



Restoring Broken Lives

MISSION PARTNERS

I N T E R N A T I O N A L

in East-Central Europe

Gift Guide 2024





Giving a simple gift will bring hope this Christmas season

When you choose to give a gift from this gift guide, you are choosing to make a "forever" impact on the life of someone who faces hardship and difficult circumstances every day. Each of these gifts have been chosen so that someone will hear the hopeful message of Christmas - a Saviour that was born for us.

Each gift you give will impact the life of someone who needs **rescue** from tragic circumstances, **hope** in Jesus Christ, and to find **purpose** through Gospel community.

Your gift today has an eternal purpose and it's impact goes far beyond today as the receivers in turn share this same hope with others who need rescue!

There is no better way to celebrate the gift of our Saviour than sharing the hope of His coming with others.



Faith Woods

Faith Woods | Executive Director

*"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope."
Romans 15:13*

Give a Gift that Restores a Broken Life

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GIVE



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Gift #1

Feed Someone a Hot Meal

When you are living through a war, all the normal activities of life become more difficult. Stable food is one of the basics of life that is deeply impacted when people are living through war or in countries where poverty is widespread. Your gift provides a hot meal for one person.



Gift #2

FOOD for a REFUGEE



Rescue a Refugee or a Displaced Family

When you are living through a war, all the normal activities of life become more challenging. Employment and savings have disappeared, and a predictable food supply has become uncertain. **Your gift provides a small grocery supplement.**

\$5.00

Gift #3

FOOD for a FAMILY

Feed Families whose Kids are going Hungry

Many families today in East-Central Europe struggle to provide nutritious food for their children. The war is severely impacting many, and others live in regions with high rates of poverty. We can give them one less thing to worry about. **Your gift provides a bag of basic food items for a family for a week.**



\$20.00

Gift #4

FOOD for a SENIOR



Provide Life-Saving Food for the Elderly

Stable food is one of the basics of life that is deeply impacted by war and high poverty rates. Seniors are particularly vulnerable. Low pensions and rapid inflation severely impact the lives of these precious people. **Your gift provides a bag of basic food for a senior for a week.**

\$10.00

Feeding and Bringing Hope to Refugees - Pastor Alexey and Valenina Serve

In Kremenets, Ukraine, Pastor Alexey and Valentina from Water of Life Church have been distributing aid including small food packets to those living in the area who have been displaced by the war. The Hub operates weekly giving out one or two dry food items at a time.

Most of the new residents are struggling to survive in their new homes. Many are still in temporary housing where there are limited amenities. There are few opportunities for employment in the area, and the supplements they receive from the government do not provide what is needed for survival.

The Social Hub provides a vital extra boost that helps people to survive in their new community. Pastor Alexei and Valentina have built many relationships with these hurting people and have offered them love, support, pastoral counselling.

People are surviving because of the food they received at the Hub. The emotional and spiritual impact on their lives will be immeasurable!

"After we gave out food at the Hub, one of the ladies who received help came to talk to me. We have been building a relationship with her for several months. She was so grateful for the food. She asked me if it was ok to come to church the next day. She was curious because we talked about Jesus and prayed. She wanted to know more." *Valentina*



Gift #5

Provide Firewood for a Family

The war in Ukraine makes it challenging to survive the cold weather months. Electrical outages are a regular occurrence around the country. This is very dangerous in winter as heating systems rely on electricity. Even when the heat is on, affordability is at a crisis point. Children and the elderly in Ukraine are extremely vulnerable. **Your gift provides a load of life-saving firewood.**



Gift #6

HEATER for a HOME



Provide a Warm Space for a Vulnerable Family

For people living in apartments where firewood is not a viable option, high powered heaters with fans can run while the electricity is on and when it is off, spaces will stay warm from the latent heat remaining. **Your gift provides a large heater with internal fan.**

\$40.00

Rescue a Child Who is Living in an Unheated Home

Children are extremely vulnerable in cold winter weather. Whether they are displaced due to war and do not have warm clothing or struggle to stay warm because there isn't enough income for housing, food, and heat, many are living in cold homes. **Your gift provides a blanket for a child (or other warm clothing.)**

Gift #7

BLANKET for a CHILD



\$20.00

Firewood for a Warming Centre

OLGA'S STORY



Olga and her husband and her five children were displaced from the Kharkiv region. They fled when their home was bombed. We found them living very poorly in a hostel for refugees. We did not know how they would survive the winter. We gave them a desperately needed load of split firewood. They were so grateful!

"We were worried about winter. How would we keep our kids warm? Maybe it's not so important, but after so much suffering I wanted to do something for my daughter for her birthday. But we needed every penny to survive. Now we will be warm this winter, and we also have just enough for my daughter. Thank you!

Olga

LYDIA'S STORY

Meet Lydia. She lives alone. She used to work as a librarian in Kharkiv. She is now retired and can't walk well. This is what she told us about the firewood we delivered to her home.

"I did not expect at all that firewood would be brought to me. When the forklift stopped near my house and began to unload the pallet, I understood for sure that there is a God!

But then I thought about about how I walk with a cane. I could not unload all that firewood myself. The snow had already begun to fall so it wouldn't be good to leave firewood outside.

I sat down and thought to myself, It is good that I have firewood, but how will I unload it? Then my son's car flashed near the fence. My son and daughter-in-law arrived, and they helped unload everything."

After that, I truly understood that God exists. He is real and He loves me."





Gift #8

Give Christmas to a Child

When kids live in poverty, their childhood is often stolen. Ukrainian kids have lost so much. They deserve to receive joy at Christmas and to hear the story of Jesus's birth. Kids learn that God is with them no matter what happens in their lives. Each child receives a special Christmas gift. **\$20 sends one child to a Christmas event.**

Gift #9

KID'S BIBLE CLUB



Transform a Child's Life with the Word of God

When children have the opportunity to interact regularly with loving Christian mentors who help them learn about God, read the Bible, and worship they start to see themselves as God does. They learn that God has good things for their future! **Your gift enrolls one child in an after-school Bible club.**

\$20.00

Gift #10

KID'S SUMMER CAMP

Send a Vulnerable Child to Christian Camp

Summer camp is often completely unaffordable for kids in poverty. Christian camps are places where kids can take a break from difficult family lives while they receive vital, intensive discipleship with loving adult mentors. Camp brings joy and healing to children's lives. **Your gift sends one child to camp.**



\$35.00

Gift #11

MEETING SPECIAL NEEDS



Give Care to an Orphaned or Special Needs Child

Children with disabilities need special care, attention and equipment. Children who are orphaned and living in an institution deserve to have more than their basic food and shelter needs met. **Your gift provides special supplies and gifts for kids being cared for in rehabilitation schools or institutions.**

\$40.00

Teaching Kids about Jesus at Christmas Events - Pastor Vitaly Reaches Children

We held a two day Christmas camp for children in Szezecin, Poland. Many were Ukrainian refugee children. Twelve of the children had never attended church before. We made crafts, played games, danced and prayer together.

We showed a Christmas movie where the main character learned the real meaning of Christmas. We explained to the children that Jesus is the only way to Heaven.

During the movie children were amazed and emotionally moved. In the story a boy was unfairly accused of doing something wrong. The children burst into tears. **Afterward the event a boy about 8 years old, said that he wanted to be good and overcome evil.** Another boy has now started attending church regularly. He gets excited waiting for Sunday School lessons.

"It is so amazing to watch the children have fun doing crafts, playing the games and to watch as they begin to understand the message of Christmas. These outreach events are such a great way to get new children interested and excited about the Bible."

Pastor Vitaly



2024 SPECIAL GIFT

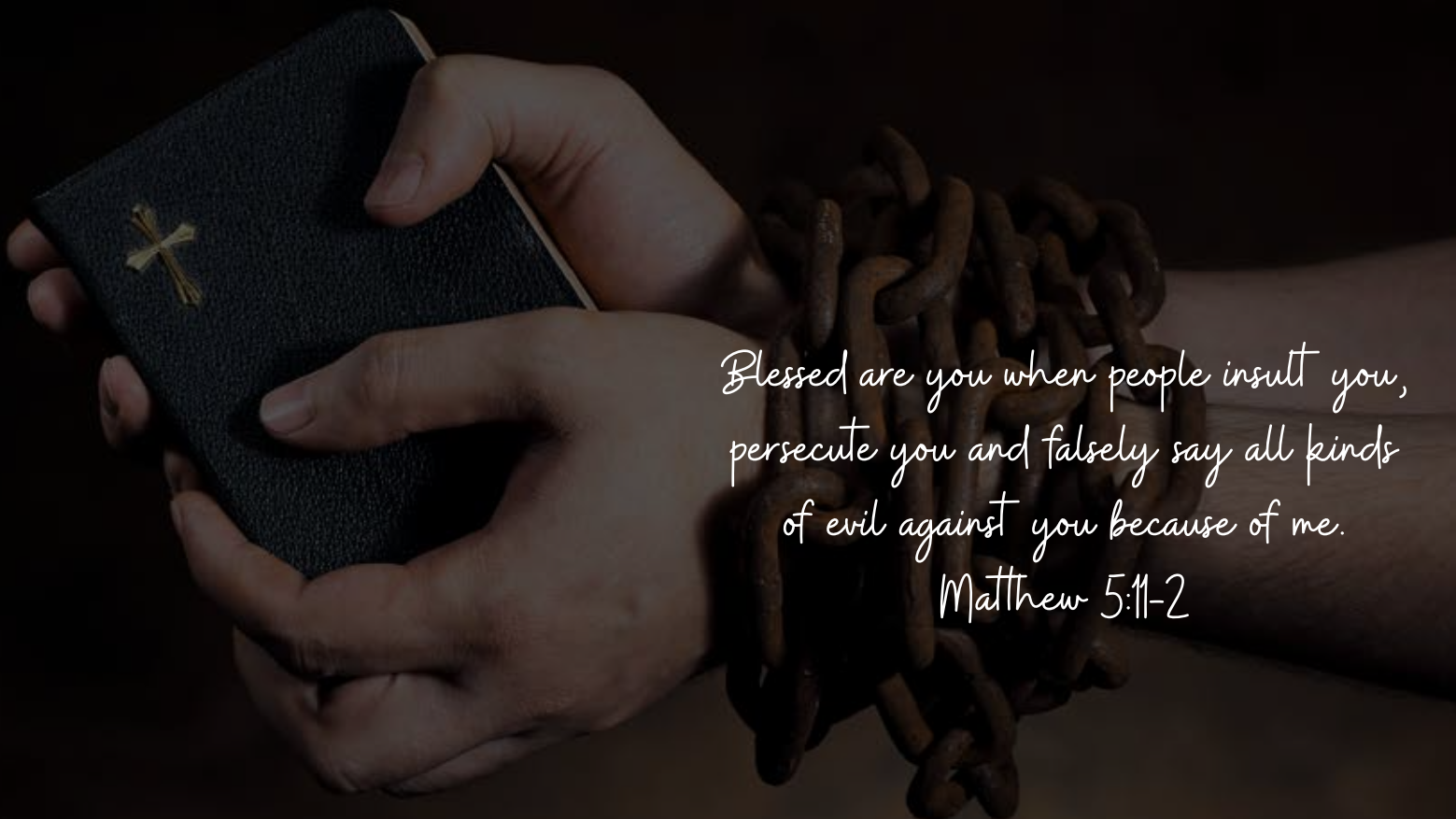
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HOPE for WORKERS IN RESTRICTED REGIONS

Some regions in East-Central Europe are becoming more closed to the Gospel. No longer can believers meet openly without the risk of being arrested or properties being seized. Yet ministers in these regions remain dedicated to reaching others with the hope of the Gospel.

You cannot change these hostile circumstances, but you can support the work of those committed to boldly sharing faith in Christ despite them.

Your gift of \$10 will support the ministry and work of one of these faithful servants of God!



*Blessed are you when people insult you,
persecute you and falsely say all kinds
of evil against you because of me.*

Matthew 5:11-2



Gift #13

Any Amount

Where Most Needed

Can't decide what to give or what gift is the most urgent? Unsure of whether to give to humanitarian needs like food or heating? Not certain what evangelism project to support? **Your gift to the general undesignated fund allows Mission Partners the flexibility to respond to urgent needs efficiently.**

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