



2024

Alternative Christmas Market



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Alternative *Christmas* Market

What is the Alternative Christmas Market?

The Christian tradition, especially during Christmas, includes sharing in ways that promise renewal for ourselves and others. The purpose of the Alternative Christmas Market is to provide people with the opportunity to give gifts that bring the true joy of Christmas to the giver, the recipient, and to those who are in need.

With the market, everyone has the opportunity to:

- Visit information booths to find out more about the various missions our church supports. Bring your children and grandchildren to help them learn about giving to the community.
- Decide which missions you wish to support and fill out the price sheet.
- Support your favorite causes with a financial contribution by check, cash, or credit card. Cash or check payments avoid service fees.
- Select a card for the people on your shopping list that describes the organization you are supporting. You can use the card as your Christmas gift.
- The gifts are representative of the services provided by the organizations.
- **100% of your contributions are sent to the organizations you specify.**

Your Gift Makes A Difference!



\$25 - Replace Lost or Damaged Documents

Your donation will assist with replacing lost/damaged documents.

\$55 - Basic Needs for Refugees & Asylum Seekers

Your donation will help purchase furnishings for an apartment including bedding, pots, pans, dishes, as well as food for their first week.

Alliance for African Assistance

Founded in 1989 by Walter Lam, a refugee himself, the Alliance for African Assistance began its journey in San Diego. Our mission is to uplift refugees, immigrants, and the most vulnerable among us. We strive to help them become self-sufficient, thriving community members.

For over three decades, we've reached out to refugees, immigrants, asylum seekers, and those in need worldwide. We focus on providing social, cultural, and educational assistance, including housing, health screenings, education, language classes, and job training.



Amor Ministry

Since 1980, Amor's mission has been to serve the local church and keep families together. After a difficult few years, we are hosting groups in Mexico and inviting church teams to join us serving families and building homes.

Thanks to our supporters and trip participants, Amor has still been able to provide homes for over 150 families this year. Please support Amor and our Mexico team as they continue to serve alongside their neighbors in their communities.



\$50 - Building Materials for a Home

Your gift will help us purchase building materials so we can continue building homes alongside families in-need in Mexico.

\$150 - Food Bank for a Family

Your gift will allow our pastors to provide food to families in their communities each month through the Food Bank.



\$75 - School Snacks

School Snacks for Children who are experiencing food insecurity.

\$100 - Books for At-Risk Students

This gift provides books for students' home libraries.

Care House

Care House is a local nonprofit that was established in 1986. Our goal is to come alongside the unhoused and underserved youth across San Diego. A few of our primary partners include San Diego's Title I and JCCS schools.

The Care House programs address food and clothing insecurities, collaborate mental health resources, provide tutoring and incentives to boost school literacy and attendance, facilitate holiday toy drives and meal sponsorships, and so much more!

The students we work with are still experiencing the life-altering effects of the pandemic upon an already vulnerable population. This has dramatically reshaped their financial and academic stability, threatening their future success. Join us in coming alongside these little ones as they continue to press on toward their dreams as beloved children of God.



Deacon Ministry

The Village Church

The mission of Deacons is to serve as the hands and feet of Christ to the Church and greater community. Through loving care, prayer and support, Deacons seek to serve the spiritual, emotional and physical needs of the congregation as they meet the challenges of life, especially in times of grief, illness and misfortune.

Each Deacon is assigned a share of the Church membership for personal contact, support, care and assistance, as needed. Deacons also assist the Pastors during worship, communion and memorial services.



\$30 - Homeless Supplies Bag

Your gift of the Homeless Bag includes travel size hygiene items, socks, band aids, and more for those in need.

\$50 - Daily Bread Devotional

Your gift will support a partial subscription for the Daily Bread Devotional.





**\$25 - Sports
Uniform &
Athletic Shoes**

Sports uniform and athletic shoes for track and field, basketball, soccer, and volleyball teams competing at the new Hoehn Family Sports Complex.

**\$100 -
Sports Equipment**

Sports equipment to support the athletic teams.

Elma Barnett Centre Walindwa

The Elma Barnett Children's Centre supports vulnerable children in the Rift Valley Province of Kenya. Children of primary school age and above who are orphaned or from non-functioning families are provided physical, emotional, and spiritual care through their highest level of education (high school, trade school, college).

The Children's Centre and Elma Kamonong High School are centered in Christ's love and compassion and are aimed at empowering at-risk children to become young adults with integrity who are self-sufficient, responsible members of Kenyan society. The students are expected to "give back" after they leave, serving as mentors and role models to their brothers and sisters coming up behind them.

In the Swahili language, "Walindwa" means "the ones who are guarded or protected."



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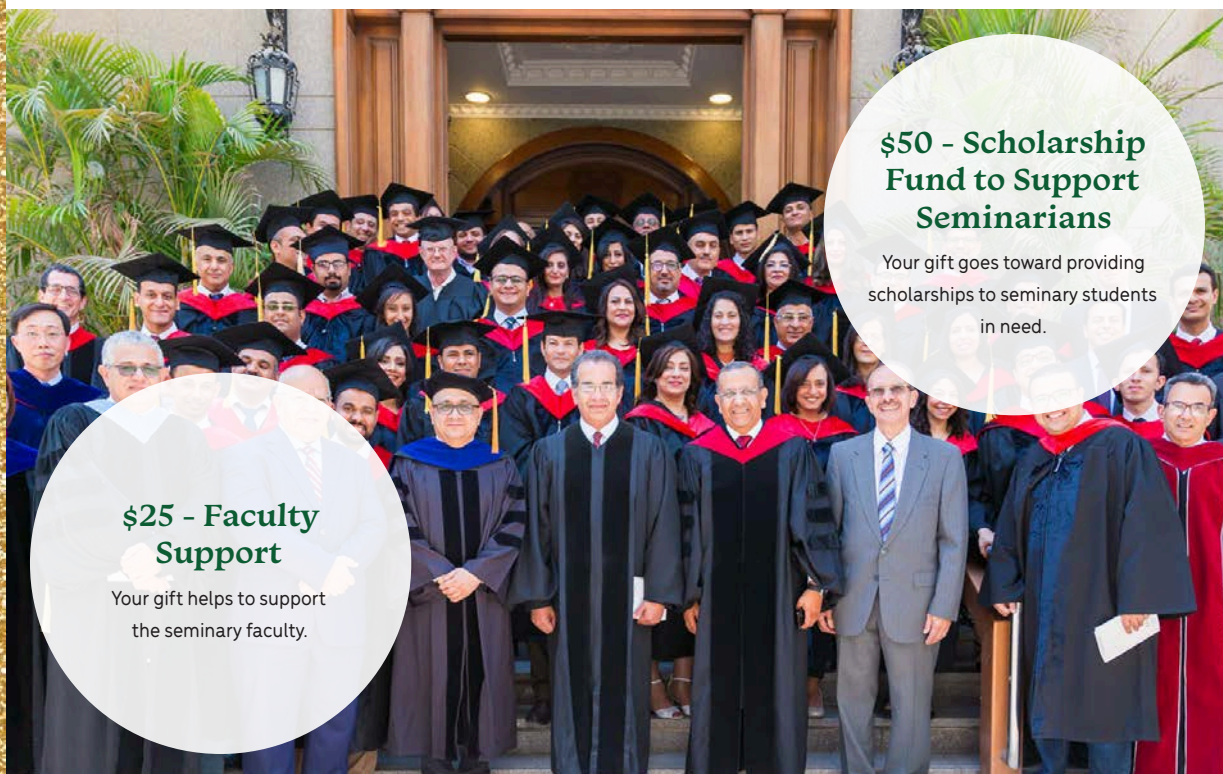
Nurturing Kenyan Children

Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo

ETSC

ETSC was founded by Presbyterians in 1863 on the houseboat Ibis, which was used as a floating seminary for theological studies and practical training. This houseboat used to sail upriver from Aswan in the South to Cairo in the North, where students received lessons from their teachers in the morning and were then trained to do practical ministry in various villages in the evening.

In 1926, the current campus was established with the purchase of land in Al-Abbasiya in central Cairo. The seminary has grown to 400 students who are engaged in both theological study and practical ministry.



\$50 - Scholarship Fund to Support Seminarians

Your gift goes toward providing scholarships to seminary students in need.

\$25 - Faculty Support

Your gift helps to support the seminary faculty.



Grace Presbyterian Church

Grace Presbyterian Church exists to be the hands and feet of our Lord Jesus Christ in our community and throughout the world.

Meals of Grace, (our soup Kitchen) feeds 30 individuals every Tuesday. Each individual is served a warm meal and given a bag filled with healthy food. We also provide 30 meals to Operation Hope North County, a shelter and program for families with children and single women experiencing homelessness, every 1st Tuesday of the month.

The Shepherd's Pantry distributes 350 bags of groceries, including dry food items, meat, fresh produce and fruits, each week to our neighbors in need.



\$30 - Cutlery Packets

Your gift goes towards one month supply of cutlery packets for our weekly Meals of Grace

\$100 -Recyclable Containers

Your gift goes towards one month supply of recyclable "to-go" containers for our weekly Meals of Grace.

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\$50 - Christmas Presents for 1 Child

Your gift buys clothing and toys for 1 child.

\$120 - Enable 2 Children to Attend School

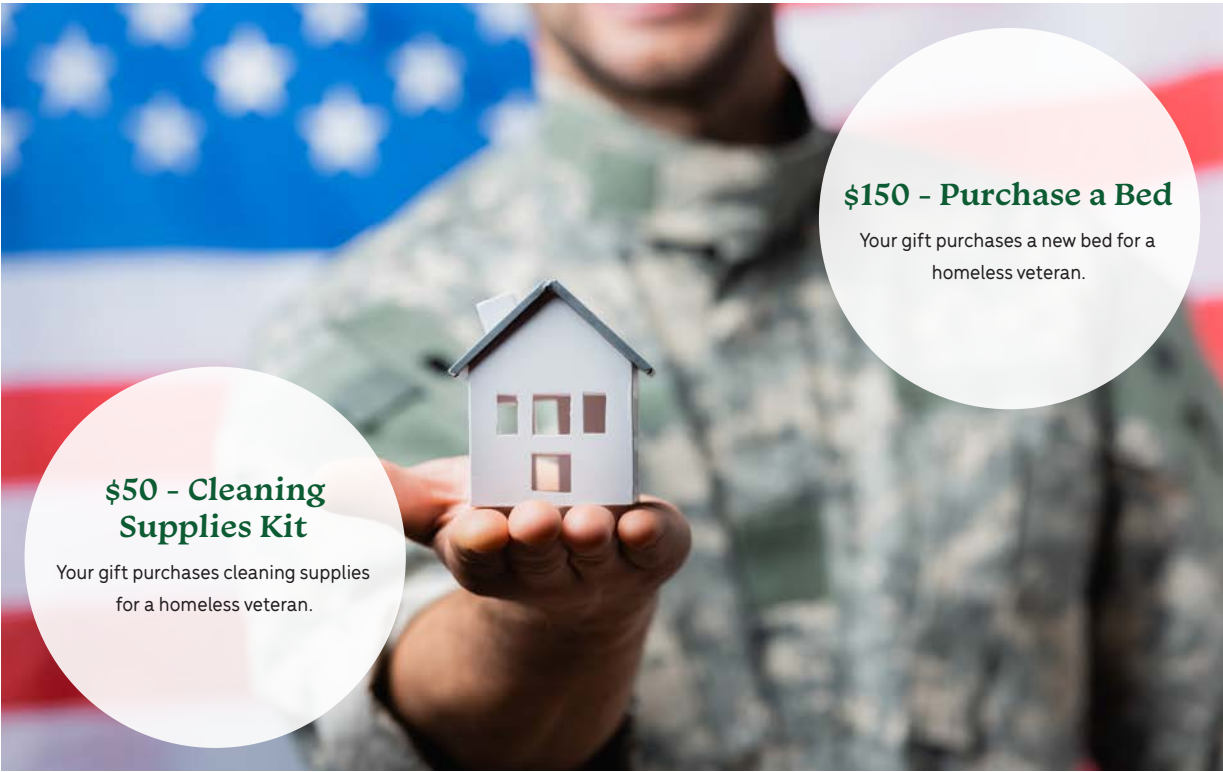
Your gift buys uniforms, shoes, socks, underwear, backpacks, & school supplies.



A Heart for Children

A Heart for Children serves the impoverished rural areas of Bali, Indonesia. We care for the orphans and widows, feed the hungry and clothe the naked, in obedience to Jesus's teaching. The center of our ministry is Michael's Home, a safe house for orphans and abandoned children, many of whom would otherwise be swept up into human trafficking. The children receive food, clothing, health care, Christian teaching, love and safety, and especially education.

Michael's Home also provides assistance to poor children who cannot afford to attend public school; abandoned widows, women discarded by their husbands including mothers with small children; and talented and motivated students who desire to complete university. 100% of all donations go directly to the children and widows we support.



\$50 - Cleaning Supplies Kit

Your gift purchases cleaning supplies
for a homeless veteran.

\$150 - Purchase a Bed

Your gift purchases a new bed for a
homeless veteran.

Homeless Veterans Initiative

In partnership with five North County Presbyterian churches and Interfaith Community Services, the Homeless Veterans Initiative helps supply household items to homeless veterans as they set up permanent housing.

Purchase a cleaning supplies kit or a bed that will support a homeless veteran in setting up permanent housing.



Hope Unlimited

Hope Unlimited for Children exists to transform the lives of street children in Brazil, providing them and their future generations productive futures and eternal hope. We provide holistic residential care and vocational training for at-risk children in Brazil, equipping them with the skills they need to get good jobs and break the cycle of poverty.

Everything we do points them to the transformational love of Jesus Christ, offering kids with no hope "Hope Unlimited."



\$25 - Welcome Gift Bag

Your gift provides a welcome gift bag with a toothbrush, toothpaste, teddy bear, picture frame, and other small items, which may be the first gifts some of these children have ever received.

\$100 - Vocational Training Materials

Our vocational training program offers certification and guaranteed job placement in high demand fields like auto body repair, food preparation, and office management.





\$60 - Sponsor a Rehearsal

The San Diego Street Choir is a ministry of the Ladle Fellowship. Your sponsorship underwrites the expenses of a rehearsal and dinner.

\$15 - Blanket & a Bible

Your gift provides blankets and large text Bibles for the homeless

Ladle Fellowship

Your gifts help First Presbyterian Church San Diego provide many different services for the homeless and impoverished in downtown. It also assists in purchasing items like toiletries and readers that are distributed to our guests and food for our weekly meals.



**LADLE
FELLOWSHIP**



Mission Commission Support

The Village Church

Our mission is to enable and mobilize our Village Community Presbyterian Church members and friends to glorify God in proclaiming His Gospel in word and deed beyond our congregation through local and global outreach ministries.

Put your faith into action with hands-on mission projects that share Christ's love and compassion worldwide.



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\$25 - Unexpected Needs of our Mission Partners

Your gift supports various mission programs world-wide by allowing us to help partners with special programs and unexpected needs as they arise.

\$50 - Mission Trip Support

Your gift will help purchase mission trip supplies as well as provide scholarships to help defray trip expenses for church members.





New Day Urban Ministries

In a Christ-centered environment, New Day Urban Ministries restores lives by equipping those in need to move forward with hope. We do this by providing essential services to the homeless, urban poor, veterans, and those recently released from prison in a safe and home-like setting, where people are treated with dignity, respect, and compassion.



\$60 - Birth Certificate Replacement Service

Your gift covers the administrative costs of obtaining replacement birth certificates for our clients.

\$75 - Steel-Toe Boots & Tools

Your gift provides protective foot wear and tools for our clients in industrial fields such as construction, and food service.



The
Outreach
FOUNDATION™

\$50 - Infant Supplies

Provides formula, medicine, and
diapers for six months

\$100 - Education and Medical Care

Provides basic education classes for
children who have lost years of schooling
because of the war in Syria, and
provides food parcels and medicines
and assistance for emergency
medical care.

The Outreach Foundation

Engaging God's people in God's work in the world by helping the church live out its missional calling.

Building the capacity of the global church, especially where the church is vulnerable or growing rapidly, together we:

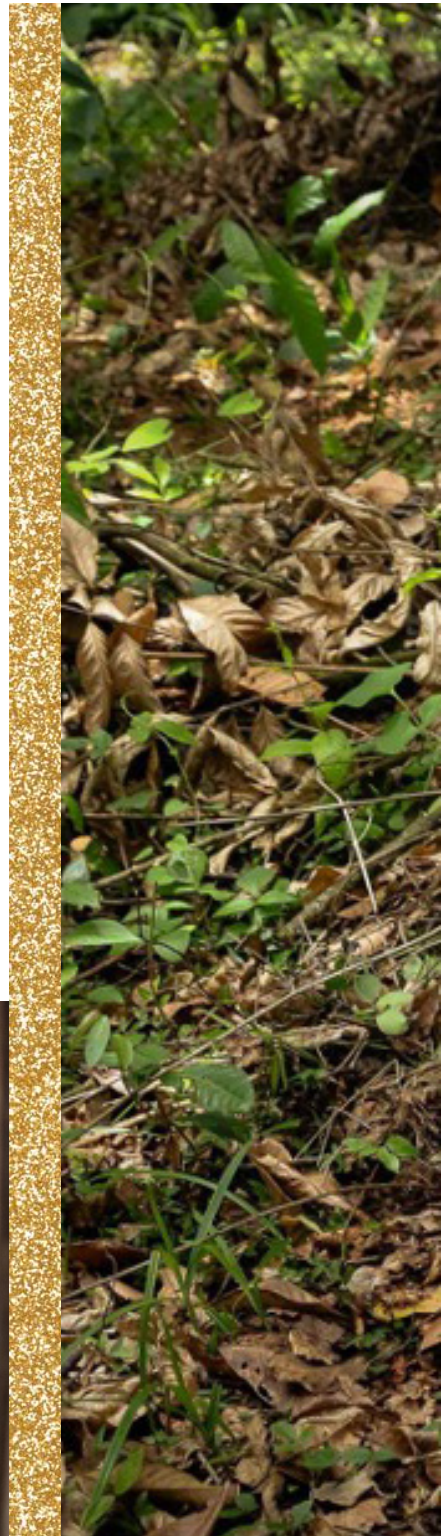
- Cultivate deep, long-term relationships
- Support the work of missionaries
- Help each other equip leaders, plant and build churches, & strengthen ministries of compassion
- Transforming lives through mission involvement



Plant with Purpose

Plant With Purpose helps rural farmers around the world to reverse poverty and deforestation through regenerative farming, tree planting, economic development and spiritual renewal. These families become agents of their own transformation.

The Village Church has supported several mission trips to Southern Mexico and has seen firsthand the life-changing impact of this training and support.





\$25 - 25 Trees

Help smallholder farmers heal their land and rise out of poverty through the gift of 25 trees. Your gift of 25 trees helps a farmer plant crop trees, bring shade to other crops, prevent soil erosion, and more. Trees help increase income and restore hope for the future.

\$125 - Empower a Family

Your gift of \$125 will give one family access to the tools, knowledge, and support they need to lift themselves out of poverty. This means girls are going to school, children are no longer skipping meals, and better futures are within reach.



**\$25 - Gift Cards
for Children for
Christmas**

\$100 - Diapers

Safe Harbors Network

Safe Harbors Network is a 501(c)3 charity dedicated to creating bed capacity for immigrants, asylum seekers and refugees. We recruit, screen and train a network of congregations, individuals, organizations, and homes who partner with Safe Harbors to provide temporary emergency shelter beds for refugees, immigrants, and asylum-seekers. We keep families together.

Our Vision: Our vision is to expand available bed and care capacity for refugees, immigrants and asylum seekers sufficient to meet their immediate needs and longer-term goals.



**Safe Harbors
Network**

San Diego Rescue Mission

We lovingly address the needs of men, women and children experiencing homelessness through a holistic, Christ-centered approach to recovery and rehabilitation. Our Mission Academy in Downtown San Diego is a year-long residential program focusing on spiritual/physical/emotional wellness, job training and education, employment, and housing. Additionally, our two emergency transitional shelters, called "Lighthouses", in Oceanside and National City provide immediate shelter, refuge, and care for our County's most vulnerable population. By God's grace, we are expanding our services to develop a coordinated system for getting more people off the streets permanently.

The opening of our Lighthouses and our relational outreach programs like our Mobile Shower Ministry and City-supported outreach help fuel this system to provide a continuum of Christ-like care from the streets to stability. Because we lead with Jesus, we accept zero government funding, which is why your financial support is so appreciated.



\$25 - School Supplies

Your gift will bless our elementary school students with school supplies. School supplies will go a long way to provide essential resources for our youngest guests to succeed academically and receive the help they need.

\$75 - Emergency Shelter Night

Your gift blesses one family with a night in our emergency shelters (Lighthouses). Our Lighthouses provide safe refuge for those seeking to get off the streets immediately, and include daily meals, hot showers, and a warm bed.





**\$50 -
Audience
Relations Ministry**

Your gift supports the Audience Relations team in meeting the growing demand due to significant increases in social media engagements across all SAT-7 channels.

**\$50 -
A Lifeline of Hope
for Afghan Girls**

Your support provides education at home in Jesus' Name, from the Alphabet to the Gospel.

SAT-7

SAT-7 is a Christian multimedia platform focused on the Middle East and North Africa (MENA). Broadcasting through satellite channels, social and digital media in three languages, (ARABIC, FARSI and TURKISH) showing viewers God's love, providing local churches the essential Christian education to encourage their communities, and combat misconceptions about the Christian faith in the region. It is also free to air and an uncensored resource for millions of isolated believers in the MENA region.



Scholar Leaders

Scholar Leaders exists to encourage and enable Christian theological leaders from the Majority World for the Global Church. (Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America, and the Middle East). We support leaders as they earn PhDs in theology and related fields. Since our founding, over 150 leaders have completed degrees and returned home to train pastors, missionaries, evangelists, and entrepreneurs. We also guide Majority World seminaries to make wise long-term plans so that they can better equip students for ministry. We have a particular interest in promoting women in theological leadership and in the Church in Muslim-majority contexts.



**\$25 -
Support Women's
Leadership Programs**

Your gift helps support a yearly peer counseling retreat for women leaders in theological education from the Majority World.

**\$50 - Christmas Gift
for a Student's Family**



**\$40 -
Disciple Isolated &
Persecuted Believers**

Your gift helps us provide support to Sudanese believers facing isolation and persecution

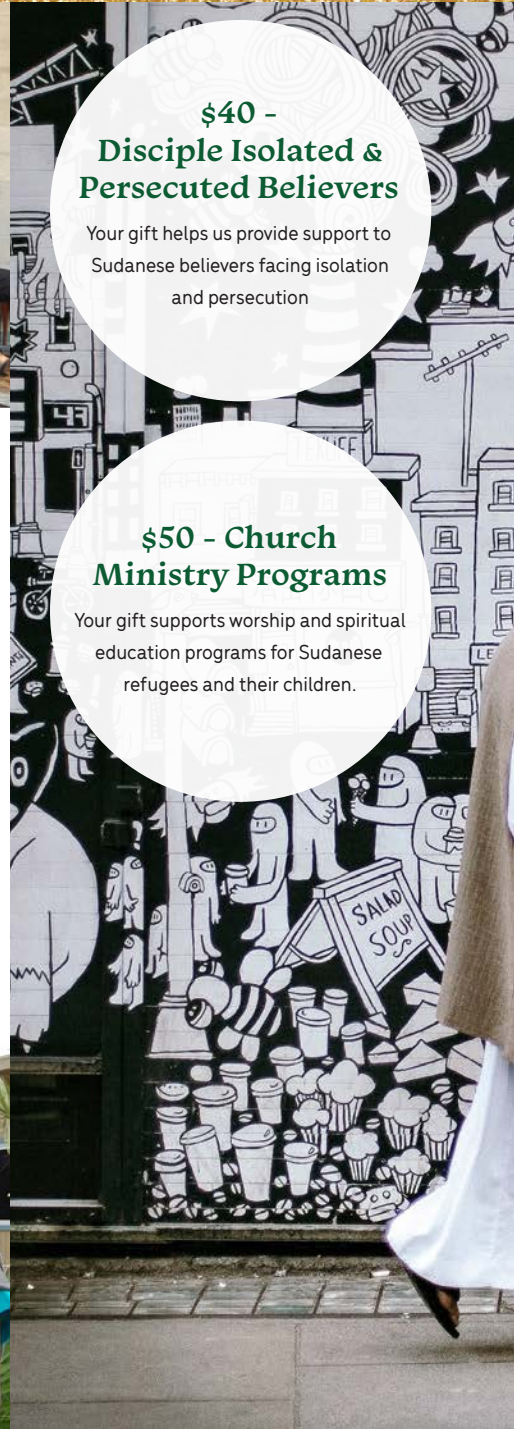


**\$50 - Church
Ministry Programs**

Your gift supports worship and spiritual education programs for Sudanese refugees and their children.

Sudanese American Presbyterian Church

A worshipping and spiritual education community for refugees and their children who are growing up suspended between two cultures.





Studio Internship

Brad & Lisa are teachers/mentors with Studio, a training program for new cross-cultural workers. Candidates preparing for ministry overseas spend three months studying and practicing what they are learning in hands-on ministry among refugees and immigrants. Studio interns and their families live together in an immigrant neighborhood and study under experienced overseas workers. They learn to build relationships with immigrant neighbors, serve them in practical ways such as English tutoring, and share with them the love of Jesus.

Brad & Lisa are part of the leadership team and are thrilled to see graduates from the first sixteen training sessions in fruitful and resilient ministry in more than 25 countries.



\$10 - Craft Supplies
Provides a week's craft supplies for the Studio kids' training program

\$100 - Language Learning Kit
Equips an intern with a language-learning kit for teaching English to Afghan refugees



\$350 - Camp Scholarship

Help sponsor a City Heights youth to participate in UrbanLife's summer faith camp experience.

\$150 - Youth Group Meals

Help provide a healthy and nutritious meal for students participating in weekly tutoring at Crawford High School.

UrbanLife Ministries

UrbanLife's mission is to develop young leaders in City Heights that love God, neighbor, and 'hood through spiritual, physical, academic and professional development programs that strengthen their lives and their community. At UrbanLife, we believe transformed people transform their neighborhoods, and that starts with our youth.

UrbanLife supports students ages 14-24:

- Experience God and develop healthy relationships with adult small group leaders at our weekly youth group.
- Learn the benefits and importance of a healthy lifestyle through our farms program and our running program, City Heights Runners.
- Receive tutoring, homework, and college prep help from UrbanLife staff and volunteers.
- Learn critical job skills such as discipline, communication, and time and money management, all while earning a paycheck or stipend at our UrbanLife Cafe and UrbanLife Farms.



Urban Youth Collaborative

Urban Youth Collaborative (UYC) is an outreach youth ministry founded by Rev. Dr. Nate Landis in 2009. UYC brings the good news of Jesus to one hundred public middle and high school ministry sites in San Diego (CA), Sacramento/Grass Valley (CA), Atlanta (GA), Columbia (SC), Tijuana (MX), and Addis Ababa (ET).

Our mission is to win students to Christ, especially those from disadvantaged communities, connect them to a local church where they can grow as disciples, and mobilize them as servant leaders who transform their schools, families, and communities. By showing Jesus' love in practical ways, UYC has grown to reach thousands of students every week through life-changing relationships.

An expanding coalition of local churches, campus allies, student leaders, devoted staff, and gospel patrons makes this ministry possible.



\$50 - Grocery Gift Cards

Your gift provides funds for grocery gift cards to support hungry kids/families impacted by poverty in low-income communities in San Diego and Tijuana.

\$100 - Front-Line Staff Support

Your gift provides staff support for UYC's front-line employees who share Jesus with, and care for, vulnerable students and families who may not experience the touch of Christ without your help.





\$100 - Camp Scholarship Funds

Your gift provides funds to send a teen to Young Life camp.

\$50 - Bibles & Discipleship Materials

Your gift provides Bibles and discipleship materials for Young Life ministries.

YoungLife North Coast

With the Village Church's support, Young Life North County has reached out to students from Del Mar, Solana Beach, Encinitas, Carlsbad, Oceanside, and beyond for more than 20 years. Led by Scott Rubin and Pradeepa Ganhewa it has grown to reach over 800 kids with little or no faith or church background every year. Built on the foundation of relationships, prayer, and adventure, Young Life leaders show up in kids' lives, introduce them to Jesus Christ, and help them grow in their faith!

Community contact work, weekly outreach meetings, discipleship groups, winter, and summer camps are ways that Young Life leaders extend the invitation for kids to jump into Young Life. Kids quickly discover that Young Life is all about Jesus!

To hear more about what God is doing through Young Life, contact Scott Rubin at 760.845.9735 or svrubin@gmail.com. You can also find us online at cov.younglife.org.



YoungLife *Rancho Del Sol*

Rancho Del Sol teams have jumped in with kids hosting events, clubs, and campaigners for almost a month. We have met over 200 new students through contact work and have had almost 100 kids attend weekly meetings for Young Life and Wyldlife! This is an exciting and necessary time for our leaders to meet students as they come out of isolation.

Thank you for cheering us on as we go into a world of kids and being lights for Jesus!



\$75 - Pizza Lunch

Provide Pizza for a weekly lunch club at one of our schools Canyon Crest Academy, Torrey Pines High School, or Wyldlife Club (Middle School outreach).

\$100 - Camp Scholarship

Provide a camp scholarship for one of Young Life weekend or summer camps





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WELCOME
the Savior



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EVENT SCHEDULE
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ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS MARKET KICK-OFF

Sunday, November 24 | 8:30 AM

LADLE FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, December 1 | 12:00 PM

BLUE CHRISTMAS

Friday, December 6 | 11:00 AM | RSVP Online

BREAKFAST IN BETHLEHEM

Saturday, December 7 | 9:00 AM | Tickets Online

HANDEL'S MESSIAH CHORAL CONCERT

Two Nights | December 8 & 9 | 7:00 PM

WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Wednesday, December 11 | 11:30 AM | Tickets Online

CAROLS IN THE VILLAGE

Sunday, December 15 | 4:00 PM

LUMINARIA PARTY

Monday, December 23 | 9:00 – 10:00 AM

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

Tuesday, December 24 | 2:00, 4:00, 6:00 & 11:00 PM

BRANCH BBQ

Wednesday, December 25 | 12:00 PM

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday, December 29 – 9:00 & 10:30 AM

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