

Gifts of
Grace

5 GIFTS
UNDER
\$10

PERFECT FOR CHILDREN



**Australian
Lutheran
World Service**

70 years bringing
your love to life!

**NEW! FIRST 500 ORDERS
- SURPRISE HAND-MADE GIFT!**

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WHEN YOU FEEL FAR AWAY, GIFTS OF GRACE BRING YOU CLOSE

Who knows how long COVID-19 will keep us apart from those we care about? Until Christmas?

This year, more than ever before, we need fresh ways to connect with those we care about. Our own friends and families ... and also people in the world's poorest countries. Those threatened by poverty, conflict and COVID-19.

That's why this year's ALWS *Gifts of Grace* is packed with Connect at Christmas ideas:

- **21 gifts based on the words of Jesus** in Matthew 25:34-40 (I was hungry ...)
- **5 gifts under \$10** (Sunday School, Primary School, grandchildren)
- **as many Grace Card Packs as you like** (so you can let everyone know you care)



You receive **Grace Packs** of 7 unused Grace Cards recycled with envelopes, packed by volunteers. You can order as many **Grace Packs** as you want!

Each gift you choose represents the help you give someone in need through ALWS. The Grace Cards you receive become your gift to friends and family. Each person you give a Grace Card will be reminded how much you care for them ... and inspired by seeing your values at work bringing love to life.

PLUS your *Gifts of Grace* are ALL tax-deductible!

This COVID Christmas, *Gifts of Grace* can bring you close ... no matter how far away you may be!

FREE GIFT! First 500 orders receive a FREE COVID-19 mask sewn from African fabric by former refugees, welcomed as New Neighbours at the Lutheran Community Sewing group in Adelaide ... Aminata, formerly a tailor and qualified heavy-duty mechanic in war-torn Liberia, is now sewing for you!

**Order by
4 December
for delivery
before
Christmas**

NEW! Download full easy-print stories of every gift which you can add to your Grace Cards. Go to: alws.org.au/grace



Photo: H. Semmler



Photo: LWF / C. Kästner

...YOU FED ME

When families arrive at Kakuma Refugee Camp in Kenya, they are tired, scared and hungry.

You welcome them at the Reception Centre with 3 hot meals a day for 5 days. Your *Gift of Grace* includes rice, beans, cooking oil, salt and onions ... and your food is directed to people with special needs – those who are sick, pregnant women, young children, and elderly people.

Together we aim to feed 740 people each day. What a way to welcome the stranger!

WELCOME
MEALS

\$9

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

Even before COVID-19 closed borders, Australians were not permitted to enter Somalia. It is too dangerous.

Yet, through ALWS you can support children living in Displaced Persons Camps to attend school. A proven way to keep children strong and healthy, and encourage parents to send children, is to provide lunch for children each day. It may be beans, or rice, and it fills hungry tummies.

Your *Gift of Grace* provides **school lunches for one year for one child PLUS clean water** (protects against COVID-19).

SCHOOL
LUNCHES

\$15

ORDER NOW! 1300 763 407 · ALWS.ORG.AU/GRACE THANK YOU!

VEGGIES + SCHOOL = 200 CHILDREN FLYING HIGH!

**Beans. Tomatoes. Pumpkin.
Vitamins. Minerals. Iron.**

Through *Gifts of Grace* you can support a school in Cambodia to set up their own organic vegetable garden. You supply a 1000 litre water tank + wooden poles + tubing + water pump + vegetable seeds!

Up to 200 students learn how to use mulch and manure fertiliser to produce good crops. The good news is the children can take these new skills home to mum and dad too, **so 200 families can grow more veggies for health and happiness!**

SCHOOL VEGGIE
GARDEN

\$730



Photo: ALWS



Photo: ALWS

...YOU GAVE ME A DRINK

For families who live in poverty in a country like Indonesia, dirty water is a constant threat.

In fact, 25% of child deaths in Indonesia are caused by diarrhoea, from dirty water.

You can save children's lives by providing a 20 litre water tank, plus a tap, plus two bars of soap for a family. **Your Gifts of Grace kindness with clean water and soap also helps families protect themselves against COVID-19.**

COVID
CLEAN

\$9

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ALL PUMPED UP!

In a country like Nepal, when you don't have your own land, life is hard. You struggle against poverty. You can feel rejected by the community. Even having clean water to drink is a challenge.

That's why your *Gift of Grace* water-pump is so precious.

Thanks to you, someone who has no land can grow their own food. They can protect their family against COVID-19 with improved hygiene. **PLUS, you also support the family to get a secure lease on land!**

WATER
PUMP

\$152



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'WATER' THEY THINK OF NEXT?

Each year some parts of Cambodia receive up to 4000mm of rain (4 times more than the east coast of Australia in a normal year). Other parts of Cambodia face drought. Changing climate creates even more challenges with water.

That's where a *Gifts of Grace* Village Partnership can help. You partner with a village (and the Australian Government) through ALWS. The community decides the project that will help them most: a spillway (like you see in photo) to store water to irrigate crops. Perhaps a road so goods can be transported, and children go to school, even in the rainy season. A community fishpond to provide income all year round.

Your partnership can help 200 families build a better life!

VILLAGE
PARTNERSHIP

\$5,000

YOU RECEIVE:

- **Village Profile** – who, what, where, why
- **Concept Note** – what you build together
- **6 Month Report** – see project progress
- **Success Report** – your impact in 12 months!



Photo: ALWS

...YOU GAVE ME A ROOM

BUILD A
HOUSE

\$243



Photo: ALWS / H. Wikstrom

BUILT TO LAST

When a family has no house, life is always dangerous. Harsh weather can cause deadly disease. Hygiene is difficult. Children never feel safe. That's why this *Gift of Grace* lets you get your hands dirty to help a family build a home.

You start by learning how to make mud bricks – and making thousands! Then the family are trained in how to lay the bricks and construct the walls. The roof is corrugated iron, and windows have wooden frames. The family you help lives in Burundi, one of the five poorest countries in the world.

Your kindness with a house built to last means a family can finally have a home.

HOME AMONG THE 'GUM' TREES?

More than 630,000 people live in the world's largest refugee camp at Cox's Bazar in Bangladesh. This is the temporary 'home' for Rohingya people forced to flee Myanmar. Through ALWS, your *Gift of Grace* supports refugees to plant tree saplings. The trees will provide shade in summer, and stop erosion when it is wet. You supply 5 saplings, like these below in Nepal, and help people hold onto hope until they can go back to their real home.

TREE
SAPLINGS

\$5



Photo: ALWS



Photo: LWF / P. Jeffrey

SHED HAPPENS

Anyone living on the land in Australia knows you can't have a farm without a shed. In Nepal, earthquakes, landslides and floods put harvest and livestock at risk – and that means families lose their food and income. You can help protect a farming family by supporting them to build a shed. Your *Gift of Grace* provides cement, bricks, bamboo poles, timber beams and skilled labour. **The family you help provide the sweat and muscle!**

FARM SHED
\$163

...YOU GAVE ME CLOTHES

When a family is forced by conflict and poverty to flee for their lives, children lose more than their home. Living in camps, the danger is they can miss out on education too. One of the things that can hold children back is not having a school uniform.

You can fix this problem with your *Gift of Grace*. What's more, the uniform you provide helps keep children safe – people who might cause them harm know the child is expected at school, and will be missed. **So, your uniform performs an even greater service!**

SCHOOL UNIFORM
\$25



Photo: AAMS / H. Wilkinson



Photo: ALWS / M. Vogt

LONGING FOR A LUNGI

A **lungi** is a **type of sarong**. It's a traditional type of skirt worn in Myanmar and surrounding countries.

When refugees flee, they take only what they can carry. So your gift of two items of clothing, including lungi, for Rohingya refugees from Myanmar is precious.

You also supply a mosquito net to protect against malaria.

Importantly, your *Gifts of Grace* help is offered to those who need it most – single mums, separated children and people living with a disability.

CLOTHES
KIT

\$13

ALL DRESSED UP...

... **and a place to go!** Your *Gift of Grace* supports a refugee at Dadaab Refugee Camp (on the Kenyan border with Somalia) to go to dress-making class. You help provide the necessary training items – scissors, tape-measure, needles, plus expert trainer.

The person you help gains the skills and confidence to become a tailor.

They can set up their own business in the camp, sewing school uniforms, gowns for wedding celebrations and even COVID-19 masks!

DRESS-MAKING
CLASS

\$154



FREE GIFT! Order early - first 500 orders receive a unique African fabric COVID-19 mask sewn by former refugees!

Photo: ALWS

...YOU STOPPED TO VISIT

60 babies. That's how many children are born EVERY DAY in the refugee camp at Cox's Bazar for Rohingya people fleeing violence in Myanmar. They come into this world in brutal conditions ... and then are stateless – regarded as citizens of neither Myanmar or Bangladesh.

As the world grapples with that legal challenge, you can help make sure these babies grow up healthy by supporting their mums with food while they are breast-feeding.

Your *Gift of Grace* provides essentials like milk-powder, sugar and noodles. Strong mums help babies grow strong.

BABY
STRONG

\$10



Photo: AWW / M. Vogt



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INFRA-RED... AND INTO BED

One of the early warning signals to identify COVID-19 is taking people's temperature.

Your *Gift of Grace* provides a touchless Infra-Red Thermometer to help people in remote communities in Nepal.

You also supply critical items for patients needing quarantine:

plywood bed + mattress
+ cotton sheets + pillow slip
+ pillow + mosquito net
+ woollen blanket + towel
+ slippers + dustbin
+ plastic bucket + kettle
for boiling water.

HOSPITAL
HELP

\$301

(G)LOVE FOR LIFE

Village Clinics in remote regions of Indonesia provide local care for people unable to afford hospital, or to go to big centres.

COVID-19 has stretched these clinics as more and more people need help. Through your ALWS *Gift of Grace* you can help support hard-working frontier health teams with the practical personal protection gear that can keep them safe.

You supply a box of 50 COVID-19 grade medical masks + 50 pairs of disposable gloves. Thank you!

Australian Aid 

**COVID-19
CLINIC**

\$60



Photo: CDRM&CDS



Photo: ALWS / H. Wikstrom

...YOU CAME TO ME

When families arrive at a refugee camp like Kakuma in Kenya, at first they rejoice - they know at last they are safe.

However, when they stay year after year, it can feel like a prison. The local community hosting them shares the challenge.

Your *Gift of Grace* helps a family start their own home garden. You supply a jembe (hoe) + rake + panga (machete) + shade cloth + wheel-barrow + watering can + vegetable seeds & trays + mulch + training. With your support, families can grow watermelon, tomatoes, spinach, eggplant, sweet pepper, cucumber and kale.

Growing veggies grows health and income - helping set people free to be independent.

**FARMER
KIT**

\$66

ALL CLASS

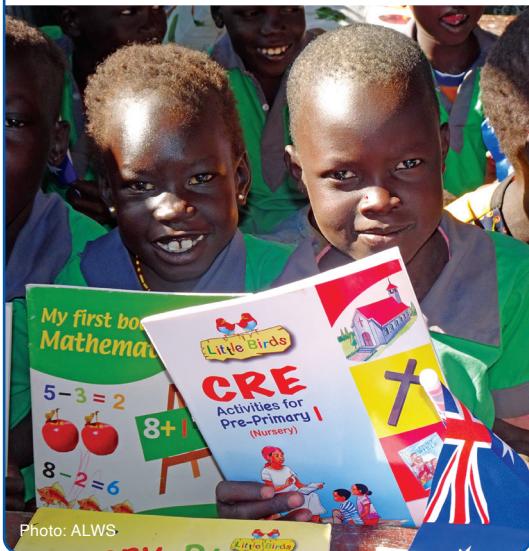
Education is the gift you give that no one can ever take away.

LEARNING KIT

\$16

That's why your *Gift of Grace* for children in South Sudan is so precious. You provide a teacher in a remote primary school with exercise books + text-books + chalk + erasers + shapes + skipping rope + soccer ball + volley-ball + netball + dictionary + pen + wall-charts + maps of Africa and South Sudan.

Your gift today helps free a whole class of 40 children from illiteracy ... **and unlocks a future where they can live their potential.**



PIG

\$61

SUPER PIG TO THE RESCUE

“Millions of people in the world’s poorest countries remain imprisoned, enslaved, and in chains. They are trapped in the prison of poverty.” – Nelson Mandela

You might wonder how a pig can free people from poverty. (If you say pork, you’re wrong.) In Burundi, it’s what comes out of the back end of pigs that’s precious. Farmers use pig manure as free organic fertiliser!

Your *Gift of Grace* provides a pig that farmers share, so the mobile fertiliser factory can help crops grow and multiply. Families have more food, and surplus crops can be sold to provide money for medical care for children. **That’s how your humble pig helps free people from the prison of poverty!**

PLEASE ORDER BY FRIDAY 4 DECEMBER
FOR PRE-CHRISTMAS DELIVERY!

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“Being unwanted, unloved, uncared for, forgotten by everybody, I think that is a much greater hunger, a much greater poverty than the person who has nothing to eat.”

– Mother Teresa

...TO SOMEONE OVERLOOKED

Every child and young person deserve the chance to build the life they want.

Tragically, for girls in some cultures that right is taken away. When they are as young as 12 they may be forced to marry ...

... and to have children before their bodies are ready. This threat can be worse when girls are living in Refugee or Displaced Persons Camps.

Your *Gift of Grace* can support two teen girls in Somalia with supplies to protect their dignity and safety – soap, sanitary pads and underwear.

You make sure their most personal needs are not ignored. Bless you.

SANITARY SET

\$16



Photo: LWF / S. Nalubega

FORGOTTEN NO MORE

People forced to flee as refugees can often become separated from friends and family.

If you are elderly, it can be a challenge to keep up as you walk seeking safety.

That's why this *Gift of Grace* for elderly people at Dadaab Refugee Camp in Kenya is so important.

You provide 3 x counselling sessions to help elderly refugees recover from the trauma of what they have suffered ... **and reassure them they are worthy of love and care.**

SENIOR CARE

\$8



Photo: ALWS / H. Wikstrom

YOU ARE WELCOME

The horror of war. The hurt of poverty. The threat of disease. When you are a refugee, and also live with a disability, your life is always at risk.

This *Gift of Grace* goes to Dadaab Refugee Camp in Kenya and supports a person with a disability to have a walking stick (or crutches) + massage oil + therapy balls + deep freeze cream + deep heat cream + pain-reducing anti-inflammatories + sunscreen. You also help supply Personal Protective Equipment for the front-line staff.

MOBILITY
KIT

\$6

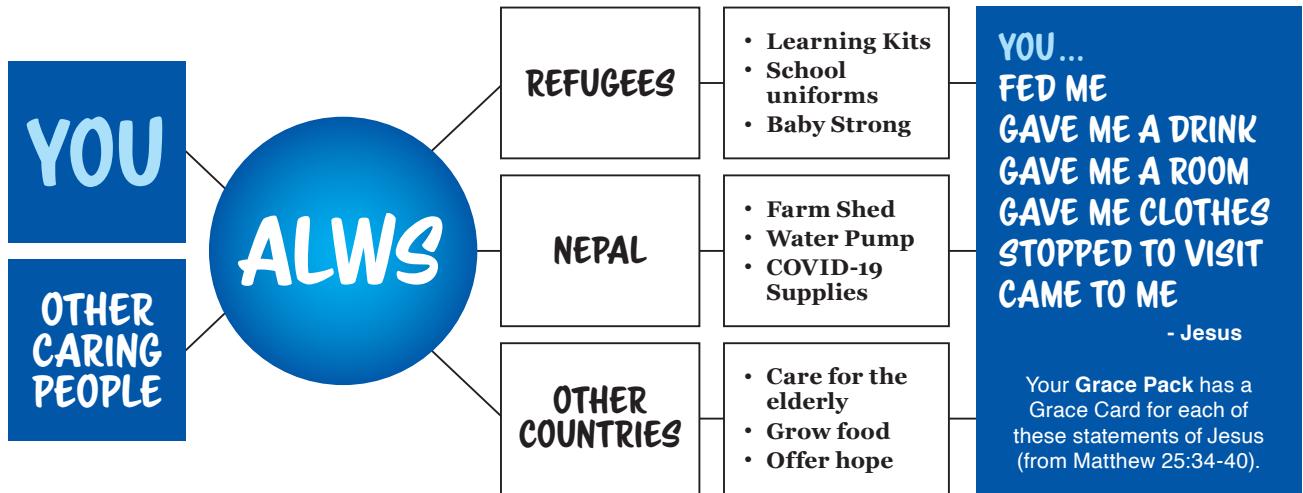
“WHENEVER YOU DID
ONE OF THESE THINGS
TO SOMEONE OVERLOOKED
OR IGNORED, THAT WAS ME
– YOU DID IT TO ME.”

– Jesus



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HOW YOUR GIFTS OF GRACE HELP PEOPLE!



How your donation is used wisely

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✓ You help with practical care

Each **Gift of Grace** shows how your donation can help people in ALWS-supported projects. Should ALWS receive income beyond what is needed in these projects, those funds will be used for similar work in other areas. Funds and other resources designated for the purpose of aid and development will be used only for those purposes and will not be used to promote a particular religious adherence or to support a political party, or promote a candidate or organisation affiliated to a particular party, or to support welfare activities as defined by DFAT. **For more information, call: 1300 763 407**

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*Each of you should use whatever **gift** you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's **grace**.*

1 Peter 4:10 NIV

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