

Heaven's Family

Loving God and One Another - Matt. 22:36-40

SPECIAL EDITION



**Gift
Catalog**

Winter/Spring 2011

Caring for "the least of these"

Dear Friends,

I've been thinking about a strange paradox: Millions spending billions giving unneeded gifts to each other in celebration of the birth of Jesus, while He—incarnated in "the least of these" of His family—goes without basic necessities such as food, safe water and adequate shelter. This seems especially strange when those who claim to love Him ignore His glaring needs.



We've put together this Gift Catalog to help rectify that paradox. Using it, you can still honor your friends and family with gifts, but your gifts will also express your love for Jesus and lift the very poor among His family around the world. An added bonus is the treasure laid up in heaven as a result, which is the only thing that most of us—givers and receivers—can honestly say we lack. When your loved ones open their gift cards from *Heaven's Family* and learn what you've done in their honor, they'll appreciate your kindness and farsighted wisdom.

This Gift Catalog is appropriate not just for Christmas (or Hanukkah), but for every occasion when gifts are shared. Please use it as a gift resource this holiday season and throughout 2011. We can mail gift cards to you (for you to deliver personally), or directly to your loved ones. And you can order cards "in honor of" or "in memory of."

Please note that the enclosed response form can also be used just as you might use it any other month—for your personal contributions to your favorite funds.

Thank you for caring and loving. May Jesus be blessed!

David



Heaven's Family guarantees that 100% of your contribution to a restricted fund (for example, all the funds listed in this Gift Catalog) goes directly to meeting that need. Nothing is taken out for administration.



It's easy to order your Gift Cards:

1. Browse through the catalog, asking God to show you how He wants you to bless Him, the "least of these," and your loved ones.
2. Order your gift cards by one of three ways: by mail (use the enclosed form), phone (412-833-5826) or online (HeavensFamily.org/iwh/giftcards).



Orphan's
tear

A gift has been given in your honor by John and Jane Doe to provide Christmas gifts for orphans in Benin, Tanzania, Kenya, India, Haiti, Nepal, and Sri Lanka through the ministry of Orphan's Tear.

Visit us at www.OrphansTear.org

I was
Hungry

Visit us at www.IWasHungry.org

We'll send customized versions of these beautiful cards to your loved ones in their honor, or we will send the cards to you so that you can deliver them by hand or mail them yourself.

Love an orphan

Caring for orphans and widows in their distress...

James 1:27



Christian orphanages in many poor nations are unable to provide the necessary shelter and environment that little followers of Jesus need to grow into strong, healthy disciples. Often, a simple, adequate new dorm building for 30 children costs just \$20,000. You can help provide a safe place for orphans to be cared for by contributing to the Dorms for Orphanages Fund. Whether you give \$1 or \$20,000, you can make a difference in the lives of many orphans.

Dorms for Orphanages Fund - 01	
\$20,000	one dorm in Burma
\$1,000	share 1/20 the cost
\$1-?	no gift is too small!



Provide an orphan with a Christmas gift this year through the Christmas Gifts for Orphans Fund!

Or, through *Orphan's Tear's* Special Gifts Fund, you can help an orphanage dig a new well, buy chickens, or build a pigpen to help them become more self-sufficient.

Or, for just \$20 per month, you can sponsor an orphan. By sponsoring an orphan, you help provide one child with healthy food, medicine, school fees, and Christian nurture.

Orphan's Tear Funds - 02	
\$5-\$10	a Christmas gift
\$1-?	special gifts (misc. needs)
\$20/mo	sponsor an orphan



Care for a widow

One cannot read the Bible very long before realizing that God has a tender heart towards widows and orphans. *Heaven's Family* seeks to help the poorest Christian widows with small business loans and grants for anywhere from \$50 to \$500. We also provide them with domestic animals for sustenance (typically about \$25 for a few small animals, to about \$250 for larger ones), medical care, shelter, food, and other basic necessities out of our desire to express love to our Lord.

We love to see the smiles on the faces of widows when they receive life-sustaining help from caring members of their spiritual family who contribute to the Christian Widows Fund.



Christian Widows Fund - 03	
\$50-\$500	business loan or grant
\$25-\$250	domestic animals
\$1-?	no gift is too small!

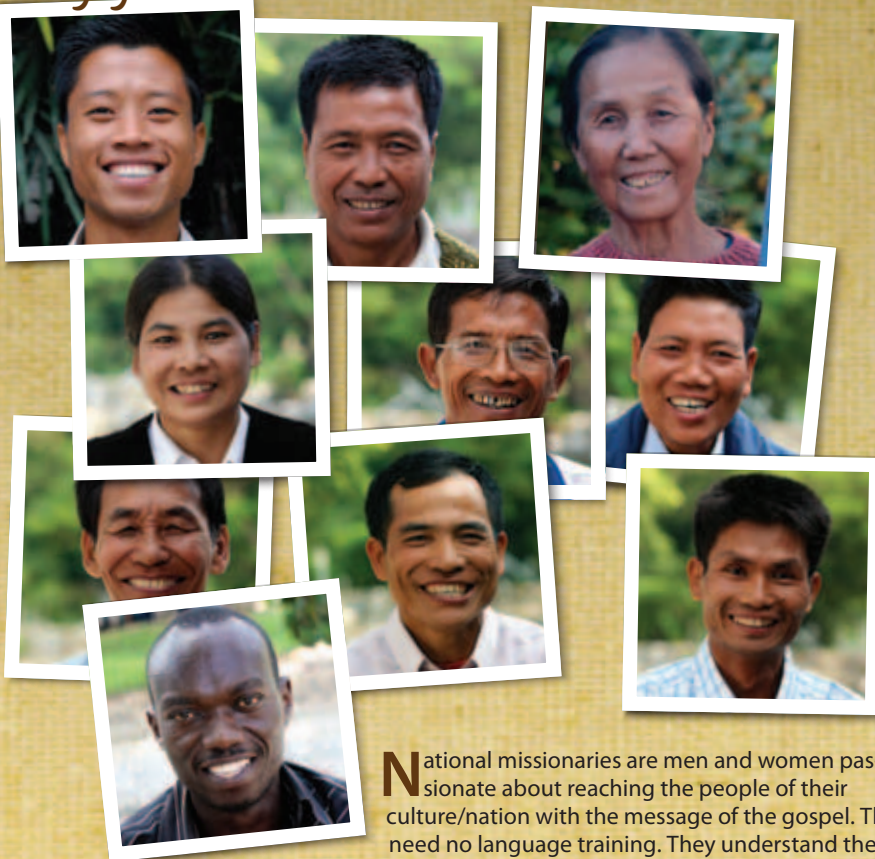


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Partner with a national missionary

How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!
Romans 10:15



National missionaries are men and women passionate about reaching the people of their culture/nation with the message of the gospel. They need no language training. They understand the culture, and are more easily accepted by those they seek to reach. They live very frugally (on 2%-5% of what it costs to send a Western missionary).

By providing all or part of a national missionary's living expenses each month, you or your small group can reap eternal rewards as you help reach the lost through your missionary.

National Missionary Fund - 04	
\$200	full monthly support
\$25	share the cost (monthly)



Accelerate church planting

So they began their circuit of the villages, preaching the Good News and healing the sick.
Luke 9:6



National missionary Hiram Shikuku, above at left, was able to start the house church (whose members are in the rest of the photo) because he received a bicycle from Heaven's Family



National missionaries are called by God to reach their own people, but they often lack efficient means to travel to unreached people.

A sturdy bicycle can accelerate the task of planting new churches by enabling evangelists to travel farther and more quickly than their usual mode of transportation—by foot.

Be part of the great harvest taking place in many developing nations. A bicycle really makes a difference!



Mobilize A Minister Fund - 05	
\$125	buy one bike
\$1-?	no gift is too small!



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Help a whole village

Help the poor help themselves

If you help the poor, you are lending to the Lord--and he will repay you!

Proverbs 19:17



Do you want to give the "gift that keeps on giving" this Christmas? Try recycling your gift! A small loan to a poor entrepreneur helps that person become self-sufficient through the operation of his or her own business. AND, when the loan is repaid in just a few months, your original gift is then recycled to another believer who is willing to work to lift himself or herself out of grinding poverty.

An investment that seems small to most Westerners provides a huge opportunity in areas where credit is nonexistent or available only from greedy high-interest loan sharks. Help others help themselves out of dependency and into the blessing of being able to provide for their own families and others.

Heaven's Family serves villages that primarily consist of believers, where basic necessities most of us take for granted, like safe, accessible water, adequate housing, and medicine, are lacking. Gifts to the Village Development Fund provide water pipe, metal roof sheets, cement, bricks, and medical supplies.

The cost and quantity of these materials vary according to each village and its need, but the hard work required for each project is always supplied by the villagers who benefit. Together, we can help our poor brothers and sisters in Christ live healthier, more fruitful lives in service to God.

Micro-Loan Fund - 07

\$100 loan

\$50 loan

\$25 loan

Village Development Fund - 06

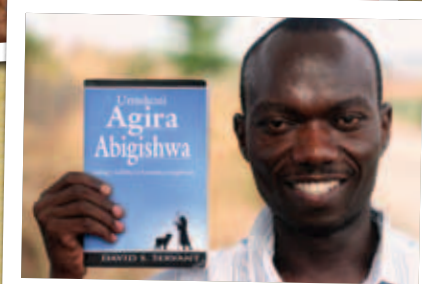
\$1-?

no gift is too small!



Help disciple one

Preserve the teaching of God; entrust his instructions to those who follow me. Isaiah 8:16



Heaven's Family regularly receives testimonies of how *The Disciple-Making Minister* has changed lives. Translated into 23 languages so far, the discipleship training manual provides transforming guidance to pastors, teachers, and others who hunger to know and serve God more fully. A gift of just \$50 will bless 10 Christian leaders with copies in their own language.

Books for Pastors - 08

\$50	provides 10 books
\$1-?	no gift is too small!

BFP
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Millions of believers in poor and restricted nations do not have their own copy of the Word of God in their language. For just a few dollars, you can bless someone with his or her own cherished Bible.

Where literacy is low, solar-powered audio Bibles help ensure that everyone can hear the Word of God. One of these audio Bibles, which dozens of people can hear at once, costs \$85.



Bibles for Believers - 09

\$85	one audio Bible
\$1-?	no gift is too small!



BFB
09

Provide an education or a skill

She opens her arms to the poor, and extends her hands to the needy. Proverbs 31:20



For many among the poor, basic education or vocational training can be all it takes to break the cycle of poverty and create self-sufficiency.

Heaven's Family helps eager believers learn how to sew, run a business, operate a computer, or learn other vocational skills. We also help them start their own businesses through micro-loans and grants.

Children are also helped as *Heaven's Family* provides books, desks, school fees, and more.

Education Fund - 10

\$125	buy one sewing machine
\$450	buy one computer
\$1-?	no gift is too small!



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Help our North Korean family

*But the needy will not always be forgotten,
nor the hope of the afflicted ever perish.*

Psalm 9:18



North Korean Christians Fund - 11

no gift is too small!

The plight of Christians in North Korea is not widely reported in the media, but thousands are enduring beatings, hard-labor imprisonment—even death—for their faith. Many more die from starvation as a result of inept governmental decisions that create frequent man-made famines.

Jesus lives in North Korea, too, incarnated in the “least of these” who live there. *Heaven’s Family* helps provide food and other vital needs—including Bibles—through our contacts at the Chinese border. You can make a real difference in the life of a North Korean brother or sister in Christ.



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Be there for disaster victims

*The Lord is a shelter for the oppressed, a
refuge in times of trouble.*

Psalm 9:9



Natural disasters strike without warning and often affect millions. They also provide unique doors of opportunity to show our love for Jesus by helping the victims, and to reach those normally resistant to the gospel (and sometimes unreachable in restricted nations under normal circumstances).

Gifts to the Disaster Relief Fund provide emergency food, safe water, temporary shelter, clothing, medicine, and other needs. Join with us so that we can be there for them in their desperate time of need.



Disaster Relief Fund - 12

no gift is too small!



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Safe water and adequate food



Millions suffer needlessly from water-borne diseases because they drink from sources of water like this one.

Most of us take safe drinking water for granted, but contaminated water in underdeveloped nations accounts for untold sickness and death. For only \$50, one Sawyer water filter can provide dozens of men, women, and children with safe, clean water, bringing health and lots of smiles!



I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink.

Safe Water Fund - 13	
\$50	one filter
\$1-?	no gift is too small!



I was hungry, and you fed me. Matthew 25:35



Although Heaven's Family strives to help the poor become self-sufficient, hungry people need to eat. Food scarcity can be the result of government policies, persecution, war, famine, natural disasters, or other unpredictable events. We can be there to help our spiritual family in their time of need.

Food Fund - 14	
\$1-?	no gift is too small!



Help a handicapped brother

Mephibosheth, who was crippled in both feet...ate regularly at the king's table.

2 Samuel 9:13

In most poor nations, handicapped Christians have no way to support themselves and their families other than by begging on the streets. Heaven's Family seeks to help these brothers and sisters in Christ by providing hand-powered tricycles (\$250), crutches, small business grants and loans (\$50-\$500), and other forms of assistance. Lives are transformed—not just those we help—but also the lives of neighbors, friends, and family members as they see the love of God demonstrated for "the least of these."



Handicapped Christians Fund - 15	
\$250	hand-powered trike
\$1-?	no gift is too small!





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"The master said, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let's celebrate together.'"

Matthew 25:23

All contributions are fully tax-deductible within the U.S. *Heaven's Family* is also a registered charity in the U.K., and most gifts qualify for Gift Aid, significantly increasing the amount of your contribution.

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