

AN ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS GIFT

Why not make a difference this Christmas - to some of the poorest people in the world! Give an 'alternative' Christmas gift.

Instead of buying your family and friends gifts they may not need, like or want, you can buy something in their name that will help people who are living in poverty. With every gift, you receive a personalised Christmas Gift Card describing the gift chosen, to send to friends or family.

There are many organisations that provide this service - here are some of the charities and a few examples of gifts:



Your purchase will enable us to continue providing vital help for those most in need. It will make a real and lasting difference—promising them hope for a brighter, happier

future.

£10 - To feed a child for a whole month.

This simple gift will supply basic food rations to a child living through disaster, keeping them healthy and nourished while their community recovers.

£20 - Goats make great gifts. They provide nourishment for a family and extra income when they are bred and sold. Debby's family received five goats from World Vision in 2013, one male and four females. Her father, Obby, says that World Vision's goats transformed their lives: "God answered our prayers through World Vision. They were big goats. The cross breeding made our traditional goats bigger. They make more money." www.musthavegifts.org

This is a charity gift website that supports the work of Christian Aid. Your gift could transform the lives of people living in poverty around the world.



£8 – A pair of chickens. Chickens can give a family food and generate a healthy income. The chicken provides eggs which can be consumed or sold in the market. In Zambia, a chicken could enable someone to set up a business and earn money to buy nutritious food for their family

£15 - A pack of 5 mosquito nets: This gift can help protect vulnerable young children from malaria in Nigeria and Democratic Republic of Congo:

- Every 60 seconds, a child dies from malaria in vulnerable areas here

- Mosquito nets, thin as they are, can make a life-or-death difference
- You're buying safety, a better life expectancy and a good night's sleep; and our local partner can supply five long-lasting, insecticide-treated nets to protect sleeping children from deadly mosquito bites.



OXFAM

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'Oxfam Unwrapped' gifts are changing lives around the world. From a 'Goat' gift in Malawi to a 'Safe water' gift in Cambodia.

£5 – Super Seeds. Living in poverty, families can struggle to put food on the table and support their loved ones. But the chance to earn a decent income can change everything – and help people to beat poverty for good. That's why Oxfam provides seeds, tools and training for farmers to help them grow more crops, raise more animals and earn more income. It's why we provide pigs and chickens to help them get started. And we help farmers with brilliant, poverty-busting ideas to share with others. Gifts like this one make it all possible. In Rwanda, Oxfam has helped women farmers learn new skills and earn a living growing tree tomato seedlings. Thanks to these little plants, the women have earned enough to improve their homes, install electricity and send their children to school.

£20 – Education for Girls. Niger is just one place Oxfam is helping more girls get an education, so people like Nana have the chance to build a better future – one full of possibilities. In Niger, Nana was one of over 700,000 girls who had never been to school. But then she got involved in a reading club, supported by Oxfam, which is changing girls' education for good. Thanks to people like you, Oxfam has provided reading clubs with equipment and support for teachers – so students like Nana can work on improving their reading. Girls are now reading more confidently and have more motivation to keep learning. Clubs hold reading competitions too, so the girls and their parents can see their determination paying off. Thanks to your gift, more girls like Nana will be able to keep learning, and changing their lives for the better.

www.oxfam.org.uk

Good Gifts Catalogue

'Good Gifts' introduced a new way of giving. It cut out unwanted gifts and gives practical help to those in need. And lasting pleasure to the person in whose name the gift was given.'

£10 - Clean water for a school in Africa. Just £10 gives 500 children clean water for a month.

£32 - Fish out the plastic. The problem: discarded plastic, particularly fishing nets, catch and kill marine life. The Philippines, a paradise for marine diversity, is the third largest contributor to dumped plastic. A solution: pay fishermen to recover nets from the ocean to be turned into carpet tiles. Fisherfolk can earn incomes collecting, and the manufacturing provides jobs

www.goodgifts.org



Karibuni Charity Gifts and cards

Each Charity Gift represents a tangible, life-changing item that is used in our Kenyan projects. Ranging in price from £5 to £60, choose from a life-changing gift from our range of great presents for friends and family. A Karibuni gift card will be sent by post showing each gift you've bought. Your donation goes where it's most needed, helping to change the lives of children in Kenya for the better. Every gift is acknowledged with a voucher inside one of our Greetings cards, for you to use when sending it to the person for whom you have bought the gift.

www.karibuni.org.uk



Whatever the gift, however big or small, you can relax in the knowledge that we'll give it our all, because whether it's for a friend, a husband or wife, your gift helps to give everyone a better life.

£15 - A toolkit to maintain ten village water points

£37 - A hand pump to provide clean drinking water

shop.wateraid.org



Methodist
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Extraordinary gifts: Christmas Gifts to help the World's poorest people. **See separate article.**

£10 could help a family like Asefa's in Ethiopia to set up their own honey-selling business. This gift could provide families with training in bee-keeping, helping them to develop a sustainable source of income. What an un-bee-lievable gift!

£10 could also provide safe, clean water to a family in rural Zimbabwe. Wat-er difference that makes! All We Can is helping communities by eliminating the need to walk for hours to collect water and protecting families from water-borne diseases like cholera.

£12 could save the lives of vulnerable children, by supplying a family in Ethiopia with a stove. Traditionally, families cook on open fires inside their homes, meaning that children get sick from inhaling toxic smoke. These safe stoves channel smoke outside, allowing families to cook and eat without the threat of poisonous fumes.

www.allwecan.org.uk

“Man's inhumanity to man darkens the record of every century. Yet, by reason of their intensity and magnitude, the refugee problems of the twenty-first century outrange the forced migrations of bygone ages.”

These are the words of Reverend Henry Carter, founder of the organisation to help refugees in the 1930s known as the Methodist Refugee Fund, that would become AllWeCan in 2014. Its focus has changed and evolved over the years, but essentially it is still about helping people to reach their full potential. Working with other local agencies, they work to improve the lives of those who struggle. In recent times they have again focused on refugees by working with the Rohingya women refugees in Cox's Bazar in Bangladesh.

One way you can help their work is to buy a gift from their Christmas catalogue; one of these can be found in the vestibule, or ask me, or go online to info@allwecan.org.uk

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