

How to Give Alternative Gifts:

- 1) **LEARN** about the needs identified.
- 2) **PURCHASE:** Insert cash or personal check, (payable to **Media Presbyterian Church**) into a Special Pew envelope and drop off at MPC Office. Enclose checklist below and/or indicate on front of envelope which need your donation supports.
- 3) **RECEIVE A CARD:** Tell us if you would like your Gift Card(s) sent to you; or if you plan to pick up at the MPC Office.
- 4) **SHARE NEWS!** Send the Gift Card to your recipient to share news of the wonderful work it supports.

(Enclose checklist with your check or cash)

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____

With my donation, I want to support:

HOPE

Northern Africa: Compassion Corps
\$ _____ School Bus for Liberian Children
\$ _____ Grain Mill for Dafem, Senegal

PEACE

India: Caring Hands India
\$ _____ Job Training Materials
\$ _____ Outreach Ministry to HIV
\$ _____ Children's Medical Care

JOY

Chester, PA: T.M. Thomas Presbyterian Church
\$ _____ Incentives for Good Work
\$ _____ Educational Computer Software
\$ _____ New Enrichment Activities & Programs

LOVE

India: Pastor George
\$ _____ Emergency Relief

Mexico: Servant Partners
\$ _____ Tree Planting
\$ _____ Renovations - Future Community Center.

I would like to receive _____ Christmas card(s).
Circle one: **By Mail** or **Pick Up - MPC Office**

MPC Alternative Gift Program

Members of our Mission Committee have identified meaningful gifts for you to share with people who don't want or need more stuff, or who will appreciate a gift that supports efforts to improve living conditions for our less fortunate neighbors. All gifts reach out to serve poor and marginalized children and people living in places where even small donations can have a significant impact on their quality of life.



What is The Gift?

"The gift" is your donation to meet a practical need of a mission organization working nearby or around the world. Specially-created Christmas Gift Cards will help you celebrate the joy and meaning of the season with your gift recipients. Proceeds benefit the organization you select and donations are fully tax deductible.

Where Do I Buy Alternative Gifts?

Stop by the MPC Office during regular business hours; or use Special Pew envelopes in the Sanctuary.

Questions? Please contact:

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MPC's **Mission** is to love God and to love our neighbor by faithfully sharing the gift of Jesus Christ through word, deed and good stewardship of resources.



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Join in sharing:

HOPE!
PEACE!
JOY!
LOVE!

**MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN
THE LIVES OF PEOPLE AROUND
THE WORLD AS YOU HONOR
FRIENDS AND LOVED ONES WITH
*ALTERNATIVE
CHRISTMAS GIFTS.*
RECEIVE CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR
RECIPIENTS WITH EACH DONATION.**

I WANT TO GIVE:

A gift of HOPE!

Northern Africa: Compassion Corps
www.compassion-corps.com

Compassion Corps seeks to bring **HOPE** and help to those in Northern Africa living in need of both. They lead volunteers on short term mission trips to encounter and serve the people of Morocco, Mali, Liberia, Tunisia and Egypt.

Buy A School Bus!

The children of Trumpet Early Foundation School in Liberia's war-torn Ganta region are anxious to go to school - some literally risk their lives to get there. Many walk five miles along a dangerous road traveled by speeding cars and motorcycles, and some have been struck and hospitalized.

Buy A Grain Mill for Senegal Village!

The village women of Dafem begin their day at 3 or 4 am - pounding millet into flour for their family's daily meal. The task takes several hours and is but a small part of the day. They also must find water, gather firewood, make the meal, work in the fields, clean and care for the children. A grain mill would make their lives so much easier, and would allow them to raise funds for a teacher's salary, so their children might be educated.

NEEDS YOU CAN MEET:

GIFTS OF \$10, \$25, \$50 OR MORE TO ASSIST WITH:

- _____ SCHOOL BUS FOR LIBERIAN CHILDREN
(TOTAL COST \$11,000) OR
_____ GRAIN MILL FOR WOMEN OF SENEGAL
(TOTAL COST \$3500)

These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. --John 15:11

A gift of PEACE!

India: Caring Hands India
www.caringhandsindia.com

Arun and Shobha Massey have made it their life's mission to bring **PEACE** to the children of India's temple prostitutes. They provide a safe haven for these forgotten children and give them a chance to break the cycle of prostitution by offering them an education and job training and teaching the Gospel. They also reach out to address the complex needs of the HIV+ women and children in India.

NEEDS YOU CAN MEET:

- \$10 JOB TRAINING MATERIALS
\$25 OUTREACH MINISTRY TO HIV+ PEOPLE
\$50 FUND CHILDREN'S MEDICAL CARE

A gift of JOY!

Chester, PA:

T.M. Thomas Memorial Presbyterian Church

Our church has a growing partnership with this Chester, PA congregation - we are experiencing the **JOY** of forging new friendships with our brothers and sisters in Chester. Volunteers assist with TM Thomas's After school program by offering academic tutoring and enrichment activities that will help make a difference in the lives of Chester school children.

NEEDS YOU CAN MEET:

- GIFTS OF \$10, \$25 OR \$50 (OR MORE) SUPPORT
_____ INCENTIVES TO REWARD GOOD WORK
_____ EDUCATIONAL COMPUTER SOFTWARE
_____ NEW ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES & PROGRAMS FOR CHESTER CHILDREN

A gift of LOVE!

India:
Pastor George Emergency Relief

Indian Pastor George Sigamani and wife Lisya (whose **LOVE** for children has them raising over 40 boys in their home) reside in Ooty, India. They report this region has been devastated by heavy rains and landslides. Thousands have died; thousand more are homeless -- taking shelter in schools and public buildings. Pastor George is helping over 10 church families who lost everything with food, clothing and shelter.

NEEDS YOU CAN MEET:

GIFTS OF \$10, \$25 OR \$50 (OR MORE) TO HELP PASTOR GEORGE BRING EMERGENCY RELIEF TO SUFFERING FAMILIES IN OOTY.

Mexico:

Jean Luc & Shabrae Krieg, Servant Partners
www.servantpartners.org

Living in one of Mexico City's poorest and largest slums, the Kriegs **LOVE** the urban poor in many ways, as they work along side them to plant seeds of hope. Asking "what will it take to create opportunity and bring justice to all?" they organize community members to help improve deplorable living conditions, provide education and activities for youth and lead in the development of transformational ministries. MPC members and staff have visited to witness and participate in this powerful ministry.

NEEDS YOU CAN MEET:

GIFTS OF \$10, \$25, \$50 (OR MORE) FOR SEED-MONEY FOR MUCH-NEEDED COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS:
_____ TREE PLANTING ALONG RE-SURFACED STREET
_____ BUILDING RENOVATIONS TO SITE OF FUTURE COMMUNITY CENTER.