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The Impact Of Better World Gifts

FROM CHILDREN GOING TO SCHOOL
TO CHICKEN FARMS AND SAFE
DRINKING WATER, THERE'S NOT MUCH
A BETTER WORLD GIFT CAN'T DO!

Here are stories from around the
world, showing how Better World Gifts
can create change through the work
of our local Christian Partners.

*Some names changed for privacy purposes.



A Gift That Returns Joy To Childhood

CAMBODIA



Sophea lives with her parents and two sisters in Cambodia. Without a steady income, her parents found it difficult to cover the basics like food and shelter, let alone school fees, so the sisters didn't have many opportunities to play and learn with others.

But when the family became participants in our Christian Partner's program, all their lives changed for the better. With help

learning new agricultural practices, Sophea's parents became financially secure, and could afford to put their daughters in school. The girls also joined our Partner's Child Club where they could play, make friends, and learn important self-advocacy skills like knowing their rights.

Now Sophea enjoys being a child, safe and healthy, and is gaining confidence, thanks to gifts like this Arts and Crafts card.



Arts and Crafts

A Gift That Helps A Child Go to School

UGANDA



Balinda is growing up in Uganda. Poverty meant that his parents couldn't afford school fees or enough food for the family, which created an incredibly stressful home environment. But the whole family's lives were transformed when Balinda began participating in a Child Club run by our Christian Partner. Through the program, he was offered opportunities and support to advocate for himself and his peers. His parents also grew in their parenting skills, as a result of participating in our Partner's program.

'We learnt about child protection, rights and responsibilities of children, value of education among others [that] changed my attitude towards supporting my children and other children in the community,' Balinda's mother said. 'Now I can provide basic needs to my children, and I encourage other

community members to provide for their children. My husband and I learnt how to settle disputes without engaging in violence which brought peace in our home.'

Balinda's parents have also learnt business and agricultural skills so they can earn an income, and he can go to school. Balinda loves going to school, and wants to see all the children in his community have the same opportunity to learn and thrive.



Back to School

A Gift That Creates A Buzz For Families

KENYA



Hassan has seven children and struggled to support his family. He farmed and found casual work where he could provide for them, but it was never enough. Then he learnt about our Partner's program, and thanks to the generosity of

people like you buying a Bee card, he was able to learn about raising bees and harvesting honey. Now he sells honey at the markets and can feed his children and send them to school. That's sweet!



Bees

A Gift That Keeps Families Safe & Warm

LEBANON



When their home in Syria was attacked by ISIS, Hamid and his family fled to Lebanon. While safe now, winters are cold in Lebanon, and makeshift homes aren't good at keeping the wind and snow

out. But warm clothes, blankets and mattresses make a huge difference. When you purchase a Blanket card, families like Hamid's can stay warm and dry in winter.



Blanket

A Gift That Breeds Life Through Chickens

KENYA



Not too long ago, Veronica's family were surviving on one meal per day. As farmers battling against drought, the family also found it difficult to pay for other important things, like school fees. Veronica prayed that God would help their family.

Help arrived through our local Partner, who showed Veronica

up-to-date farming techniques and the best seeds to grow in arid conditions. She also learned that she could combine keeping livestock with growing crops to achieve better results. 'Today, I have one donkey, three cows, three goats, two geese and ten chickens!' she said. 'God has really worked wonders in our lives.'



Chicken

A Gift That Helps Children Live in Safety

BANGLADESH



Aadya is the daughter of garment workers who live away from their children for work. Aadya's grandparents help out, but she often had to walk alone to school where she felt exposed and scared. But being part of the Child Club run by our Christian Partners in Bangladesh means she's no longer alone and afraid.

Our Partners have been working across the community to ensure children like Aadya can grow up in safety, without fear. Aadya has learnt all about how to stay healthy and safe as a young girl. She even helped to save one of her friends from a child marriage! Because of support from people like you for Child Friendly Spaces, Aadya and her friends have the support they need.



Child Friendly Spaces

A Gift That Quenches Their Thirst

NEPAL



The water wasn't safe to drink in Aasha's village in Nepal. People in her community were forced to drink, cook, and wash with contaminated water. Many were constantly sick with water-borne diseases.

The community knew something had to be done, so they asked our local Christian Partner for help. Together

they dug over 100m to access clean bore water, installed a collection tank, and fitted a pipe in each home. Now everyone has access to clean water, and Aasha's family aren't constantly ill. 'I drank like I had been thirsty for a long time,' Aasha said, recalling that first taste. 'I got a precious gift. Our whole community is very happy.'



Clean Water

A Gift That Rebuilds After Disaster

NEPAL



Bane and his family were left without a home and unable to farm their land when continuous rain caused a catastrophic landslide to occur in a remote, mountainous region of Nepal. A total of 760 people were displaced as their houses were swept away.

In our emergency response and because of the generous gift of

Disaster Toolkits, Bane's family and other families like his received a tarpaulin, blankets, mattress, rice, pulses, salt and oil. With such support, he was able to build a makeshift shelter. He and his community have received continued support—preparing them for future disasters so they can recover quickly.



Disaster Toolkit

A Gift That Protects In Times Of Crisis

LEBANON



Fadi lives in Lebanon in a shack made from things she's found and pieced together. She used to have a home, but with the economic crisis and inflation in Lebanon she could no longer afford to rent her home. She lives in a shack with her husband, three children, and in-laws. Before Fadi and her family got in contact with our Christian Partner, she wasn't sure how they would survive, especially when winter came.

But through the generous gift of an Emergency Shelter, they were able to receive urgent supplies to help them survive. Our Christian Partner also helped to provide them with a strong tarp which reinforced their home and protected them against the wind and rain.

While life is still difficult for Fadi and her family, she trusts God. 'We have lost hope in Lebanon but continue to pray that God will

keep this country going,' she said. 'We have faith in God and what is divinely "written" for our lives.'



Emergency Shelter

A Furry Gift That Keeps On Giving

KENYA



Taabu Kasina's life in Kenya changed when she met our Christian Partner and received a goat, along with training and support to breed and take care of it. As well as providing nutrition for her family, participating in our Partner's program gave Taabu Kasina the opportunity to learn better financial skills and good agricultural practices that she could apply to all kinds of farming.

Soon, Taabu Kasina was able to exchange a baby goat for some chickens and diversify her farming. With an ongoing income from milk, eggs, abundant crops and meat, she is now building her family a house and putting meals on the table each day. The gift of a goat can really change a life.



Goat

A Gift Of Clean Hands & Healthy Bodies

LEBANON



Najwa and her family are Syrian refugees. They have been living in Lebanon in a tent with their extended family since their home in Syria was attacked. The worsening economic crisis has caused them fear and anxiety.

like Najwa's stay safe and healthy. Her daughter is protecting herself by washing her hands with soap provided through our local Christian Partner. Their family have also been given hygiene kits to help them stay healthy.

When you give the gift of a Hand Soap card, you are helping families



Hand Soap

A Gift Of Lunch For Learners

KENYA



Nala and her family live in an area of Kenya that is ravaged by drought. In better times, she and her husband had farmed their plot of land. But when the drought came, nothing grew, and they lost everything.

Thankfully our Partner provided the community with food packages, and its school food program ensures that Nala's children—along with 300 other students—receive a wholesome breakfast and lunch each day at school. 'My children have been able to go to school constantly since I am able to give them food without much struggle,' Nala said.



Lunch for Learners

A Gift That Creates A Fairer Fashion Industry



2023 marked the tenth anniversary of Baptist World Aid's first Ethical Fashion Report. Through ten years of advocacy, action, raising awareness, and holding companies to account, Baptist World Aid—alongside countless others—has pushed fashion closer towards becoming an industry that respects its workers and the planet.

Our research shows that the 25 brands who have been included in the Ethical Fashion Report consecutively since 2013 outperform the entire 2022 clothing cohort by an average of eleven points. This speaks to the value of consistent, ongoing public accountability through advocacy.

The past decade has seen some major wins and losses for the world's garment workers, and throughout the ups and downs, our Ethical Fashion Team have persisted in

challenging some of Australia's largest fashion companies on what they're doing to create change.



A Gift Of One Pig Makes A Difference For Many

UGANDA



James is a South Sudanese refugee living in rural Uganda and a single parent with three children. He loves his children but struggled to feed them and has always wanted to work hard so he can provide for their needs. When James began working with our Christian Partner, it gave him the opportunities and access to resources he needed to turn his family's lives around. James learnt how to save, and gained business

and agricultural skills. With his new savings, he bought a pig to help produce fertiliser for his crops.

James is now planning to breed his pig, so he can sell piglets at the market and to continue to help feed his family. He dreams of working and saving enough to open a primary school for other children missing a parent, so they can have opportunities to build a better future.



A Gift That Helps Mothers Give Birth Safely

NEPAL



Senduri is a loving mum to five children in Nepal. She was married at 17 and gave birth to her first child soon after. Living with her in-laws, Senduri wasn't allowed to leave the house—not even to get a check-up during pregnancy. Sadly, she birthed all of her children at home in fear, with no knowledge of reproductive health.

Encouraged by her children, Senduri joined a Peer Education group. She

started leaving the house to learn about reproductive health, family planning, and the importance of education. Senduri is now sending her children all the way through school, and she confidently shares health information with other women in her community, so they don't have to go through things like childbirth alone. 'This makes me feel happy and proud,' Senduri said.



Safe Birth

A Gift That Goes Where its Most Needed

LEBANON



Just as your socks go wherever you need them to, so does this gift. Your gift of socks helps fund for families when and where it is needed most. Families like Leila's.

Leila and her family are Syrian refugees who fled to Lebanon when ISIS attacked their home. While on the move, her husband was captured and imprisoned for two months, so Leila was left on her own with her two children. Without warm clothes, the children became sick from the freezing weather and she had no way to afford medical treatment.

Our Christian Partner provided Leila with medical assistance, social support, food vouchers, gas for heating and cooking, and a washing machine. While Leila and her family still struggle, they are thankful for the support they have received.

'I feel very thankful for everything that happened during this project. You never left us, you stood by us and protected us,' Leila said. 'We were in a dark place for a long time, and although we still are, we have hope that things will be better.'



Socks

A Gift That Protects From Disease

SOLOMON ISLANDS



Malaria used to be a huge problem for Obed's community in the Makira region of the Solomon Islands. Mosquitos were breeding rapidly in garbage piles and polluted waterways, so sickness plagued the people. Then, as a community leader, Obed worked with our local Partner to fight the problem at its source. When the community learned more about healthy living, they dealt with the pollution and garbage so the mosquitos had no breeding ground. As a

result, malaria infections dropped dramatically, as did other illnesses.

These days, the whole community are committed to caring for their environment—taking advantage of training and support offered by our local Partner.

'Today we enjoy the environment and good life in our community,' said Obed. 'It's what the project has provided us.'



Stop Malaria

A Gift That Preserves Safety & Dignity

NEPAL



With no toilet in Anjali's village in Nepal, everyone used the local fields and jungles. It was unhygienic, and Anjali and her two daughters could only go at sunrise and sunset. She feared it was too dangerous to go at other times because of wildlife. And with a lack of privacy, she also feared for her safety.

Thanks to our local Partner, there are now 17 toilets in Anjali's community. No one needs to live in fear because everyone has a safe and private place to go. This is a great relief, especially to women and girls. 'Now I feel safe,' Anjali said.



Toilet

A Green Gift That Grows a Better Future

UGANDA



Richard lives in Uganda. He has a problem with his legs that meant he generally couldn't work or participate in other activities in his community. But after joining a group our Christian Partner runs, he gained the skills, opportunities and confidence to take part in growing and selling trees. He now grows passionfruit, jackfruits and other tree seedlings which he can sell to earn an income to live on.

By planting, growing and selling trees, Richard now has a life he looks forward to. He hopes to set up a processing and packaging system for the juice from his fruit and build a home for his future family. Trees and other plants also help hold the soil together to protect Richard's household during floods, contributing to a healthier and more sustainable environment.



Trees

A Gift So Everyone Can Eat

KENYA



Judy and her family live in rural Kenya and before they became involved with our Christian Partner, they struggled to grow and earn enough to eat. On average, their crops only produced enough for them to eat properly for two months. After that they often had to rely on the kindness of others in order to survive. But when she joined the program, she learnt new techniques to farm her land and in the first year, for the first time ever, her crops produced enough to feed her family all through the year!

It was even enough for her to sell remaining crops at the market and send her children to school. The following year, her crops produced over 1.5 times more than the year before.

With the extra income, she diversified, learning how to raise chickens and put solar panels in her

home so her children could have electricity to study at night. Now her family have nutritious meals every day, her children can go to school and do well in their studies, and she has broken the cycle of poverty.



Veggie Patch



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