

PRESBYTERIAN GIVING CATALOG

# STORIES OF IMPACT



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The Presbyterian Giving Catalog is filled with gifts that exemplify the work prayerfully carried out by ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency. These ministries work in collaboration with Presbyterians, congregations, mid councils, and global partners. Every gift has the power to fulfill a need. To change a life. To foster hope and faith.

The generosity of Presbyterians around the world helps power the education and development of people and communities. Collectively, we are making a difference. These stories of impact are intended to be shared with your congregation in celebration of, and gratitude for, the magnitude of God's gracious and abundant work in the world.

### A Prayer

Generous God, you have given us the riches of grace without measure. In response we have offered a portion of what we have. For all the ways you have used our gifts, we give you thanks and praise. Bless all of those who benefit from these good works. In Christ, you have made us one. Help us to remember those who still hunger and thirst, those still in search of refuge and opportunity, those still awaiting your justice and peace. Guide us in this compassionate work, which is to be our way of life. **Amen.** —Ephesians 2



### Partnering for progress toward prosperity

Giving Catalog Related Item:

Piglet

**\$40/PIGLET** | ITEM 0G20009



### A growing solution to hunger

Giving Catalog Related Item:

Bag of Moringa Tree Seeds

**\$30** | ITEM 0G10010



### Quenching a thirst for health and equality

Giving Catalog Related Item:

Garden Well

**\$50 SHARE/\$1,250 WELL** | ITEM 0G10020



### More than a safety net

Giving Catalog Related Item:

Fishing Boat and Accessories

**\$1,200** | ITEM 0G30007



### Partnering for progress toward prosperity

Janet Mujawayezu, a 35-year-old mother of three, belongs to a savings group supported by a partnership between The Presbyterian Church of Rwanda and Self-Development of People. This partnership provides assistance for agricultural, water supply, craft, and electrical projects, that meet certain criteria.

Mrs. Mujawayezu was able to take out a small loan to cultivate a crop of beans. A portion of her first crop helped feed her family and earn a profit by selling what remained at market. From her profit, she was able to buy two pigs for breeding. The benefits of this small loan, coupled with her plan for breeding the pigs, gives her hope of lifting her family out of poverty.



### A growing solution to hunger

God provides for our needs in so many ways. A wonderful example is the moringa oleifera tree, which may help solve the problem of hunger. Studies show moringa leaves and pods have great potential as a food supplement against malnutrition and as an affordable answer to protein and vitamin deficiencies in small children and nursing mothers. The Presbyterian Hunger Program is helping to promote the planting and use of moringa trees in countries impacted by hunger and malnutrition. Numerous projects including tree planting, publication of educational materials, and training in culinary preparation and nutrition have been implemented in Senegal, Gambia, the D. R. of Congo, and Haiti, helping to make the most of this bountiful creation.



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### Quenching a thirst for health and equality

In the Hohoe Municipality of Ghana, over 400 children die each year from unsafe water and lack of basic sanitation facilities. Almost two-thirds of households have no toilet. One in five persons has no access to safe water. Women and children spend so much time fetching water, there is little opportunity to do anything else.

The Presbyterian Hunger Program Advisory Committee recently awarded a grant to a Ghanaian non-profit organization to construct three hand-dug wells, distribution outlet pipes, and storage tanks to provide clean water to more than 4,000 people in Hohoe. Training and education will also be provided, and a local task force made up primarily of women will oversee the implementation of the wells.

A representative of the non-profit partner describes the difference the wells can make, saying, “Child morbidity will change. Poor farmers and wage earners will become more productive due to good health associated with water and sanitation available to them. Their economic state will be enhanced. It will promote the eradication of elements in traditional, political, and cultural beliefs, practices, and stereotypes, which legitimize and exacerbate the persistence and tolerance of gender inequality and violence against women, providing them with the opportunities to improve their livelihoods.”



### More than a safety net

Tomas Rivero casts a net as he fishes on the Pilcomayo River in the Gran Chaco region which covers Southeastern Bolivia, Western Paraguay, and Northeast and Northwest Argentina. Tomas is a leader of the Union of Pilcomayo River Fishers and an advocate for cleaning up the river, which has been plagued by contamination from upstream mining and construction. Both the Presbyterian Hunger Program and Self-Development of People (SDOP) have been supporting the Gran Chaco in various ways since 2008 and 2013 respectively. In 2013, a fund called the Ecumenical Small Projects Fund for the South American Chaco was created. Supported by SDOP, this fund addresses major concerns like climate justice, alternative economies and income generating activities, humanitarian aid monitoring and accountability, and protection of human rights defenders, with the aim of improving lives and empowering the inhabitants of Chaco.

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