

CHRISTMAS GIFT OPTIONS

Every Christmas the Presbytery of Western North Carolina offers “gifts that give twice” that both honor your family members and friends and help those with specific needs.

By supporting the mission programs of our Presbytery, you are, in fact, honoring the birth of Jesus, who came that all may have life, and have it abundantly.

The following cards and card inserts supporting the stated ministry are available for 2009:

Cards are available for a minimum contribution of \$20.

Nkhoma Hospital ~ Malawi, Africa

In your honor a gift has been made to Nkhoma Hospital in Malawi, Africa.

Nkhoma Hospital in Nkhoma is a large, regional hospital of the Church of Central Africa-Presbyterian. It provides services in pediatrics, maternity, general medicine, surgery, and ophthalmology. The hospital also serves as a referral center for an extensive satellite system of smaller hospitals and clinics. Although it has vast responsibilities, it has extremely limited resources. This gift will help Nkhoma Hospital in its ministry.



Ebenezer Education Institute for Children ~ Malawi, Africa

In your honor a gift has been made to the Ebenezer Education Institute for Children in Malawi, Africa.



Primary school in Malawi is of very poor quality due to lack of resources and teachers and the poor status of students as they enter crowded classrooms. It is customary for a primary classroom to have over 100 students, no desks, no books, and no supplies. The Nkhoma Hospital staff values education for their children so highly that many make long daily trips to Lilongwe or leave the hospital for jobs closer to better schools. Ebenezer Education Institute for Children was founded to offer quality education to children in the Malawi community. Work on the second classroom has begun and this gift will help bring this dream of a quality school to reality.

Guatemalan Children's Scholarship Program

In thanksgiving for you, a gift has been given to provide scholarships to the children and youth of Guatemala

Education in Guatemala is not free. School supplies and uniforms must be purchased and registration fees paid before students can enter school. If there is not a school within walking distance, students must also pay to ride to and from school. Many churches in partner presbyteries in Guatemala want to provide scholarships for children and youth to attend school. This gift will support them in their efforts.



Guatemala Partnership Health Program

In your honor a gift has been made to the Guatemala health program.

In a country where health care is almost non-existent for those who are poor, the Presbyteries of Western North Carolina, Sur Occidente and Suchitepequez have been operating a health program for many years. Guatemalan health promoters have been trained in basic health education and simple clinical care. More recently the project has undertaken community health projects such as composting latrines, stoves and ovens that create less smoke and use less fuel, family vegetable and medicinal herb gardens. This gift will help support leadership training and programs that local communities develop to address their specific health needs.



Each card has the following greeting inside:
May the Joy of Christ fill your heart during this Holy Season
Christmas Blessings.