

Christ For the City International

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# Christmas CATALOG

## Education



Collect and send, or donate towards school supplies for children living in Mali. Struggling local schools and nurseries will benefit greatly from books, pens, paper, markers, backpacks and more.



Support our children's Bible School in the slums of Tirrasas Costa Rica, and give towards the spiritual and educational needs of children growing up amongst poverty, addictions, abuse, violence, incest and broken homes. The school provides weekly Bible studies, after-school tutoring, women's empowerment programs, games, crafts and parental support.



Give someone in El Salvador their first copy of the Word of God! Your gift makes it possible for someone to receive a copy of the Bible in Spanish, enabling them to grow spiritually and learn about the incredible love of Jesus Christ.



Our base in El Salvador is teaching English and discipleship classes within juvenile detention centers. This gift will provide essential teaching supplies for these classes, such as notebooks and pens.





This gift will provide textbooks for an elementary school student in our Por Gracia program in El Salvador. This program provides a formal education as well as vocational workshops to young people living in extreme poverty and broken homes.



Teens and pre-teens living in the poor neighborhoods of El Salvador are often confined to their houses due to the gang violence that surrounds them. Being able to take an art or music class at a Christian youth center is therefore a big stress releaser, plus it provides a safe place for them to find community, learn a skill, and hear about Jesus. This gift will provide one month of classes.



This gift will provide one pair of school shoes to a child living in the rural Huasteca Mountains in Mexico. These children face extreme difficulties including subsistent survival, poverty, religious persecution, limited access to health care and basic tools like school supplies.



Many people living in the impoverished areas of Nicaragua do not have a Bible of their own. Your gift will provide the life-changing word of God to an individual who is a part of either our theological development or women's ministries.



Our theological development ministry in Nicaragua serves otherwise minimally educated pastors and church leaders in areas such as leadership, evangelism, inductive Bible Study, and the application of the Scriptures. Bible Dictionaries and Concordances are an incredibly useful resource for them to have and use as they teach their congregations throughout the country.



Our Hope School program in Nicaragua works with economically struggling schools to provide support on all levels, including the provision of scholarships and school supplies to poor students, building and grounds improvement, professional development classes for teachers, and family education seminars for students and their parents on topics such as health, diet, self-esteem and life skills. Collecting and sending backpacks, or donating to this project will provide for a child who would otherwise go without.





This gift will provide a uniform (pants or a skirt, a shirt, socks and shoes) for one of the children from poor families in Nicaragua who are a part of our Hope School Program.



Gather and send supplies, or donate towards this gift to provide a struggling student in Nicaragua with crayons, an eraser, a glue stick, scissors, a pencil sharpener and five notebooks. This simple gift will make the world of difference to students who would otherwise go without.



Gather and send supplies, or donate towards this gift to provide a teacher in Nicaragua with classroom essentials such as highlighters, dry-erase markers, pencils, scissors, an eraser, pens, glue sticks, paper-clips, construction paper and other classroom supplies. This will greatly increase their capacity to teach in a creative and helpful way, thereby empowering their students for a lifetime.



Send a student to university in Nicaragua! This gift will truly change a life, as it will provide one year's worth of tuition to a student who would otherwise not be able to afford attendance.



# Children



Collect and send, or donate towards toys for children living in Mali. Children are not valued in this society, and our program works hard to bestow their worth and a sense of fun and education into their early years. Toys (such as stuffed animals!) are a great blessing to these kids!



For the children living in extreme poverty throughout the overcrowded slum community of Tirasas Costa Rica, lice is a serious, quick spreading problem that parents and guardians can often not afford the treatment for. Each one of these gifts will provide one child will lice treatment.





The one mile squared garbage slum of La Carpio in Costa Rica is home to 40,000 people, half of which are children. Up to 90% of these children are sexually abused, and this intense overcrowding and extreme poverty results in rampant disease spread, gang activity, violence, drug and alcohol abuse, hunger, and limited access to basic resources and education. This is why each year we take 200 children on camp, providing their only opportunity to get away, eat three meals a day, have a bed of their own, and hear the Gospel. Each gift of \$100 will sponsor one child to go on camp in January 2017.



Our base in Costa Rica runs sexual abuse prevention training for children in churches and communities, which they have seen reduce the risk of abuse for these vulnerable children by up to 80%. Each gift will provide materials for one child to receive this training.



Gangs control many of the impoverished neighborhoods of El Salvador, making them very dangerous places in which to grow up. Our Faro Youth Centers provide an alternative space for teenagers to come, experience Christian community and participate in activities such as music, arts, sports, life skills training and more. Each of these gifts will sponsor one center a rare treat, a pizza party!



Each year, we take kids from our Youth Center and Soccer School programs in El Salvador on an annual retreat, providing them with a rare opportunity to get away from the noise, stress, and violence of their homes and spend a few days reflecting on God and His Word. Each retreat includes approximately 150 students, and this gift would sponsor the event in full.



The kids living in the Huasteca Mountains of Mexico face a huge assortment of hardships, including religious persecution, racism, and limited access to basic needs (food, water, education, healthcare, etc). This is why each Summer we run a three day camp to provide respite and the opportunity to get away and hear the Gospel. Each gift will sponsor one camper to go on the Summer camp.

# Sports

Collect and send, or donate towards sporting goods for children living in Mali. These children do not have any access to sports equipment and so any donations (balls, bats, nets, etc) would be an enormous blessing.





A simple soccer ball is an invaluable kingdom tool for our team in El Salvador, who work to draw children and youth into our gospel centered soccer school and away from the dangers that await them in their gang-controlled neighborhoods.



Our soccer school ministry provides a gospel centered alternative to the dangers of everyday life for children in El Salvador. This gift will provide the school with soccer nets in which to play and practice.

# Womens Empowerment



Collect and send sewing material and beads, or donate towards the purchase of crafting materials for women in Mali. Our program teaches life skills (such as jewelry and clothing making) to marginalized women as a means to improve their well-being and show them the love of Christ. Each month the cost of this program is \$120.



We have several programs across Costa Rica that teach women and girls employable sewing skills as a means to improve their lives. These women learn quilt making, embroidery, clothes making and more, as a means to lift them out of poverty and provide for their struggling families.



Many women in Costa Rica are single mothers, or are in abusive relationships, struggling to meet their families daily needs. This is why we work hard to empower these women by teaching them to make products for sale. This gift would provide the machine and training for card making classes. .

There is a family in rural Mexico that faces many challenges in addition to an already difficult and impoverished life. Felipe and Margarita Catarina have three children born with deformities in both their feet and arms. Due to an accident, their fourth child (and only healthy son), Agustin also broke his back and now too is paralytic. The family has recently come to Jesus, and the boys work as carpenters and barbers. Their daughter, Enedina, has previously worked in sewing skills, but her machine has broken down beyond repair. This gift would provide Enedina with a new sewing machine, and thus the capacity to contribute again to her family.



Our women's ministry in Nicaragua offers incredibly important and life-changing training to women in areas such as Inductive Bible Studies, Mentoring, Health, Life Skills and the Creative Arts among others. Your gift of ministry books will provide integral resources for these women to receive this teaching, discover their purpose and identity in Christ, and thrive within their communities.



Our women's ministry in Nicaragua teaches arts and crafts as a means for women to find community and learn new skills. This ministry is in need of supplies such as card stock and beads for jewelry making.



# Community Outreach



Provide a meal and a shower to people who are homeless in the slum community of Tirrases, Costa Rica, as they come through our Urban Transformation Center.

This gift allows our doctors and medical staff to conduct a one day medical or dental campaign in a rural community outside San Salvador, bringing free health care and medications to those who otherwise have no access to medical attention. On average we are able to see between 75-100 patients per campaign.



In the rural region of Limón Costa Rica, we equip pastors to share and train their congregations on sensitive but necessary issues such as abortion prevention, and overcoming addictions. Each gift will provide the materials for one pastor.

We are looking to start a new youth center in the rural province of Limon, Costa Rica. The cost of this gift would cover the price of the land, and would allow us to build a facility that provides impoverished and struggling women, youth and children with recreation, academic assistance, and more.



Spurred on by drugs and poverty, gang violence is one of the biggest problems in Costa Rica. Neglected or impoverished children, living often in slum areas and without support, fall into gangs as a means of gaining friendship, community, protection, acceptance and purpose. We are working with these gang communities to bring the hope, love, freedom and joy of Jesus Christ. We work to stop kids from entering into gangs, and to pull them out of gangs and into productive, God-glorifying and fruitful lives. Part of this is an educational training program which works directly with these ex-gang kids, to teach them life skills and everything they need to begin afresh. Our program is taking youth and young adults out of gangs and into ESL and English classes. Each gift will provide one student with the books, pencils and materials necessary for them to complete their training

and start a new life.



This gift will allow us to construct a latrine bathroom at our ministry location on the rural island of la Calzada in El Salvador. This is an important health concern as we serve the children and families of this community.



Construct a house for a family in need on the impoverished island of la Calzada El Salvador. Your gift will allow us to construct a new cinder block home for a poor family, and you will have the chance receive photos and updates of the recipient family, and the home as construction is complete.



La Caprio in Costa Rica is the largest slum in Central America. Home to 40,000 people (including 20,000 children) crammed into an area just over one square mile. This area is rife with poverty, hunger, sickness, sexual abuse, incest, violence and gang activity. It is also where we run our remedial education and English classes, a daycare, vocational training, sports and recreation program, kids camps, medical and dental clinic, program for the elderly, and more. The area of greatest need for this program is in everyday running expenses such as utilities, paying the guards who watch the buildings, salaries for the staff who work in the clinic, the cost of food for the feeding programs and maintenance. A gift of any size to this project would be an enormous blessing.



*Thank you for donating through the CFCI Christmas Catalog and transforming the lives of people in need!*