.org/>

Gift of 1 gallon of milk - \$5

Container of coffee - \$10

15. THE BISHOP DUDLEY HOSPITALITY HOUSE

The Bishop Dudley Hospitality House in Sioux Falls, SD offers daytime and overnight emergency shelter for the homeless and vulnerable. The facility's overnight shelter provides a safe, secure and warm place for 80 men, 20 women and 7 families each night. A wide range of other social service providers offer additional essential services aimed at providing a hand up to those in need.

<http://bdhh.org>

Gift of disposable razors - \$10

Laundry soap - \$10

Reading glasses - \$15



16. THE COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Community Outreach (TCO) is an ecumenical non-profit that has existed in the Sioux Empire for 30 years. TCO connects those in need to those who want to help through financial assistance, referrals and education. People in financial crisis may qualify once per year for rental, utility and transportation support after all public resources have been exhausted. TCO also offers financial literacy, goal setting and parenting education to at risk families. The Genesis Project provides adult mentoring to help those in need find or retain safe and affordable housing.

<http://thecommunityoutreach.org/>

Gift of any amount will provide rental, utility and transportation assistance

17. FEEDING SOUTH DAKOTA

The mission of Feeding South Dakota is to eliminate hunger in South Dakota by developing hunger solutions in communities throughout the state, acquiring ample sources of food through donations and purchases, distributing food directly to clients and through hunger relief organizations, providing information and assistance to alleviate hunger and advocating at the state and federal level on behalf of the hungry. Their programs and services include the Backpack Program, Food Pantry, Mobile Food Pantry, Commodity Distribution Program and Food Bank.

www.feedingsouthdakota.org/

Gift of 5 pounds of food - \$1
Food for a family - \$25
Backpack Program for 1 child - \$150

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18. FOOD TO YOU - MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

Food To You Mobile Food Pantry is a way to get groceries and household items to those who need them on a weekly basis by distributing them in the neighborhoods after daytime work hours. The Mobile Food Pantry is sponsored as a service in the Sioux Falls area by Charis Ministry Partners, a non-profit organization of thirteen local congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The Mobile Food Pantry, with truck, driver and supplies from the South Dakota Food Bank, distributes groceries and personal products from 6:00–7:00 p.m. the first four Thursdays of every month.

Gift of box of mac and cheese - \$2

Package of pasta - \$3

1 Hygiene Pack (toilet paper, soap, deodorant, shampoo/
toothpaste) - \$5

19. LUNCH IS SERVED

Lunch Is Served, Inc. is a nonprofit with the unique mission of delivering simple sack lunches for working men and women who are attempting to break the chains of poverty and hunger. The offering of free brown bag lunches represents more than simple nutrition. Each lunch bag symbolizes a serving of community encouragement and support created by volunteers and donations.

<http://www.lunchisserved.org>

Gift of 6 sack lunches - \$9

12 sack lunches - \$18

30 sack lunches - \$45

20. NECESSITIES FOR NEIGHBORS

Necessities for Neighbors is a program sponsored by Charis Ministry Partners, a non-profit organization of thirteen local congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. This program provides those in need with household items: laundry detergent, diapers and wipes, toilet paper and feminine hygiene products. Necessities for Neighbors takes place at Peace Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls on the first Sunday of every month from 3:00 –4:00 p.m.



Gift of baby wipes - \$4
 Laundry detergent - \$10
 Pack of toilet paper - \$15
 Box of diapers - \$25

21. NIGHTWATCH CANTEEN

Nightwatch Canteen is an effort of area United Methodist congregations (Asbury, Celebration, First, Harrisburg, Hilltop, Southern Hills, Sunnycrest and Wesley) to provide food to those in need in Sioux Falls. Each Sunday evening, when other agencies are closed, a group prepares a meal and distributes the food at two locations in the downtown area. Anyone is welcome to stop by and pick up a meal. Asbury provided the meal seven times during 2016.

Gift of 1 meal - \$1.50
 10 meals - \$15
 20 meals - \$30
 150 meals for one distribution - \$225

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22. ST. FRANCIS HOUSE

The St. Francis House (SFH) is an ecumenical emergency shelter for the homeless offering hospitality, fellowship and support to those who have nowhere to sleep. SFH provides a warm bed, showers, laundry, food and other referrals. They offer special services for reaching long term goals including employment, independent housing and addiction recovery.

Those served at the St. Francis House include tired travelers, those coming from hospitals, treatment centers, and prisons, families looking to relocate and anyone looking for a chance to start over. Guests have ranged from newborn infants to the elderly. The house is open 24 hours a day seven days a week including holidays.

<http://www.stfrancishouse.com>

Gift of temporary housing for a hardworking guest - \$50

Evening meal for 50 guests - \$100

3 nights stay for family working to create their own home - \$100

23. SAMARITAN'S FEET

Samaritan's Feet shares hope with children in the U.S. and around the world by washing their feet, giving them a new pair of shoes and helping them believe that their dreams can come true. Samaritan's Feet believes that a new pair of shoes can be a tangible foundation of hope to a person in need. Last August, Asbury partnered with area United Methodist congregations to give away 1400 pairs of shoes to local children and youth.

<http://www.samaritansfeet.org>

Gift of 1 pair of shoes - \$18

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