

2016

Something significant for Christmas



An important part of following Jesus in today's culture is expressing your faith and values in ways that encourage dialog and invite others to understand what is different about you or your family. **Giving significant gifts is a great way to do this.**

Gifts in this catalog are thoughtfully selected to offer variety, encourage connection to God's work in the world around us and to provide a viable alternative to the traditional consumerism of the Christmas season.

What makes a gift significant? How can your gift-giving be significant?

- The recipient really needs what is given
- The gift reflects your values about what is most important this Christmas season
- A conversation starts because of the gift
- It is practical, relevant and connected to something bigger than itself
- Full of meaning to more than just the recipient
- Reflects the true meaning of Christmas
- It gives twice, once to the person honored, and again to the one who receives the benefit
- It gives beyond itself to bring hope and help
- It's non-consumeristic

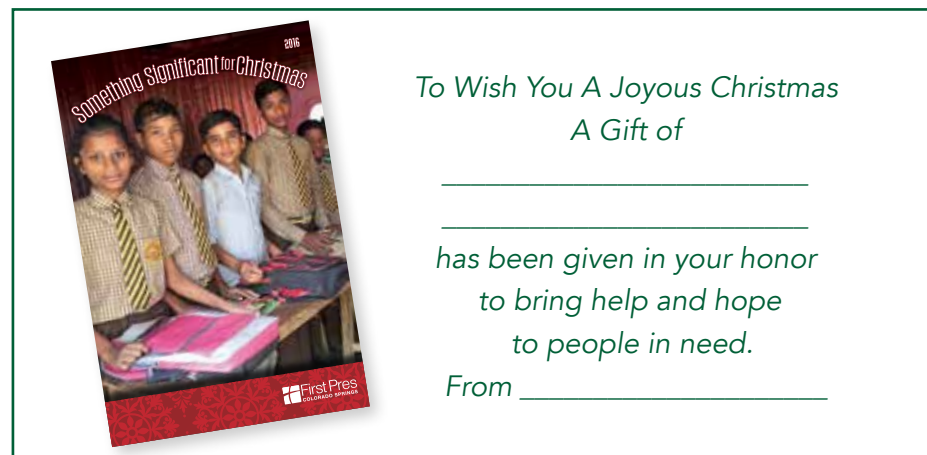
How it works

Review the catalog to select gifts. Complete the order form on the back of the catalog, determine the amount of your gifts and turn in your order form. Detailed instructions are on the order form itself.

Who receives the gifts?

Each of the gifts in this catalog is tied to a First Pres mission partner, so you can be certain that your gifts are appropriate, truly needed and well utilized. Many of the gifts are actually given or distributed by First Pres mission teams and individuals serving with the recipient ministry.

Sample Gift Card:



Sample Enclosure Card:

Clean Water for People Around the Globe
Water! We take it for granted. But about one out of every eight people in the world do not have clean water to drink, to wash with or to cook with. Every 15 seconds a child somewhere in the world dies from water related disease. Your gift has provided one year of clean water for one person through Living Water International. You have given a cup of clean water in Jesus' Name.

Now that is something significant for Christmas!



Ideas for using this catalog

Ask your family to honor you by giving a significant gift, send the link to the online order form and suggest a gift that you would like to receive.

Invite your children or grandchildren to help you shop for significant gifts.

Provide older children with a budget and help them select gifts for you, friends, teachers or relatives.

Guide your children as they shop in the catalog. This provides a great opportunity to learn that the most important things in life may not be things! Help them apply what they know about Jesus' generosity and care for others as they shop.

Use the catalog to start a discussion with your family about the importance of Christmas, how and what we give.

Honor those who say "I don't need anything" for Christmas by giving them a gift that benefits someone else.

Consider the catalog as an option for year end giving that is tax deductible.

Quick Reference

- Though suggested gift prices are given, any gift amount is welcome for any of the catalog items. Write in the amount that fits your budget on the order form.
- Two ways to shop! Use this catalog to shop, then complete and return the order form at the back, or, use the online order form option.

For the online order form, visit www.first-pres.org/significant. Your order will come to the Missions Office where it will be filled, and you will be contacted when it is ready to pick up. The online option offers the convenience of using a credit card.

Spend
Less

1 Feed My Starving Children/GLOBAL

- Give the gift of life for someone with nothing to eat.
- Help feed God's starving children — in both body and spirit.
- Make the love of Jesus very real.

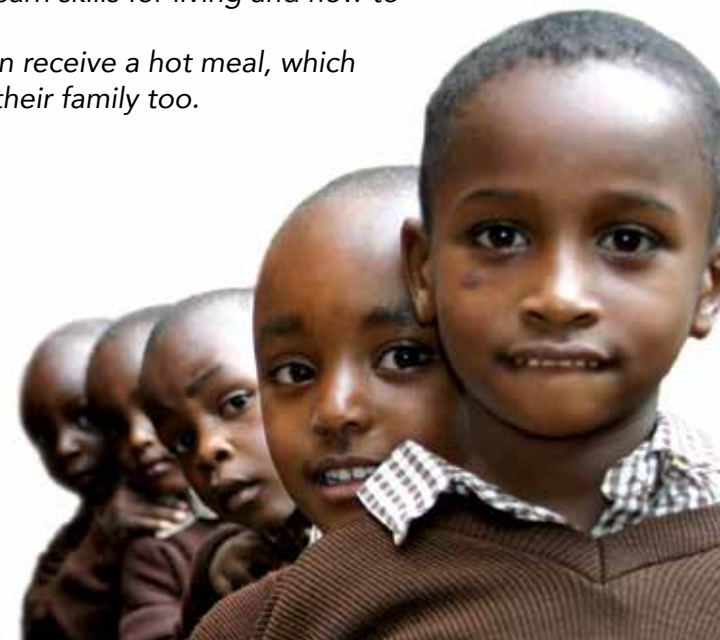


40 cents for a ready-to-cook meal in a bag

2 One School Day for a Special Needs Child/EGYPT

- Our friend Rebecca runs a school for special needs children in the garbage dump area of Cairo.
- Older students learn skills for living and how to earn a wage.
- All of the children receive a hot meal, which helps them and their family too.

\$1 for a day of school including lunch



3 Christmas Chicks/EGYPT

- Chickens eat insects, make fertilizer for gardens and lay eggs to be sold!
- This gift keeps giving because when the chicks grow into a flock, the gift of chicks will be passed along to another family.

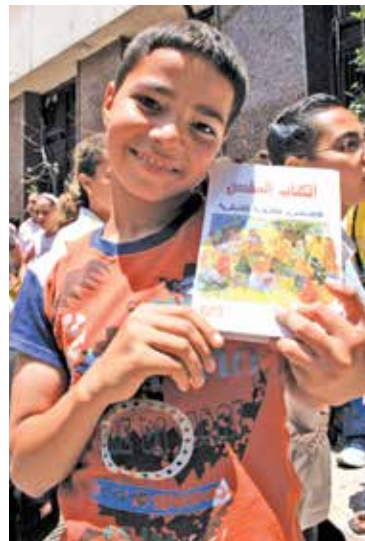
\$2 for a chick



4 Picture Bible/Bible Society of Egypt

- The Bible Society of Egypt provides a colored picture Bible to all 5th grade students.
- Your gift will help provide this important resource to Christian children, and any others who request it!

\$3 provides a Bible, \$24 for a case of Bibles



5 Sandwich Fellowship/CUBA

- Our partner church — First Pres Havana — provides sandwiches after worship each Sunday.
- For many, the sandwich is their primary meal for the day.
- They need assistance to provide the care and fellowship of this program.

\$3 for a sandwich, \$30 for 10 sandwiches



6 Hot Meal in Jesus' Name/EGYPT

- Our partner church in Aswan, Egypt serves the poor in a nearby village.
- Every week nearly 300 children receive a hot meal.
- Help provide a hot meal, a full tummy and Jesus love!

\$5 for a meal, or \$20 for 5 meals

7 Young Life Capernaum Club/MONGOLIA

- Young people with intellectual and developmental disabilities experience fun and adventure and develop fulfilling friendships.
- Young Life staff and volunteers model Christ's love and acceptance as they walk alongside these young adults.
- Your gift will help provide regular club gatherings for young people, and support and interaction for their parents.

**\$5 supports a teen attending club
\$50 supports the entire club meeting**



8 Christmas Gifts to Families of Deployed Peacekeeping Troops/MONGOLIA

- The Mongolian military does not have a family support program.
- Our partners at Campus Crusade for Christ reach out to these families with a small gift, and a large amount of Jesus' love!
- This gift provides an opportunity to tell the Christmas story while offering encouragement and joy!



\$10 for a Christmas gift

9 College Student Outreach/MONGOLIA

- Two thirds of the population in Mongolia is under age 30.



- Campus Crusade Mongolia reaches out to thousands of searching students yearly.
- Your gift will provide critical evangelism and discipleship materials.

\$10 for student outreach materials

10 Miracle of Birth/INDIA

- Give mothers and newborns a safe birth at a Christian hospital.
- Most births in India occur without medical help at home, so many babies die.
- The hospital staff will teach the mother how to feed and care for her baby.



\$15 for one baby delivery

11 Basic Needs Syrian Refugees/EGYPT

- Our partner church in Cairo is reaching out to Syrian Refugees around their city.
- Many of the refugees around Cairo are Christians who fled ISIS, but are now living in majority Muslim slums.
- Your gift will provide basic help with food, clothing and shelter as well as spiritual encouragement and care by brothers and sisters who also follow Jesus.

\$50 for basic care to a family



12 Church Support & Development/MONGOLIA

- The first-generation Church in Mongolian needs love and support!
- More than half of the churches in Mongolia have closed in the last five years.
- Campus Crusade Mongolia has a new ministry to build up and support local churches.
- Your gift will help this ministry get off the ground with basics like furniture, books, copier, and other essential startup supplies.

\$30 for startup supplies

13 Rehabilitative Care/Job Training/COLO SPRINGS

- Springs Rescue Mission helps move men from the grip of addiction to new opportunities and hope.
- "Get a job" is not often as easy as it sounds. Providing training helps make it a reality for men reentering the work force.
- Getting off the streets and into a new career requires clear, consistent support and help.

\$15 for 12 hours of job training or one hour of career coaching

14 Theological Training for a Christian Leader/MONGOLIA

- The growing church in Mongolia desperately needs trained leaders!
- Enable a young "first generation" Christian to obey God's call to ministry.
- Assure a firm foundation for the continued growth of the Church in Mongolia.

\$15 share toward seminary tuition



15 Bus Pass for Newly Arrived Refugee Families/COLORADO SPRINGS

- Extend a tangible expression of Christ's love to legal refugees.
- Enable these new neighbors to access English classes, jobs, school, appointments, etc.
- Many of these refugees come to First Pres for summer English classes.

\$16 for one week bus pass

\$63 for one month bus pass



16 Camp Scholarships to Overnight Camps/FIRST PRES

- Provide a life changing week for a child in our community at our Upward Bound or Summit camps.
- Help give a camper a strong, Christ-centered foundation for life.

\$20 toward camp scholarships



17 Clean Water/GLOBAL



- 633 million people around the world lack an improved drinking water source — that is 1 in 9.
- Women and children suffer most from poor water quality and hygiene issues, sometimes spending 15 – 20 hours just collecting water.
- May 28 – June 3, 2017 a First Pres team will drill a new well and teach hygiene in El Salvador.
- Your gift will go with our team!

\$20 for clean water in Jesus' name

18 Work Essentials for Newly Arrived Refugees/ COLORADO SPRINGS

- Newly arrived legal refugees have very few material belongings.
- Finding work is critical for their family health and stability.
- Being ready to work requires appropriate clothing, uniforms, shoes etc.
- This very practical gift will provide a gift card to purchase work related essentials.

\$35 provides essentials to be prepared for work



19 Children's Hostel/ KALIMPONG, INDIA

- Our partner church in Kalimpong supports about 70 children in a hostel.
- The children are from tribal areas where there is no school or from families who cannot afford to support and educate them.
- This gift will provide safety, care, clothing and education.

\$25 for a share, or \$100 for a month



20 Foster/Adoptive Kids Enrichment/Hope & Home/ COLORADO SPRINGS

- Hope & Home has helped over 200 kids find forever homes!
- Hope & Home hosts over 150 events each year for kids and families!
- Tea parties, football or journalism camp, pool parties – join the fun!

\$25 provides a fun activity for a foster/adopt child

21 Southeast Neighborhood Outreach/Passion City/ COLORADO SPRINGS

- Passion City Church reaches out to their neighbors in the southeast part of the city every month with an event – park and apartment clean-up, barbecues, neighborhood parties...
- For holidays, they provide healthy food and gift cards to those in need.
- Congregants also pray with and for neighbors.

\$25 for a gift card for those in need



22 Support to the Elderly/CUBA

- About 18% of the population in Cuba is over age 60.
- Many young people leave the island for better careers and higher salaries. Leaving many senior adults have no family to care for them.
- This gift will provide clothing, medicine and spiritual encouragement to these older adults.



\$25 for senior care in Cuba

23 Shoes for Children/ Family Mentoring Alliance/ COLORADO SPRINGS

- Family Mentoring Alliance provides teams to walk alongside families moving out of homelessness.
- New shoes are out of the question in the tight budget of a family experiencing homelessness.
- Most children have hand-me-downs that are too small, too big or that are falling apart.
- A new pair of shoes lends comfort and care, and some dignity too!

\$25 for a new pair of shoes

24 Wheelchair for a Special Needs Child/EGYPT

- Heliopolis Evangelical Church in Cairo provides a unique Sunday school for special needs children.
- Many of these children cannot easily leave their home because they do not have a wheelchair.
- Your gift will provide a child with a wheelchair, and open up important opportunities for mobility and hearing about Jesus!



\$30 for a share or \$300 for one wheelchair

25 YoungLives – Camp for Teen Moms/ COLORADO SPRINGS

- A ministry of Young Life which provides mentors for teenage mothers.
- Teen moms learn parenting skills, find acceptance and friendship, and learn about Jesus while their babies are well cared for at camp.



\$30 scholarship helps a teen mom to go to YoungLives camp

26 Birthday Gift Card/Family Life Services/COLORADO SPRINGS

- The FLS campus has nine apartments that house single moms and their children.
- Most of these families stretch every dollar to make ends meet.
- A gift card will help a mom give a special birthday gift or celebration outing to their child.
- This gift gives a little extra where it will make a big difference!

\$25 for a gift card

27 Fresh Towels/ESM/ COLORADO SPRINGS

- ESM provides 40 – 50 free showers to clients each day.
- ESM is one of the only agencies to offer showers at no cost, so they use a lot of towels and detergent!
- Your gift will buy a new towel set as well as the detergent to make it fresh and sanitary for the next guest.

\$20 for towels and detergent



28 Entrepreneurial Mission/GLOBAL

- Mission, business, economic need and spiritual transformation are being integrated around the world to bring about life giving change.
- Several First Pres friends and partners are using micro-loaning and non-profit business activities for Kingdom purposes.
- Your gift will nurture and support innovative business ventures, some in very sensitive areas, and share the hope of Christ too!

\$50 to support innovative business and mission practices

29 Ear Buds and a Snack for Homeless Teens/ COLORADO SPRINGS

- Urban Peak provides youth experiencing homelessness a supportive and safe place.
- Music therapy helps youth gain self-understanding and coping mechanisms to aid in healing.
- Music and a gift card for coffee or lunch will provide a safe outlet for working through daily trauma.

\$25 provides ear buds and a minimal gift card for a teen overcoming challenge

30 Family Promise/Interfaith Hospitality Network/COLORADO SPRINGS

- Help a family move out of homelessness into their own place by providing first month rent or deposit through case management at IHN.
- First Pres hosts IHN families four times a year, helps these families move into their own place, and assists other families to get much-needed help.

\$50 a share in housing to move out of homelessness



31 International Justice Mission Against Slavery/GLOBAL

- Support Christians who are working to end human trafficking.
- Help free the victims of sex trafficking, human slavery, and other violent crimes of oppression.

\$50 for one day of investigation into human trafficking

32 Dale House/COLORADO SPRINGS

- Dale house provides a sense of family love, support and understanding within structure and discipline for troubled teens.
- Families celebrate special occasions like birthdays, and the Dale House family is no exception!
- Your gift will provide a special birthday gift to a Dale House teen.

\$50 for love and care wrapped up as a birthday gift



33 Hope Homes/COLORADO SPRINGS

- Family Promise/Interfaith Hospitality Network has an innovative idea to restore older mobile homes.
- A family can move from homelessness to homeownership in as few as nine months with this pioneering effort that includes case management.

\$7600 per restored family unit

34 Undesignated



How to Complete Your Order

1. Select the gifts that you would like to support.
2. Fill in the quantity of each gift on the attached order form.
3. Multiply the cost of the gift by the quantity of that gift to obtain the total cost, or determine and write in whatever amount you wish to give for that item.
4. Indicate the number of Gift Cards you will need. (See sample on page 3.) Gift cards allow you to personalize a message for each recipient. You will also receive Enclosure Cards describing each project your gift supports (See sample on page 3.).
5. Bring or mail the order form with your check made payable to First Presbyterian Church to:
First Presbyterian Church
Missions Office
219 East Bijou Street
Colorado Springs, CO 80903
6. If you have questions, call the Missions Office at (719) 884-6233.
7. Pick up your order when you are notified that it is ready.

Why not follow up your Christmas gifts by giving of yourself and your time in the New Year?

If you have questions, would like more information about any of these projects described in the catalog, or if you would like to learn how you can become personally involved, please contact Missions Staff, (719) 884-6233.

To see the catalog and our online order form, visit www.first-pres.org/missions. Your completed order will come to the Missions Office where it will be filled. You will be contacted when your order is ready to pick up. The online option offers the convenience of using a credit card.

Please complete both sides of this order form!

Your name _____

Phone _____ - _____ E-mail _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Gift #	Name of Gift 2016	Suggested Amt.	Quantity	Total Amt.	# of Gift Cards
Sample	School Backpacks/Colorado Springs	\$25/Filled Pack	2	\$50	1
1	Feed My Starving Children Meal - Global	40¢/Meal			
2	Day of School for special needs - Egypt	\$1/School & Lunch			
3	Christmas Chicks - Egypt	\$2/Chick			
4	Picture Bible/Bible Society - Egypt	\$3 or \$24/case			
5	Sandwich Fellowship - Cuba	\$3 or \$30/10 sandwiches			
6	Hot Meal in Jesus Name - Egypt	\$5 or \$20/5 meals			
7	Young Life Capernaum Club - Mongolia	\$5 or \$50			
8	Gifts to Families of Troops - Mongolia	\$10			
9	College Student Outreach - Mongolia	\$10			
10	Miracle of Birth - India	\$15			
11	Basics for Iraqi Refugees - Egypt	\$50			
12	Church Support & Develop. - Mongolia	\$30			
13	Rehabilitative Care/Job Training - CS	\$15			
14	Theology Training for Leader - Mongolia	\$15			
15	Bus Pass Refugees - CS	\$16 or \$63			
16	Overnight Camp Scholarships - First Pres	\$20			
17	Clean Water - Global	\$20			
18	Work Essentials Refugees - CS	\$35			
19	Children's Hostel - Kalimpong, India	\$25 or \$100			
20	Kids Enrichment/Hope & Home - CS	\$25			
21	Passion City Outreach - CS	\$25			
22	Support to the Elderly - Cuba	\$25			
23	Shoes for Children - CS	\$25			
24	Wheelchair Special Needs Child - Egypt	\$30 or \$300			
25	Young Lives Camp for Teen Moms - CS	\$30			
26	Birthday Gift - CS	\$25			
27	Fresh Towels - CS	\$20			
28	Entrepreneurial Mission - GLOBAL	\$50			
29	Ear Buds and Music - CS	\$25			
30	Family Promise/IHN - CS	\$50			
31	International Justice Mission - Global	\$50			
32	Dale House Birthday Gift - CS	\$50			
33	Hope Homes - CS	\$7,600			
34	Undesignated - Use where most needed				
GRAND TOTAL (Make check payable for this amount to First Presbyterian Church. All gifts are tax deductible.)					

Please complete both sides of this form.