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- 6 gifts under \$10
- Long Drop **Loo!**
- **Bauble** Grace Cards
- Omera's **FREE** gift made just for you!



When life looks gloomy... ...your Gifts of Grace shine!

Welcome to your new ALWS **Gifts of Grace**!

Kitchen Gardens. Long Drop Loo. Pigs and chickens. You're sure to find something here to delight family and friends this Christmas (or any time) ...

... and shine light into the lives of families facing hunger and poverty in the world's most at-risk communities.

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

You receive Grace Cards for each item you choose, and these become your gift to family and friends. Each Grace Card has a **bright yellow envelope** to shine straightaway!

You can choose as many **Gifts of Grace** as you like.

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Don't miss out!

Order your **Gifts of Grace** by Friday 2 December for Christmas delivery. First 500 orders receive a beautiful **shine** Tea-Towel, with a drawing by Omera of the **light you have shined into her life!**

Give your food to the hungry and care for the homeless. Then your light will shine in the dark...

Isaiah 58:10 (CEV)

shine light 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.

*Your unique Gift of Grace *20+ to choose from!

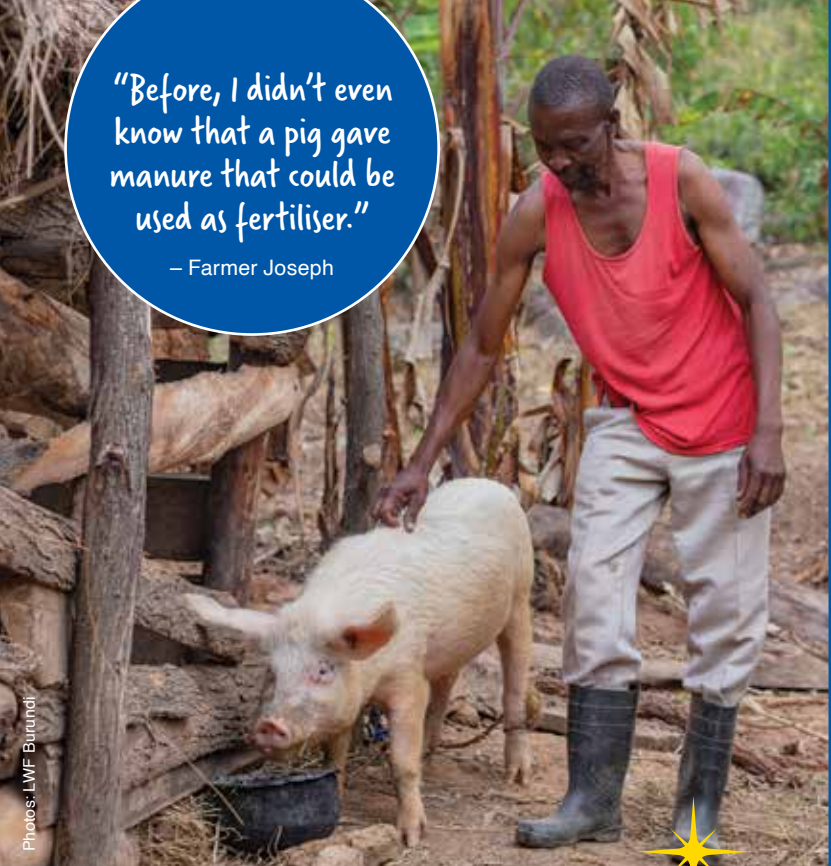


*Press out to hang on Christmas tree!

Write your Christmas greeting here



Message of hope!



Photos: LWF Burundi

TAKE YOUR PIG!

Families in Burundi struggle against severe poverty.

So, your gift of a pig is a special blessing. Not just the piglets produced, but the poo too!

When Joseph saw how environmentally friendly pig manure improved harvest, it gave his whole family new strength!

Pick a pig now!



PIG

\$45

"Before, I didn't even know that a pig gave manure that could be used as fertiliser."

– Farmer Joseph



Photo: RDFS/LWF

Buzz off!

No, not you - malaria-spreading mosquitoes! These mozzies can be deadly. In fact, every two minutes a child dies from malaria. Children living in refugee camps, like those for Rohingya people in Bangladesh, are in danger now*. **You can protect a child with a mosquito net.**

* You also support spraying open drains with insecticide to kill mozzies before they can breed.

MOSQUITO NET

\$4



Photo: ALWS/Danilo Bury

HOME
BUSINESS

\$22



A-MAIZE-ING!

South Sudan suffers the same extremes of weather as Australia. In droughts and floods, farm families like Ociti's struggle to survive. You provide:

- 3kg sorghum to sow
- 3kg maize seeds
- 3kg groundnut
- 1kg sesame
- veggie seeds - pumpkin, tomato, okra
- tools - mattock, sickle, spade.

Training in climate-smart agriculture helps farmers grow stronger crops. Ociti says, "I am wishing well for the people who help us improve our livelihoods, because then we can grow as human beings."

Help a farmer grow now!



SEEDS
AND TOOLS

\$55



Photo: LWF South Sudan

Egg-stra Egg-cellent

Fadhlan wants to be Indonesia's best soccer player. But coming from a poor family, and living with disability*, even affording school fees was a struggle. Your gift to a family like Fadhlan's is practical help to start a home business. Fadhlan's dad, Adeili, says:

"The best support was learning about chicken raising. We have about 30 chickens. Fadhlan can sell the eggs. We also sold some baby chickens to pay the school fees."

Kick-off with kindness today!

* Fadhlan was born with part of his tongue missing. Teased at school, he often came home broken-hearted. Dad, Adeili, says he too suffered 'hard words' from the community, but persisted supporting his son: "This is what God has given to my family and we accept it." Now, Fadhlan's teachers say he is 'one of the treasures of the school'.



Photo: Saw Aung Soe Lin (LWF)

LONG
DROP LOO

\$51



Looking for a loo?

Look no further! You can support a family in Myanmar to construct their own hygienic, fly-proof toilet. You supply the training and help with materials - the family do the digging and building. Constructing the toilet themselves, the family take extra care. The family is protected from disease, and girls and women feel safer as they now have privacy.

Can you dig deep for a pit latrine?



Photo: Tan Khin Shing (LWF)

WASH OUT!

Children forced to live in Displaced Persons Camps in Myanmar face all kinds of challenges.

Dirty water is a real threat. Disease. Dysentery. Deadly diarrhoea. You can protect a whole school of children by supplying strong safe storage to capture clean rainwater for drinking, hand-washing and general hygiene.

Splash out for a school!

SCHOOL
WATER

\$1,196



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Water Wonders!

They smile now, but before our Australian help, these women in Nepal suffered.

Mrs Belmati Chaudhary (second from right) had to work as a labourer for a landlord, and her family struggled to survive. Now, using drip irrigation, watering cans, and sprayers, she grows her own vegetables to sell. "Now, I am able to manage my household needs, and we can live independently!"

‘Water’ you do now???

IRRIGATION

\$6

BANK ON IT!

In Nepal, when disasters like flood or earthquake happen, families can be left with nothing.

Once you have supported families to increase harvest, it's important produce can be stored safely. The Grain Bank you see here stores 800kg of rice, and supports 16 families. During emergencies, families can borrow 40kg of rice to plant, and repay it after harvest with 50kg.

Rice harvest starts in November – **18 Grain Banks are needed now.**

GRAIN BANK

\$221



Photo: LWF Nepal



Photo: ALWS

School's in!

Rohingya families had to flee.

Many escaped to Bangladesh, while others – like the children you see here – are detained in Displaced Persons Camps. School is a proven way to help children recover from what they have suffered.

You can support a child at a Temporary Learning Space with:

- 4 Exercise Books
- 2 pencils + 2 pens
- eraser + ruler
- box of crayons + pencil case

PLUS a Mini Solar Lamp for study when no electricity. **145 sets needed!**



SCHOOL SET

\$9

GOOD TO GO!

Too often, girls in countries like Myanmar and South Sudan can't choose and build their own future.

You can support girls to attend school by supplying personal hygiene. Each Dignity Kit includes: • sarong • whistle • underwear • torch • wash bucket • laundry soap • sanitary pads • nail clipper • toothbrush & toothpaste • combs • face towels • thongs. **Make sure girls don't miss out!**



DIGNITY KIT

\$15



Photos: LWF Myanmar



Photos: LWF Nepal

"My family now has a shelter, and we are relieved of various problems."

— Mrs Jagmal received 8 sheets of iron

HOME HELP

Jagmal is a proud mum in Nepal. So, it breaks her heart that her family own no land.

They are so poor, their only shelter was a hut they made from mud, bamboo and scavenged scraps. During monsoon times, families are in danger of huts being washed away.

170 families need temporary shelters now.

SHELTER

\$16



Photo: ALWS/Daniel Bury

SEE YOUR LIGHT SHINE

When Omera came home from hospital, life remained challenging for the family. Niaman said they lived in poverty...

"We struggled to feed the family.

If we wanted to have food and vegetables we would have to buy from the market, but we didn't have enough money. We ate just rice.

I was often thinking 'how can I feed the family? We don't have enough money to buy what the children need. We need to work for other families like slaves on their rubber trees just to survive.

This was when we got support from CDRM&CDS (your ALWS partner in Indonesia).

I joined the Farmer's Group to learn about growing my own kitchen garden. I learnt how to prepare the land by digging and making the compost. I would collect soil from the land and leaves and other plants to make a mulch. Mix it with rice husks and banana leaves too.

They taught me how to make organic fertilizer by using the water from when I wash the rice each day and to mix it with bamboo root and some other local plants. I put it in a bucket and let it ferment for two weeks.

They also showed me how to make raised seed beds and even how to collect the good seeds from what I grow so I can plant and not buy from other places.

"I felt my heart was crying because all I could feed the family was rice with salt and water."



Photos: ALWS/Daniel Bury

I thank the people of Australia for helping my family to make the garden.

I feel so very happy because when I want to use vegetables in my cooking, it is already there! I don't need to go and buy, especially when we have not much money. The children get nutrition from the vegetables. We can have a variety of vegetables and not the same every day!

I especially thank you for Omera, so she can keep her spirit in education and keep learning and feel confident in herself."

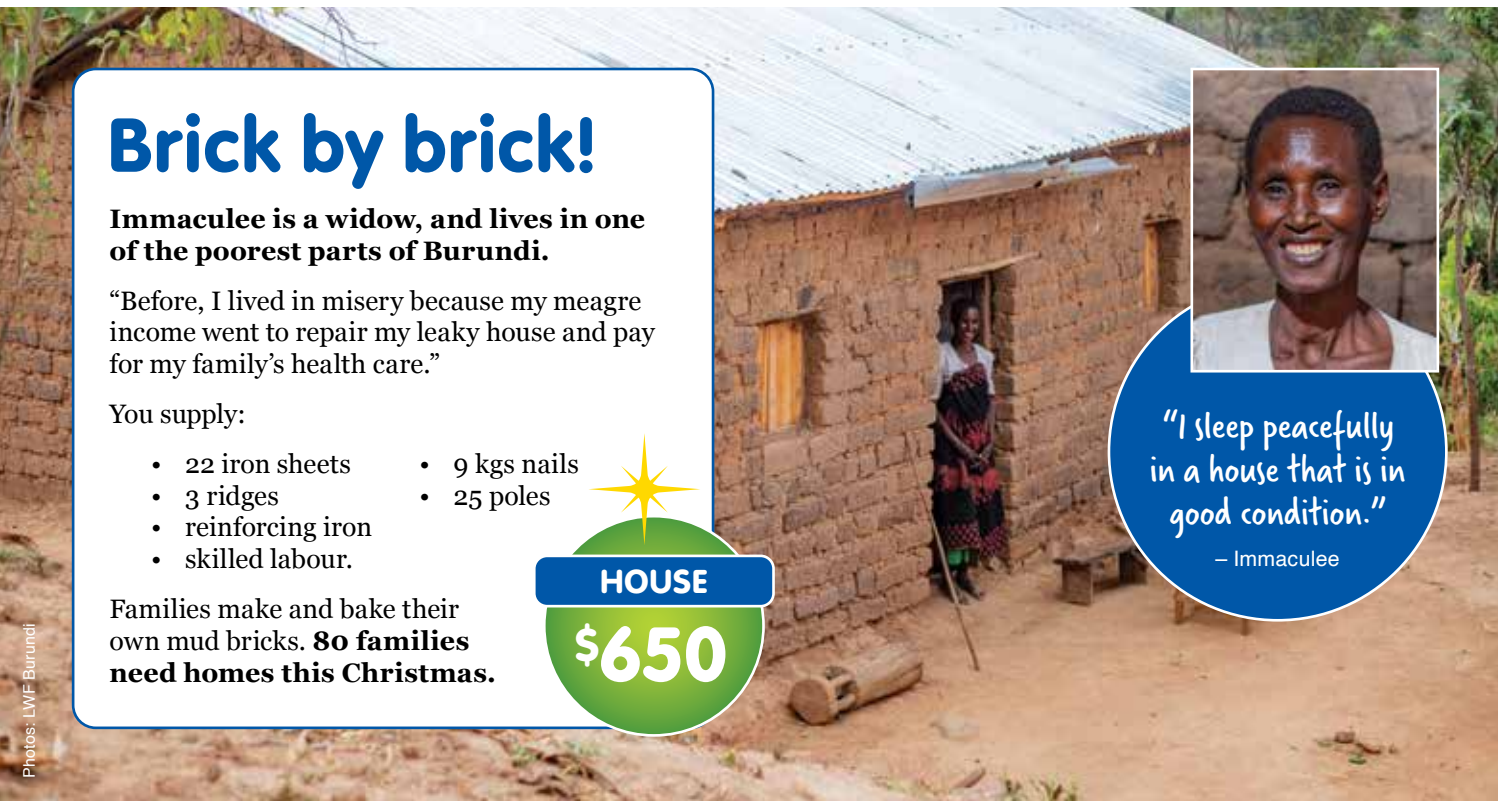
KITCHEN GARDEN

\$218

"This means I can have money for sending the children to school, especially omera in senior school."



Scan here for 5 minute video sharing Omera's inspiring story!



Photos: LWF Burundi

Brick by brick!

Immaculee is a widow, and lives in one of the poorest parts of Burundi.

"Before, I lived in misery because my meagre income went to repair my leaky house and pay for my family's health care."

You supply:

- 22 iron sheets
- 3 ridges
- reinforcing iron
- skilled labour.
- 9 kgs nails
- 25 poles

HOUSE

\$650

Families make and bake their own mud bricks. **80 families need homes this Christmas.**



"I sleep peacefully in a house that is in good condition."

— Immaculee

Each of you should use whatever **gift** you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's **grace**. 1 Peter 4:10



"... when I saw Omera, I was not sad. I saw her beautiful face, and this changed my heart. I loved her."
- Niaman

Photo: ALWS/Daniel Bury

OMERA'S GIFT FOR YOU!

When Omera was born with twisted hands, her mum Niaman was told her little girl would bring only trouble. Yet Omera soon showed she was a gift - and has a gift for you too ...

"When Omera was born, the midwife did not bring my baby to me.

They kept her for two days because she was not normal like other babies. Her hands were not normal. They kept it a secret for two days.

When Omera came home from the hospital, many

people from the village came to see. They wanted to see this strange baby. They told me many hard things like, "How can you take care of this baby? Look at her hands and feet! What can this baby do when she grows up? You will have trouble in the future."

But I was not influenced by these words. When I looked at her face, I loved her. But sometimes I would think about those words, and I would cry.

When I felt sad, I would tell myself that Omera is a gift from God and that each gift He gives can be different."

"I don't forget the challenges of hunger I passed during the critical time. The LWF saved me. LWF is always in my heart."

- Munira Sani

LWF is Lutheran World Federation

Do not forget those who are suffering, but imagine you are there with them.

Hebrews 13:5

Photo: LWF Ethiopia



Hungry for help

Drought in Ethiopia has families facing danger from hunger.

Mums like Munira ... need extra help.

You can supply 6.5kg (one month supply) of high energy Corn Soy Blend porridge so mothers can stay strong for their babies.

Can you help a mum and her baby now?

EMERGENCY FOOD

\$12

Trees for life

As the people of Bangladesh welcome and care for Rohingya refugees from Myanmar, it's vital the needs of local people are not forgotten.

You can support people with disability like Elias Miya to earn an income by planting trees to restore the environment.

Your gift? 4 tree saplings!

TREE SAPLINGS

\$8



ALWayS for those forgotten

Photo: FDPR/LWF



PRICED LESS ...

... BUT PRICELESS!

Helping hand



Photo: Nashon Tado/LWF

Hawo Hilowle is Grandma to 11 children.

She is also a refugee, living at Dadaab in Kenya. When she fell and broke her hand, she felt helpless.

"I am not used to asking for help, but with old age catching up with me, I appreciate when I see you helping vulnerable people."

You can supply medicine for an elderly refugee.

ELDER CARE

\$6

Lifted to learn

Irene is 14. A refugee. She struggles with low vision.

You can support children with disability to achieve their dreams by helping provide assistive devices like Braille Machines.

"I was almost giving up. Now I'm confident I can fairly compete with other learners. I can repay the kindness of those who helped me by studying hard to become a teacher, so I can empower my community, particularly girls, through education."

ASSISTIVE DEVICES

\$7



Photo: Klaus Tongoren/LWF

"If this kind of beautiful initiative is taken, disabled people like us will get a chance to be established in society and come to the ranks of the front row people.

Before, I was living as a burden to my family. Now I am capable to contribute. I hope you stay with us for a long time."

- Elias Miya

« See more of Omera's inspiring story over the page

DON'T CHICKEN OUT

When Onen returned to South Sudan after fleeing as a refugee, his farm was destroyed:

“It was very difficult. The famine came fast. It felt like the world was coming to an end, because this had never happened before.”

You support families like Onen’s start again:

- 4 hens + 1 rooster
- training in how to raise, feed and breed chickens
- how to maximise production

Time to get (c)lucky!



Photo: LWF South Sudan Chicken: ALWS



Photos: LWF Burundi

Your best vet

In Burundi, you support families like Severin’s with livestock like goats and pigs, and training in how to raise them. Families repay the animal they receive by giving the first offspring to another family. As Australia has seen this year with the threat of foot & mouth disease, it’s vital to protect the health of livestock. **That’s why a Vet Kit is such a smart gift to give!**



Photos: LWF Burundi

SOW SIX TIMES SUCCESS

BAD NEWS: Burundi is one of the world’s least developed countries.

GOOD NEWS: Burundi’s climate can grow abundant food crops.

Through ALWS, you can partner a Farm Group for families like Francois’ and Sephrose’s.

Each Farm Group has 15 – 20 of the community’s most at-risk families.

Your support means farmers can grow enough food to feed their families + have seeds to plant for next season + have surplus harvest to sell for household essentials.

Your partnership provides:

- certified seeds – beans & maize
- hoes, shovels, machetes, rakes
- wheelbarrows
- phytosanitary products

You receive Seasonal Reports direct from Burundi, so you can see your Farm Partnership’s progress!

You support modern farming:

- ploughing & seeding methods
- organo-mineral fertilisers
- pest and disease control
- composting
- reforestation
- soil water management

You grow a ‘supermarket’:

- bananas
- roots and tubers
- cereals
- fruit
- plantains
- legumes
- vegetables
- tea/coffee

Your Farm Partnership supports 100+ people. Children are protected from hunger, and families build their independence.

25 Farm Partners are needed now!



Bigger... and better!

Sephrose is part of one of the Farm Groups you can partner.

“Now my children are better nourished, thanks to the bigger and better crops I got”.



Farms that flourish

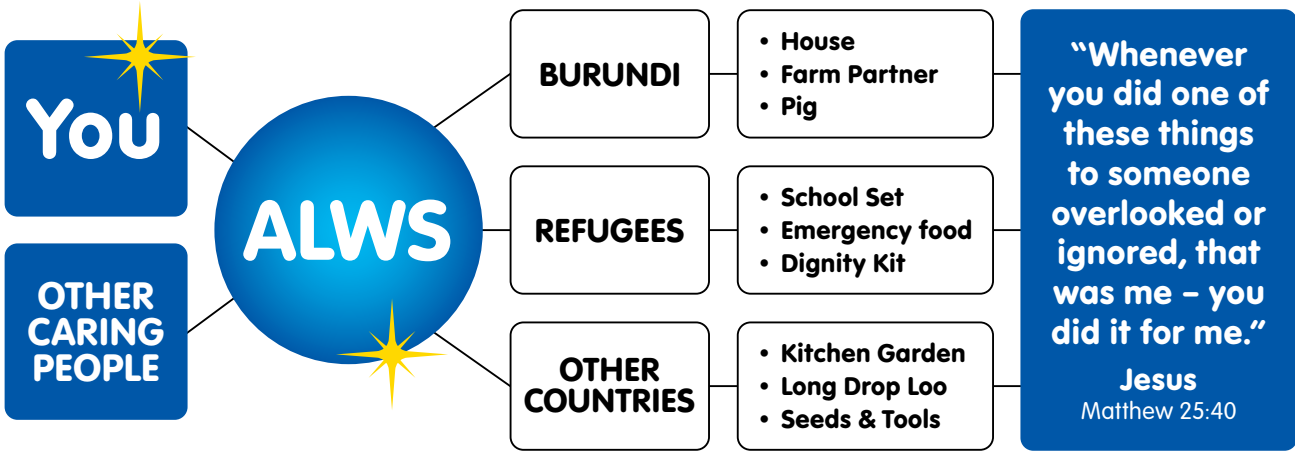
Francois can measure to the kilo the benefits of his Farm Group.

“I obtained 10kg of seeds and was able to harvest 65kg!”

Francois’ SIX TIMES SUCCESS helped feed his family PLUS buy clothes, shoes and school supplies for his children.

Francois aims to buy more land so his children can one day farm!

HOW YOUR GIFTS OF GRACE shine!



How your donation is used wisely

☒ 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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Chicken Farm	\$79		\$
Dignity Kit	\$15		\$
Elder Care	\$6		\$
Emergency Food	\$12		\$
Grain Bank	\$221		\$
Home Business	\$22		\$
House	\$650		\$
Irrigation	\$6		\$
Kitchen Garden	\$218		\$
Long Drop Loo	\$51		\$
Mosquito Net	\$4		\$
Pig	\$45		\$
School Set	\$9		\$
School Water	\$1,196		\$
Seeds & Tools	\$55		\$
Shelter	\$16		\$
Tree Saplings	\$8		\$
Vet Kit	\$30		\$
All of the above!	\$2,650		\$
SHINE Set	\$53		\$
Farm Partnership	\$5,200		\$
Postage Donation (optional)			\$4.50
EXPRESS Post - after 2 December			\$8.10
Thank you!			TOTAL \$

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shine

School set
home business
irrigation (Drip)
net (mosquito)
emergency food

**SHINE
GET THE SET!**

\$53

Photo: ALWS/Daniel Bury



**"Thank you to everyone
in Australia for your support.
You help my family to develop
the garden and bring nutritious
food for the family!"**

Filifo - Omera's dad

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