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Lutheran  
World Service



shine

- 5 gifts under \$10
- Noah's Ark of animals
- NEW Bauble Grace Cards
- FREE shine Tote Bag

# When the world seems dark ... ... Gifts of Grace shine hope

For too long, COVID-19 has locked us down and kept us apart.

For too long, the needs of people living in poverty, or facing injustice, have been forgotten by the world in the COVID gloom.

Through ALWS, people like you have kept shining the light of hope into the darkness – now it's time to shine brighter!

**Gifts of Grace** connect you in a happy way with your loved ones ... while supporting people in the world's least-developed countries!

shine hope  
this Christmas

Your **Gifts of Grace** focus on people in danger of being forgotten by the world – the poorest, the elderly, people with disability, girls and women, those who suffer discrimination.

\* Each gift has its own  
Grace Card, with  
full description of your gift

Each gift you choose represents the help you give someone in need through ALWS.

Your Grace Cards become your gift to family and friends, with a **bright yellow envelope** to shine hope straightaway!



\* NEW! Press out to hang  
on Christmas tree!

Message  
of hope!

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## Don't miss out!

Order by Friday 3 December for Christmas delivery. First 500 orders receive a calico **shine** tote bag – big enough for shopping, but folds down to handy purse-size. **This is a fresh way to show others how your light shines!**

**Give your food to the hungry and care for the homeless.  
Then your light will shine in the dark ...** Isaiah 58:10 (CEV)



## CHEAP CHEEP

**25 billion.** That's how many chickens there are in our world. What a tragedy then that some of the world's poorest families miss out on the good things chickens can do – eggs and meat for healthy children, manure for fertilising kitchen gardens.

**What an egg-cellent choice for a family in Cambodia!**



## Don't chicken out...

**... you can help build a whole Chicken Farm in Cambodia:**

- 6 x Hens
- 2 x Roosters
- 1 x Bag of Feed
- 1 x Water Container
- Chicken Coop - nails, wood, roof, iron netting

Your kindness kick-starts a family business, selling surplus eggs and chickens. The income is not poultry ... and can pay school fees and health care costs. That's the start of in-de-(chicken)pen - dence!

**Stop scratching around! Your gift isn't chicken-feed – even though it is!**

**LOVE ANIMALS?** Look what's waiting for you

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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



## Bee-lieve it!

Did you know that bees follow human landmarks to create Bee Roads?

They use these to safely get to where they pollinate, and then back to the hive. They may fly 6 kilometres each way. What busy bees! You can support young people in South Sudan to be busy too, by supplying modern bee-hives and training.

**Honey produces money for a sunny new business!**

**BEE-KEEPING**

**\$39**

## FISH`n`TIPS



Photo: ALWS

### **Nile Perch. Tilapia. Catfish.**

No, this is not the menu board at your local fish'n'chips shop - these are common fish in South Sudan. There is huge potential for fishing industries here in the Nile Delta.

You can help young people start a fish production business – digging ponds, feeding & raising fingerlings, fishing kits to get the product ready for market.

**Get hooked!**

**FISH POND**

**\$196**

# PRETTY IN PIG

Here are 6 reasons (no porkies) why a piglet is a great gift for a family in Nepal:

1. Convert garbage to meat.
2. Multiply fast (6 – 12 piglets).
3. Grow quickly to market size.
4. High resistance to disease.
5. Manure for fertiliser.
6. Suitable for small farms.

**Sow, why are you waiting?**

**No need to be boared. Take your pig now!**



## Get on your goat

**When is a goat a bank?**

When it is a goat in Burundi. Here, a goat is like cash in the bank. If you need money quickly – for medical care, house repair – you sell your goat. In the meantime, it earns ‘interest’ – much more than in a bank! – by breeding kids, producing milk, pumping out fertiliser! Plus your goat grows by eating scraps!

**That’s why goats are G.O.A.T.**

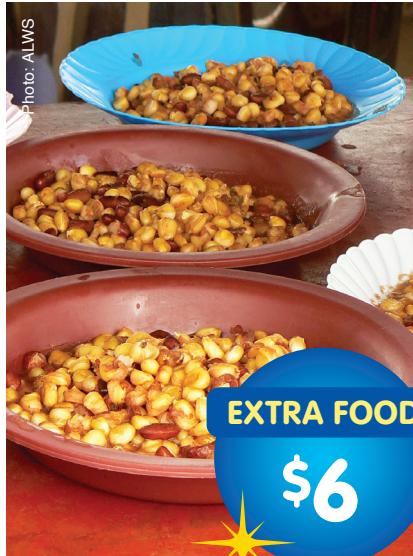
**(Greatest Of All Time). Get on it!**

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# Welcoming the stranger

## According to the UNHCR, in 2020:

- 82.4 million people are displaced from their homes
- 42% are children under 18
- 86% are hosted by developing countries



# Hungry for more

When refugees arrive at Kakuma Camp in Kenya, they are tired and hungry. Their journey may have taken weeks. Through the desert. Many are barefoot. Children under 5, the sick, the elderly, mums feeding babies – they suffer worst, and need most care.

You provide porridge, beans and green vegetables to help them get healthy again.

# Do not forget those who are suffering ...

## Through ALWS, you care for refugees and displaced people in:

- Somalia
- South Sudan
- Myanmar
- Bangladesh
- Kakuma (Kenya)
- Dadaab (Kenya)

In 2020, the ALWS family helped 147,362 people forced from their homes.

**“When I was a stranger you welcomed me ...”**

Jesus (Matthew 25:35)

# Buzz off...

... no, not you! Mosquitoes! Provide a family size (2 metres x 2.2 metres) net to protect refugee children from mosquitoes that spread deadly malaria. **Your net helps a Rohingya family from Myanmar who have fled to Bangladesh to find safety.**

MOSQUITO NET

\$5



# LEAN ON ME ...

## ... when you're not strong.

Being a refugee is hard enough. But when you're elderly ... or sick ... or have a disability, life becomes almost impossible. That's why your support (literally) is so precious. Walking sticks. Walking canes. Crutches. Finger splints. Wheelchair repairs.

**Our aim is to support 100 people at Dadaab, Kenya.**

**MOBILITY SUPPORT**

**\$18**



Photo: LWF Kenya

... but imagine **YOU** are there with them Hebrews 13:5



Photo: LWF Kenya - Somalia

**SCHOOL SET**

**\$70**

## Tools for school

**You help a child in Somalia forced from home by drought and war.**

Too many children have missed out on school and are threatened by a life of poverty. You provide exercise books, pencils, sharpener, eraser and pen plus clean water for drinking and hand-washing.

**SCHOOL KIT**

**\$8**

## Give girls a go!

**Girls in Somalia, if not in school, face extra threats.**

Child labour, early marriage, being forced to have children when they are still a child themselves. You can support a girl to get an education – the School Kit + lunch at school each day for a year (200 meals of high protein porridge) + a school uniform (which many families cannot afford). **Ready? Get set. Go!**

A woman with a joyful expression is shown in a shade house, wearing a white headscarf and a vibrant, multi-colored beaded necklace. She is carefully tending to young green plants in a raised bed. The background shows the structure of the shade house with its agro nets.

**SHADE HOUSE**

**\$466**

## Grow LIFE

**As refugees arrive at the camp at Kakuma, it's vital the locals who host them aren't forgotten.**

You can support these kind hard-working people with a Shade House. Here, families can grow vegetables to improve diet and create income. Each 240 square metre structure is enclosed by agro nets that let through sunlight, moisture and air, to create ideal growing conditions.

**The Shade House you give provides space for 60 farmers to grow life!**

## WHAT A TREAT!

**When conflict broke out in Myanmar, Rohingya refugees fled to neighbouring Bangladesh.**

600,000+ refugees now live at Cox's Bazar, and the environment was stripped of trees to use for firewood.

You provide 5 tree-saplings, plus pay a day's work for a person with a disability to plant and tend them.

**You restore the environment and someone's life.**

**"LWF will boost our efforts to support people hurt by crises caused by changing climate ... as we keep calling for climate justice, intergenerational justice and care for God's creation."**

Isaiah Toroitich, LWF head of Global Advocacy



**TREE  
SAPLINGS**

**\$10**

Photo: RDRS/LWF



**MAIZE  
SHELLER**  
**\$195**

# JUST BE-COBS ...

**In Nepal, women must work very hard to provide for their families. You can provide a Maize Sheller:**

1. Maize is fed in the chute.
2. Kernels are stripped – used for food, or sale
3. Cobs ejected – mixed with cow dung as fuel for stoves.
4. Users pay 1kg of maize for each 40kg they shell, to cover maintenance.

Your help is focused on Dalit women – a group traditionally regarded as outcaste, forgotten by the community.

## Barn`store`ming

**Burundi is one of the poorest countries in the world ...** yet their people are some of the hardest-working. You can support them to construct a Harvest Store. Grain is safe from pests, and families aren't tempted to use it all as food. Families access your Harvest Store through a community committee, and pay 1% - 3% of the harvest they wish to store. This is used to supply guards and replace pallets.

**Your investment strengthens a community for many years – managing harvest to support their families.**



**HARVEST  
STORE**  
**\$7,085**





Photo: LWD

Gifts of  
**Grace**

# Give your food to the

## Seeds of success

**How's this for a salad? Lettuce, morning glory, cucumbers, gourd, eggplants, long beans, corn?**

When you provide a family in Cambodia with this seed pack, the family benefits from extra vitamins and minerals, and a more balanced variety of foods. PLUS, any surplus crop can be sold to create income to pay for household needs.

**PLUS, new seeds are saved to plant next year's crop!**

**VEGETABLE SEEDS**

**\$44**



# ... and care for the



Photo: WFP/Burundi

## Built to build

**In Burundi, each Saturday people come together to work on community projects.**

They are experts at making and baking mud bricks and so, with support, can build their own houses. You supply sheet metal for the roof, plus nails and poles to build the framing and roof trusses. The family you help provide the hard work!

**Build a house – and build a better future!**

**HOUSE**

**\$476**



# ... then your light will

# HUNGRY

## What's cooking?

All of us know it's vital to protect the environment. In poor communities though, people may have no choice but to chop down trees to use as firewood for cooking.

You can help by giving a fuel-efficient stove in Nepal.

IMPROVED STOVE

\$18



Photo: LWF-Nepal

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School kit  
+  
hen  
+  
improved stove  
+  
net (mosquito)  
+  
extra food

Get the set!

SHINE

\$42

# HOMELESS

## You're home now

When families are forced to flee as refugees, they can become separated or lost. Children may be left as orphans, or alone, and then have to live on the streets and sell their labour to survive. At Kakuma Refugee Camp in Kenya, you help train foster parents in positive parenting and child support. You also provide an allowance that helps cover some of the extra cost of caring for the child.

What a gift both you and the foster parents give the child rescued – new family, new hope, new life!

FOSTER FAMILY

\$120



Photo: AWS

SHINE in the dark... Isaiah 58:10 (CEV)

# Side by side

Photo: LWD

VILLAGE PARTNERSHIP

\$5,200

	CAMBODIA	AUSTRALIA
Population	17 million	25 million
COVID cases	87,273	41,522
COVID deaths	1,747	971
HDI Ranking	144	8

HDI = Human Development Index, measuring health, wealth & education, with #1 being the most developed and #189 the least developed.



**Sometimes in Australia, we forget how blessed we are.** In fact, we are the 8<sup>th</sup> most developed country in the entire world!

The people of Cambodia desperately want a better future for their children and are willing to work hard to make it happen.

**The good news is you can stand side-by-side with them in an ALWS Village Partnership.**

The community meets together to decide the development that will have the biggest impact for them. It may be a new road to the market. It may be a spillway to prevent floods, and store water to use during drought. It may be a Village Meeting Place for community training and development.

A farmer in Cambodia earns only around \$5 a day, so their contribution to your Village Partnership is hard work.

Your contribution is hard cash – training villagers, and supplying materials. Yours is a large investment – \$100 a week – but after a year you will have helped transform life for a village, up to 1,000 people!



## 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!

**IMPORTANT: COVID MEANS ONLY 17 PARTNERSHIPS AVAILABLE!**

# Cross out ~~COVID~~

## You can be a life-saver.

In Indonesia, someone dies from COVID every minute of every day. You can support the training of community leaders to volunteer to teach the most effective ways of preventing COVID spread. Leaders include local government, women's groups, farmers and youth. You also supply plastic water tube, hose, tap and glue to construct a handwashing station.

**Hands up to help!**

COVID  
CARE KIT

\$5



Photo: CDRM&CDS



## Your FREE gift is in the bag!

Order your **Gifts of Grace** early! First 500 orders receive a calico **shine** tote bag. This is a fresh way to show others how your light shines!

## ALL SEWN UP!

DRESS-MAKING  
CLASS

\$78



Photo: LWF Kenya / J. Thomas

When you train refugees at Dadaab Camp in Kenya in dressmaking skills, you give them much more than training + cloth + scissors + sewing needles + thread + paper for patternmaking. You enable graduates to open up their own tailoring business. They can produce school uniforms, and beautiful outfits for special occasions.

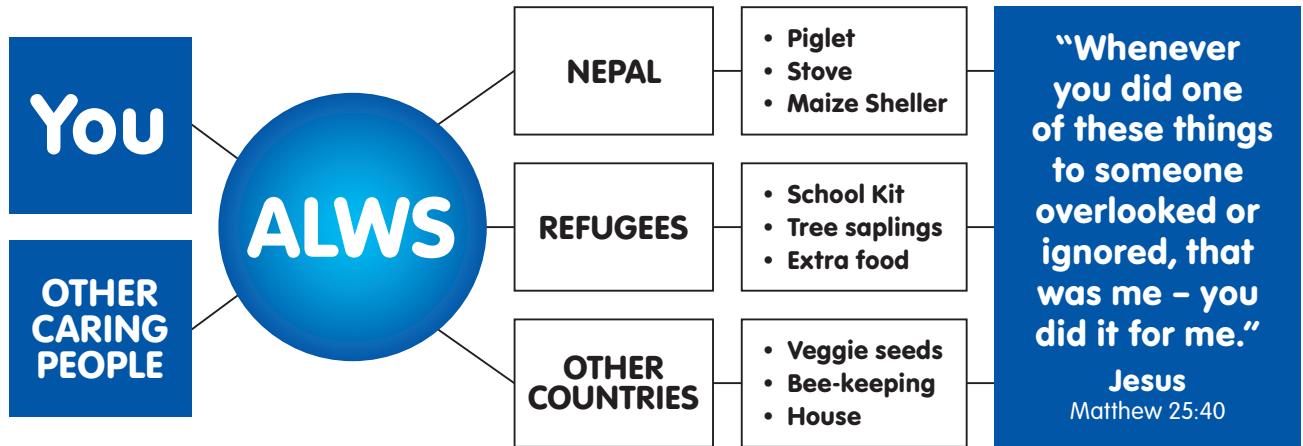
**A better future is all sewn up! Thank you!**



**shine** was inspired by one of the handcraft groups the ALWS family supported in Burundi, who created the decoration you see here!

**Order by 3 December to make sure you receive your Grace Cards in time for Christmas!**

# HOW YOUR GIFTS OF GRACE shine!



## How your donation is used wisely

Your GIFTS OF GRACE are tax-deductible!

### 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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*where love comes to life*



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I am the light  
that **shines** in the night.

When there is darkness,  
I appear,  
and darkness disappears.

Ibrahim Ibiniyamin  
Kakuma Refugee Camp  
from LWF book **I am hope**

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