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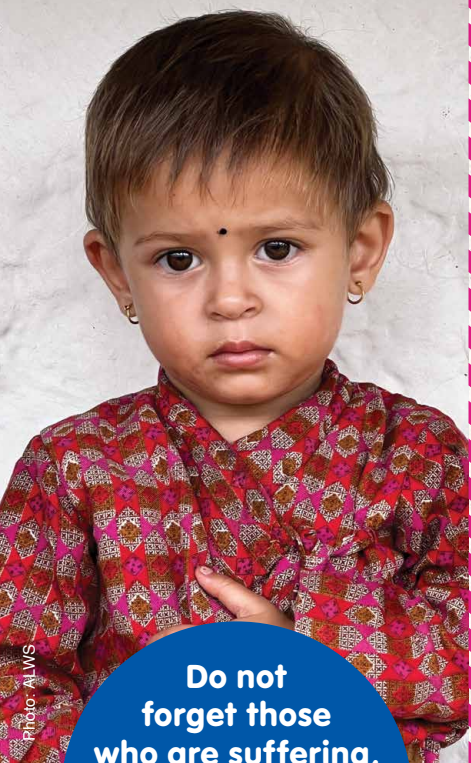


See your love
grow

NEW!
Grace Cards
you can plant
and see
grow!

- **5 gifts** under \$10
- Super **School Kit!**
- Your **FREE** gift
crafted by Effendi

Mushroom Farm • Piglets • Banana Saplings • Mangroves • Goat



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

Hebrews 13:3b (CEV)



This QR code links to an e-Book with the full stories of all the people you meet in your Gifts of Grace.

SEE YOUR LOVE GROW ...

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

School Farm Gardens. Veggies. Goats. Pigs. Even a Long Drop Loo. You're sure to find something here to delight family and friends this Christmas (or any time) ...

... and help a family grow a better future thanks to your kindness!

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

In these times of changing climate, you GROW farm harvests. For children at risk of being left behind, you GROW opportunity at school. Where families face poverty, you support them to GROW businesses and independence.

NEW!

You receive Forget-Me-Not Grace Cards for each of the Gifts of Grace you choose ...

... which become your gift to family and friends, a special way to share values you hold precious.

Your **Gifts of Grace** are fully tax-deductible, and you're welcome to choose as many as you like. Please order by Friday 1 December for pre-Christmas delivery!

May you be blessed as you see your love grow, just as you are a blessing ALWayS! **Thank you!**

Your FREE gift!

Created by artists with disability like Effendi.
(First 500 orders)
See page 11!



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Hunger's no game!

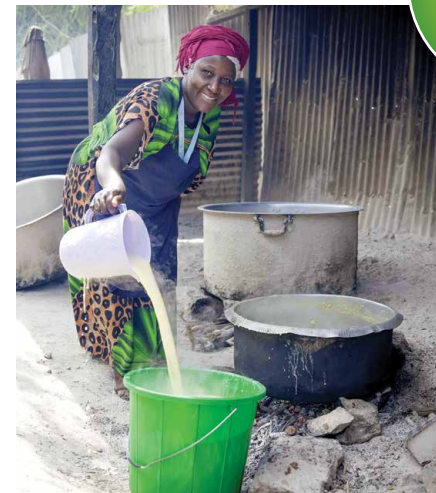
The journey that brings a child to a refugee camp can be brutal. Long distances. Harsh conditions. Barefoot walking. Not to mention the conflict that forces the journey, and the trauma that can cause.

That's why you welcome a child with food.

So, they can recover. Get strong. Know they are safe. Your **Gifts of Grace** provides porridge for a child every day for six months!

FOOD FIRST

\$6



"I cook the porridge using the flour. By 11am every day, we serve it to the pregnant and lactating mothers, and children between 6 and 23 months. The mothers are always on time to collect the porridge!"

Anita Wamwenga Biyoyo





Q: How do you feed a school of 1,500 students in a refugee camp?

A: Let's ask Otieno, who teaches Agriculture at Kakuma Refugee Camp, Kenya:

"Kitchen gardening is done by pupils under the guidance of the agriculture teacher. It is part of class work. It helps to enhance learning, and encourages a farming culture. It also grows vegetables to meet their nutrition needs by supplementing the food basket."



Photo: LWF Somalia

Set to succeed!

Drought and war made Jamilah's family so poor that the 13 year old had to drop out of school and work as a labourer to help the family survive.

Your **Gifts of Grace** provides a School Set of exercise books, text books, pens and paper, to support a child like Jamilah to return to school!

SCHOOL SET

\$5

"My dream is to attend university and become a Mathematics teacher to help eradicate illiteracy among my people, particularly those from poor family backgrounds." **Jamilah - 16 years old, Somalia**

GO TO SCHOOL - GROW A GARDEN!



Your very special **Gifts of Grace** grows this **School Kitchen Garden**:

- Set up **School Club** to care for School Garden
- **Prepare land** – dig and partition the farm
- Establish **seed beds** and sow vegetables
- **Water plants** until ready for transplanting
- Teach value of vegetables in a **healthy diet**
- **Sell surplus** to buy essentials like salt and sugar
- Veggies encourages parents to **send children** to school

More than a garden, you give a whole School Food Farm! Once it is set up, it is self-sustaining. **Yours is a gift that keeps on growing!**

"We water the vegetables every morning at 6.00am, after we shower and dress, but before we take breakfast. In the evening we water them mostly after dinner. We use a hose pipe connected to a water tap, and some of us use buckets and watering cans." **Tereza**

SCHOOL
FOOD FARM

\$756

NO CHILD FORGOTTEN

"Growing up has been a difficult affair for me and my parents. I sometimes lack self-esteem before fellow people. But later I realised that disability is not inability, and resolved to better my life. I had to learn how to adapt to the world, because I learned the world won't always adapt to me."

Bilan - 15 years old, Somalia

Bilan contracted polio at age 5. Now, she aims to lecture in English at University!

Your **Gifts of Grace** provides a child with disability in Somalia the extra support they need for success at school:

School Set + Uniform + Desk + Mobility Aids + Dignity Kit + Physio + Take Home Dry Food Rations for one month.

ALL SET FOR
SCHOOL

\$208



Photo: LWF Somalia

“Education is a must-have in life. It is the light of our lives. Whether it helps us secure jobs or not, we all must get education through the formal schooling process. My inspiration comes from seeing learners gaining understanding.”

Zainab - teacher at Dadaab, Kenya



Photos: LWF Kenya/Nashon Tado

TAUGHT – TO TEACH!

Zainab has been a refugee her whole life. Born in a camp at Dadaab in Kenya, she is now 25, and has been teaching at Upendo* Primary School inside the refugee camp for five years. (*Upendo is the Swahili word for ‘love’.)

“When I was a student, we had no teacher from our community. Therefore, communication barriers made it difficult to understand what was being taught. To learn effectively, young children need to be taught in their local language in order to boost their understanding.”

Children living through a refugee crisis have often suffered trauma, and school is a proven way to help them recover. School offers safety, routine, fun, new friends, play-time, learning ... and a daily school lunch.

Your **Gifts of Grace** can support a teacher like Zainab working inside a refugee camp for one month. You provide training to upgrade skills and classroom management, and also to provide inclusive learning to students with disabilities.

TEACH
TO TEACH

\$110

Seeds for success!

Before help through ALWS, Tara could not grow enough food to feed her family. She was taught how to make organic fertiliser, grow off-season vegetables, and use hothouse tunnels to increase yield. The farm can now support the family.

Your **Gifts of Grace** provides seeds for vegetables including cauliflower, cabbage, potatoes, tomatoes, onion, garlic, chilli, green leaf vegetable, radish, pumpkins, carrots and beans!

“I am proud that I am now referred to in my community as an organic vegetable owner and that many people use my story as an example.”

Tara - farmer, mum, grandma, Nepal

VEGGIE
SEEDS

\$11



Photo: LWF Nepal

Hang on Christmas Tree as a reminder that Christmas is about giving to others!



Plant this piece of seeded card, and it will produce Forget-Me-Not Flowers!

UNFORGETTABLE NEW Grace Cards!

You receive a **Grace Card** for each **Gifts of Grace** you choose.

A photo and description show how it helps people. A QR code leads to the complete story of the person helped.

Your **Grace Card** is also seeded with **Forget-Me-Not** flowers*. When planted, it will blossom into a beautiful reminder of your **Gifts of Grace** gift!

* In WA and Tasmania, Grace Cards are seeded with Swan River Daisy, due to quarantine rules.

**ORDER BY 1 DECEMBER FOR
PRE-CHRISTMAS DELIVERY!**

**alws.org.au/grace
1300 763 407**



Photo: LWF Nepal/Shirani Chaudhary

"I found it easy working with banana plantation after learning how to use drip irrigation and plastic mulching techniques. This also helps me control weeds. I am now planning to get land on lease to expand my business, and increase my income. I am hopeful for the future."

Sonu Kumari Chaudhary
- banana farmer, Nepal

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

BANANA SPLITS

Here's how someone like you helped Sonu Kumari learn to grow bananas to support her family:

1. Join 3 days training on growing bananas.
2. Receive banana seeds and mulch.
3. Learn how to use drip irrigation.
4. Work hard.
5. Palms bear fruit after 12 months.
6. Sell bananas at local market.
7. Plant more banana saplings.
8. Diversify with Lady Fingers.
9. Plant chillies inbetween.
10. Work hard.

BABY BANANAS

\$7

Don't slip up. Before you split, give this ap-peel-ing **Gifts of Grace** – perfect every day, especially Sundaes!

BEST OF THE BUNCH!

The people you help through ALWS and **Gifts of Grace** are both hard-working and creative.

A women's Farmers Group in Indonesia decided to value-add to the bananas and taro they grew - by turning them into chips!

The entrepreneurs were supported with:

- 2 x deep-fryers
- 1 x scales
- 2 x mandolin
- 2 x big plastic buckets
- 2 x metal sieves
- 2 x large metal fryer spoons
- 1 x machine to seal plastic bags
- 1 x hot air fryer – also fries fish

The women use their profits to buy farming equipment to further increase their income.

So, 'chip in' now with a **Gifts of Grace** to help another cooperative build a business!

BANANA CHIP BUSINESS

\$154

Peel and soak green bananas.

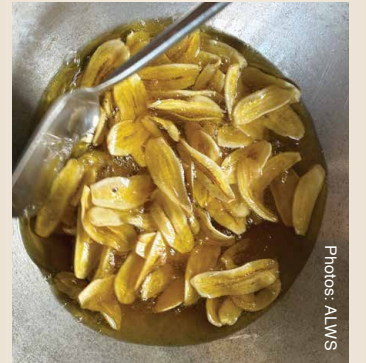
Slice finely with mandolin.

Fry for 15 minutes in oil and butter.

Drain, bag and sell!

"We can work together with other women and support each other. We grow in knowledge and skill. We sell the chips and the proceeds create an additional income for our farmers group. At the end of the year, profits are distributed to members."

Marina - Farmers Cooperative, Indonesia



Photos: ALWS



ORDER EARLY! Mail services can be slow at Christmas. So, get your order in by Friday 1 December. First 500 orders receive FREE Thank you Gift!



BAKER TAKES CAKE

“It is really good to meet others with disability and share our struggles. I realised I am not alone. It makes me happy!”

Mamad - baker, businessman, Indonesia

Mamad’s life changed when he joined a group supported by ALWS to help people with disabilities start businesses. Now, Mamad wakes at 2.30am to bake 240 cakes, that he wheelbarrows four kilometres to the marketplace. With cakes so tasty, and a smile so wide, Mamad is sold out by lunchtime.

You supply the ingredients for someone else with disability to cook up their own business!

**DIS-BUSINESS
-ABILITY**

\$308

Create a café!

“I am so happy because now I have the capacity to generate income that helps me sustain my family. I am able to buy food for us at home, pay for children in school and medical services.”

**Israka Ibrahim - entrepreneur,
single mum, South Sudan**

Photo: LWF South Sudan/Mawel Chol



**WOMEN’S
BUSINESS**

\$150

Your **Gifts of Grace** supports a woman like Israka, living in poverty in South Sudan, to build a business. Israka used her small business training and a start-up loan to transform her Tea Shop (1 table + 4 chairs) into a large popular café!



**WATERING
CAN**

\$17

“Growing mushrooms had made a big difference in my life. Knowing that I can help maintain the financial security of my family, I have more self-assurance and a sense of accomplishment.”

**Mamata - young mum, mushroom
farmer, Nepal**

Mushrooms - much more!

Your **Gifts of Grace** supplies training, watering can, straw for making bulb, plastic bag, growing tunnel (black plastic + bamboo struts + rope) to speed strong mushroom growth and drum for sterilizing the straw.

**MUSHROOM
FARM**

\$330



NEW: YOUR GIFT!

When Effendi was 16, a disease left him unable to walk. Before he came to the Hephata Centre, operated by the Lutheran community in Indonesia, Effendi struggled.

“I was feeling very distressed because my brain was working, but my body was not. At the Centre, I saw many others with disability. Many of them could not talk or think properly, but they were laughing and happy. This changed my mindset.”

Now, Effendi and wife Betty, have set up a Batik business. They create unique Christmas ornaments, alongside other people with disabilities, by sticking their own batik design to recycled CDs.

This is your FREE thank you gift for first 500 Gifts of Grace orders – so order early!

Photo: LWF/Burundi



Get on your goat!

“With profits from breeding my goat, I’m going to enlarge the cowshed. With the increase in manure, I want to expand my crops and fields. With the income I’ll be able to buy cows and pigs. I’m hopeful when I think about the future ... All I can say is thank you!”

Musa Ntakarutima - dad and President of Cooperative, Burundi

You can see the gift your goat will be for a farmer in Burundi. **Don’t wait – go, go, goat!**

GOAT

\$75

THIS LITTLE PIGGIE...

“Piglets are healthy, my business is fine. Looking back a few short years and over the obstacles I overcame, I couldn’t imagine where I am today. I can now support myself and my family without relying on foreign wage labour because of my pig farming business.”

Bhadia - farmer, Nepal

When this little piggie goes to market, it produces profits to help support a family. You can kick-start a new business with a piglet, or ‘go the whole hog’ and set-up a pig farm with 2 x piglets + secure pig-sty + food for one month!



Photo: ALWS

LITTLE PIGGIE

\$68

PIG FARM

\$534



Photo: LWF/Nepal

Photo: ALWS



YOUR CLUCKY DAY!

“My biggest happiness is that my husband is sharing the work with me. We are making decisions together. I am stronger and sending five children to school. My heart is strong. Since this training I am healthier and more confident”.

Laxmi - Chair of Women’s Group, Nepal

Laxmi’s daughter has severe disability. The family are poor. You supply three chickens, start-off food pack, water and food bowls, vaccine and vitamins, rice husks and training. **Cheep to give, but eggstremely precious!**

CHICKENS
CHEEP

\$23



Hook, line and thinker!

“The income I get from selling fish is to cater for food, medicines, school fees, clothes and other basic needs for the family... I learned that giving support to those you feel need your help is a good thing. I wish to do the same to another if I am able.”

Anyieth - dad, fisher, South Sudan

You provide net, lure, rod and fishing line. No need to fish for compliments when you give a Fishing Kit to a family in South Sudan!

FISHING
KIT

\$19



Photo: LWF/South Sudan/Mawel Chrol



READY TO 'RICE' UP!

"Every morning I wake up and pray to God for the day to go well. The rice paddy field is my hope for my future ... I feel happy and blessed when I see the wind blow through my paddy field and when my rice stalks are full with rice."

Meri - mum, farmer, cancer survivor, Indonesia

RICE PADDY

\$62

Meri's rice harvest has **GROWN 4 TIMES** since she received training in modern farming. **Now, she can feed her family year-round. Give another family in Indonesia the same joy!**

Go man, grove

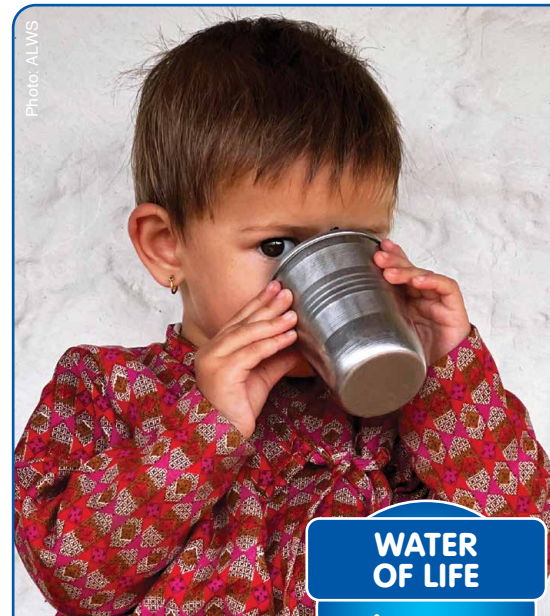
"After the big tsunami, people became aware that if we had mangroves again there would be less impact from king tides or tsunamis. I am happy to see the enthusiasm of the community to plant today. I feel very proud and that in the future we can be safe from the waves."

Victor - Community Leader, Indonesia

Your **Gifts of Grace** supplies mangrove seedlings to a community in Indonesia, which they work together to plant to help limit erosion of soil by the sea.

MANGROVE PLANTS

\$5



WATER OF LIFE

\$25

Cup of kindness

"... school attendance has improved significantly. There is a 100% pass rate from primary level schools to secondary schools for further study!"

Bhopla Marandi - School Committee Member, Nepal

When schools in Nepal lack a secure water supply or proper-access toilets, girls and students with special needs may drop out. **Your Gift of Grace helps one student in the retrofit of a school that can be open to all!**



WATER-BOUT ME?

"Before, we must walk long way for water. Now, the water just flows to the net houses. It is put on in the morning and when the vegetables have enough water, it is put off."

Elim - vegetable farmer, Kenya

Provide 50 metres of piping to help the Turkana community in Kenya irrigate capsicum, kale, spinach and tomatoes. Healthy food for children, and surplus to sell! **Veggie, veggie good!**



DRIP DRIP

\$9

“Before the project, I had to work as a laborer in the fields to get money. I was so poor that I didn’t have soap to wash my clothes. I had no farm animals.

My land is 40 x 35 m. I planted 12 kilos of seeds but only harvested 20 kilos. Now, with organic manure and fertiliser, for the same area I harvested 100 kilos of beans. I used to use 5 kilos of corn seed and harvest 35 kilos. After the training, I harvested 200 kilos.”

Richard Ndabumviye - Cooperative Secretary, dad, Burundi



Photo: LWF Burundi

As an ALWS Burundi Farm Partner, together you grow a supermarket:

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

Because your Burundi Farm Partnership supports a Farm Group of up to 20 families, your investment directly impacts more than 100 people!

Your commitment, and their hard work, supports families to protect themselves from hunger and build an independent future.



Photo: ALWS

SEE YOUR HARVEST **GROW** – BURUNDI!

Through ALWS **Gifts of Grace**, you can partner a Farm Group in Burundi for a year, and help up to 20 of the community’s most at-risk families.

Your Burundi Farm Partnership trains and supports farmers to:

- grow enough food to feed their families year-round
- store seeds to plant next season

- sell surplus to buy household essentials
- expand and diversify their farm business

Your partnership provides:

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

You support training in modern farming:

- ploughing techniques
- seeding methods
- organo-mineral fertilisers
- pest and disease control
- market gardening
- reforestation
- contour lines soil water management
- risk & disaster management

ALWS will provide you with Seasonal Reports direct from Burundi, so you can see the progress of your Gifts of Grace Farm Partnership. 25 Partners needed now.



Photo: LWF Burundi

“I feel happy and grateful for the latrine. The toilet really helps the children to go safely when they need the toilet. I’m very happy because it makes our life easier and safer. Thank you!”

Firman - Indonesia

LONG DROP LOO

\$56

LOOK what you can do!

Support a family in Indonesia to build their own safe Long Drop Loo. They give their labour, you give

- water closet
- pipes
- cement
- glue

What a great thing to do (doo)!

HOW YOUR GIFTS OF GRACE GROW!

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YOU

OTHER CARING PEOPLE

ALWS

FAMILIES

- Food first!
- School Set
- Long Drop Loo

FARMERS

- Rice Paddy
- Pig Farm
- Mushroom Farm

FUTURE

- Veggie Seeds
- Teach to Teach
- Water of Life

God will provide rain for the seeds you sow. The grain that **GROWS will be abundant.**

Isaiah 30:23

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Your GIFTS OF GRACE are tax-deductible!

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 764 507**

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GIFTS!	Price	Qty	Total
All set for School	\$208		\$
Baby Bananas	\$7		\$
Banana Chip Business	\$154		\$
Chickens Cheep	\$23		\$
Dis-business-ability	\$308		\$
Drip Drip	\$9		\$
Fishing Kit	\$19		\$
Food first!	\$6		\$
Goat	\$75		\$
Little Piggie	\$68		\$
Long Drop Loo	\$56		\$
Mangrove Plants	\$5		\$
Mushroom Farm	\$330		\$
Pig Farm	\$534		\$
Rice Paddy	\$62		\$
School Food Farm	\$756		\$
School Set	\$5		\$
Teach to Teach	\$110		\$
Veggie Seeds	\$11		\$
Water of Life	\$25		\$
Watering Can	\$17		\$
Women's Business	\$150		\$
All of the above!	\$2,938		\$
GROW Group	\$97		\$
Farm Partnership	\$5,200		\$
Postage Donation (optional)			\$4.50
EXPRESS Post - after 1 December			\$8.10
TOTAL – tax-deductible			\$

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volunteers can pack for pre-Christmas
delivery! First 500 orders receive
FREE gift! Thank you!**

MOISTEN HERE

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Photo: LWF Kenya

"I like planting and watering the vegetables. When I finish school, I will venture into commercial farming." - Sadia

**GET THE
GROW GROUP!**

\$97

See your love
grow

Man **G**rove

Rice

Sch **O**ol

Water

See your love GROW!



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