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# **2023-2024 GIFT CATALOG** & STORIES OF TRANSFORMATION

# **RESCUING LIVES, TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES**

Impact Nations is a Christ-centered organization that brings hope and restoration to the poor and vulnerable in the developing world through both supernatural and practical expressions of the Kingdom of God. We accomplish our mission through three types of activity:



Everyone is invited!

Putting hands and

feet to the gospel.



Meeting the basic needs of people in desperate situations.



#### SKILLS & BUSINESS TRAINING

Empowering people with what they need to become self-sustained.

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### A message from **Tim**

As I sit down to write this letter, I am humbled and grateful for the incredible journey we've been on together as the Impact Nations family. It's a privilege to stand with you, united by our shared commitment to demonstrate the Gospel to some of the world's most vulnerable communities. Each year, as our global team prepares the Gift Catalog, it becomes a reminder of God's faithfulness, a celebration of transformation, and a testament to the love and compassion that reside in our global family.

The 2023 Gift Catalog is our biggest and most exciting one yet. Once again, our team had to add four more pages to make space for the many stories of lives touched and transformed by your generosity. With each turn of the page, you will encounter stories of rescue, restoration, and redemption testimonies of individuals and families who have experienced the Kingdom of God through the Impact Nations family.

The Impact Nations global team is so excited about this collection of stories, as each narrative represents countless other lives that have been similarly impacted. I encourage you to share this publication with family and friends, or keep hold on to it as a reminder that you are a part of a movement that is making a huge difference. Just don't forget that the stories of restoration you are about to read could not be possible without donors like you.

My favourite section is our new "How It Started, How It's Going" page, where we look back at examples of the extraordinary growth and powerful results we have seen in our "three things": Journeys of Compassion, Relief Efforts, and Skills & Business Development. For the first time we were able to include stories from Malawi, where we have a new partnership that is already resulting in remarkable fruit (literally!). Although we couldn't fit them in this year's catalog, stay tuned for great stories from Pakistan and the Philippines, as well.

Our collective impact is a reflection of the life of Christ in each of us. As Dad likes to point out, wherever we go, we change the atmosphere, turning the impossible into the possible. You hold in your hands the power to rescue people from sickness, poverty, and spiritual darkness. With each gift, you are changing the realm of possibilities for thousands of individuals.

As we move forward together, I ask you to give generously, knowing that your generosity is changing lives and rewriting the possibilities for countless people around the world.

Thank you for being part of the Impact Nations family and for your unwavering commitment to making a difference in the world. Together, we are shining God's light into the darkness, and together, we are bringing hope, healing, and transformation.

With gratitude and anticipation,

**Tim Stewart** Chief Executive Officer

# The Gift of *Hope*

#### Meet Sarisma

Nepal - Just a few days before Christmas, 19 year old Sarisma knocked on the House of Hope's door with her 5 day old baby girl in hand and nowhere else to go.

Five years ago Sarisma's mother walked into the jungle and never returned. Sarisma's father was so grief stricken that he left his family behind to go and find a new wife. Suddenly, Sarisma found herself as the only caregiver for her siblings, which she faithfully did for five years.

When Sarisma started experiencing severe spiritual attacks, the home became an unsafe environment for everyone. When her father learned of the difficulty, he returned and immdiately forced her from the home.

Sarisma found a small shack to rent, but soon became pregnant. The father of her baby abandoned her after their daughter was born, leaving Sarisma alone and without an income. Worried that a single mother could not afford the meager rent payments, the landlord evicted her. That's when she traveled to the House of Hope with her new baby in hand.

When she arrived at the House of Hope she was met with proper Nepali new mother care, a place to stay, and a loving new family to care for her. Sarisma was also introduced to the Beautiful Gospel and gave her life to Christ. She has stopped experiencing spiritual attacks, and she is beginning to discover that she was made for dignity and for a purpose.

Currently, Sarisma has been reunited with her siblings who are now living at the House of Hope, back under her guardianship. All four of the siblings have been baptized at their local church and are now enrolled in school to continue their education. Sarisma is also learning knitting and domestic skills.

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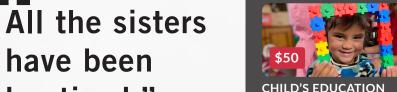
#### Every year, the House of Hope ministers to dozens of women like Sarisma. This oneyear program provides a safe place for

Nepal's most vulnerable women to discover their destiny through ongoing discipleship and skills training. YOU can help! It doesn't take a lot to make a big difference.

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baptized."





Send a child to school for a year while their mother is restored and trained. This includes books and school fees.



START A SMALL BUSINESS Empower a woman with the capital she needs to start a business. It could be anything from tailoring to a food cart.



#### **SKILLS TRAINING**

During their year of Transformation in the House of Hope, women have an opportunity to attend a business management intensive course. This prepares them to receive a micro loan when they graduate from the House of Hope.



A YEAR OF TRANSFORMATION

Provide secure а safe and environment for an at-risk woman to learn skills like handicrafts, farming, tailoring, and welding alongside soft skills like parenting, values, innerhealing, and leadership.

# The Gift of *Livestock*

#### Meet Kalpana

Nepal - Kalpana is a 33 year old woman who lives in Nepal with her husband and three children. Both her and her husband were uneducated, leaving them to choose only from daily wage jobs.

Oftentimes there was no work for them to do which eventually led to a food shortage, and they could no longer afford to send their children to school. Desperate to break the cycle, Kalpana and her husband searched for ways to make a better life for themselves.

When Kalpana heard that Impact Nations and their partners offered free training programs, she registered for the tailoring course and quickly rose to the top of her class! Once she had graduated, she was informed that she could gain business training as well.

With her new business knowledge and

a small loan in the bank, Kalpana rushed home to start planning with her husband.

After two short weeks they realized that she could begin running a livestock business that would pull in enough income to feed the family, send the children back to school, and break the cycle of poverty in her family!'

Now, Kalpana spends most of her days tending to their goat farm so that they can sell the meat during cultural festivals. She also has a side business as a tailor for family, friends, and neighbors. The children are happy to be back in school with all of their friends, and the family is overjoyed to have the means to manage daily expenses. They are also learning more and more about the Gospel and making Jesus a part of their daily lives.

> Now, I have hope in my life!"



#### CHICKENS

Provide a family with up to 4 chickens. Chickens and their eggs provide a nutritious source of protein for families, while also generating income.



#### GOAT

A goat can provide a family with a regular source of milk while it is being raised for meat. Providing a family with a goat means giving them a chance at self-sufficiency.



#### PIG

Upon completion of our basic business curriculum, students can purchase a pregnant sow which will lead to a business with infinite potential.



#### LIVESTOCK PACKAGE

Includes a pig, a goat, and four chickens. With this package, a family will instantly have a marketable small business while also providing for their nutritional needs.

### The Gift of *Sustainability*

learns.

#### Meet Benjamin

Uganda - By the age of 14, Benjamin was already ensnared in the clutches of addiction, drowning in a sea of alcohol and drugs. Education and employment were the last things on his mind as he roamed through the slums of Kampala with a group of lost souls, all trapped in the same vicious cycle.

But God had other plans for Benjamin, and it took a life-altering event to shake him awake from his self-destructive stupor. The consequences of an unintended pregnancy shook him to the core.

Gazing into the eyes of his newborn child, he felt a surge of determination he had never known before.

He realized he couldn't let his past define his future, nor that of his little one. It was time to break free from the chains that bound him to this grim reality.

With courage and conviction, Benjamin left behind his former life of darkness. As he

announced his intention to quit drinking, his so-called friends turned against him in a bid to drag him back into their abyss. They schemed to poison him, hoping to silence his resolve forever.

Yet, God intervened once again, sparing his life when all seemed lost. After weeks of pain and struggle, Benjamin emerged from his hospital bed stronger than ever.

The brush with death had ignited a fierce determination to embrace a new path, one that led to light and hope.

With newfound purpose, he sought out opportunity at Elevate, Impact Nations' high-tech vocational school. The program became his lifeline, providing a new community while teaching him skills that sparked his passion and opened up a whole new world of possibilities.

Our team quickly helped Benjamin find a part-time job using his growing skill set so that he can provide for his family while he

# Benjamin has endless potential."

Impact Nations has trained thousands of young men and women just like Benjamin, providing them with the skills that they need to overcome crippling poverty. You can be a part of their story. YOU can help someone gain marketable skills and start a career.





**BUSINESS TRAINING** Provide a person with 40 hours of business coaching and ongoing mentorship.

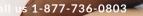


**SKILLS & BUSINESS TRAINING** Provide a student with up to eight months of hands-on vocational training and 40 hours of business coaching. Your gift will move them into long-term sustainability.



#### **START-UP LOAN**

Upon completion of our basic business curriculum, students prepare a business plan. You can help make their business idea a reality and change a life forever.



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### **Rescue** *Two Generations*

#### Meet Nantale

Uganda - Seventeen-year-old Nantale was living with her parents and brother in rural Uganda when a series of tragedies changed her life forever.

One day, on her way home from school, Nantale was violently attacked by four men. In addition to terrible trauma, this violation left Nantale pregnant. Shortly after, both of Nantale's parents died, leaving her without any financial or emotional support.

Her brother, the family heir, immediately sold the family home and all of the property they owned, forcing Nantale to go live with Joseph, the father of her unborn child. Two weeks later, Joseph was killed in a tragic accident, once again leaving Nantale homeless and alone.

With the only support systems she knew gone, young pregnant Nantale traveled to Kampala in search of a job and a place to raise her child. When she reached the city, she was hospitalized with pregnancy complications due to malnutrition.

The hospital referred Nantale to the Princess Shelter where she received prenatal care, love, and psychological support as she waited expectantly for her baby. Our team searched tirelessly for Nantale's relatives, hoping to reconnect her with loved ones, but no family members were ever found. She was truly alone.

After giving birth to a healthy baby boy, Nantale joined the School of Purpose as a hair dressing student, where she proved to be an intelligent, hardworking student and a natural leader. Upon graduation, our job placement team connected Nantale with a local salon where she is now working full-time. She loves her new job and is able to fully provide for herself and her son. Countless young girls like Nantale face the horrors of sexual abuse and child marriage in Uganda every year. Without intervention, they end up on the streets and their babies may die. YOU could be the one to rescue a teen mom and her unborn baby.



**PRENATAL CARE** Includes all doctor's visits, lab tests, ultrasounds, vitamins and medicine.



LABOUR & DELIVERY Covers the hospital bill for a standard delivery of a healthy baby.



**COMPLETE CARE** Includes prenatal care, labor and delivery, and postnatal care.



**SIX MONTHS OF SHELTER** Provide a pregnant teen with a safe place to live where she will receive emotional support and complete medical care.

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Thank you

for letting me

dream again"

### Change a *Destiny*

#### Meet Ramulah

Uganda - Ramulah's family had always struggled to pay her school fees, but as a young girl she was determined to get an education. She and her grandmother would work together digging gardens, but even this did not always yield enough for school fees. Eventually, she became fed up with trying to scrape together funds in her village and fled to the city to find work.

Without any marketable skills, earning in the city was more difficult than Ramulah had anticipated. By the age of 13, she had resorted to the sex trade to survive, even taking food from men as payment. When her mother died a few years later, Ramulah lost all hope.

Our team encountered her while distributing hygiene kits during a community outreach. Ramulah was invited to participate in our carpentry program where she heard the Good News and gave her life to Jesus. When she started feeling ill a couple of months later, our nurses discovered that Ramulah was pregnant.

Ramulah was one of the first women invited to live at the Jewels of Honor shelter when it opened last year. This home is dedicated to providing a safe place for women who have survived trafficking, exploitation, and sexual abuse. Ramulah received prenatal care and on December 19th she gave birth to a beautiful baby girl. At the shelter, she received ongoing counseling and anger management training. She is doing so well that she has been given additional responsibilities to lead all of the young women at the shelter.

This year Ramulah was enrolled at the School of Purpose where she has discovered a passion for hairdressing. She is currently thriving in her internship which will certainly lead to employment so that she and her baby can live independently.

### I have never been cared for like this."

Every year we rescue women like Ramulah from a life of forced prostitution, drug addiction, and terrifying violence. Meanwhile, we are training local leaders all over the nation to stand up for justice and break the cycle of dehumanizing abuse. YOU can help us change a nation.





#### **HYGIENE KIT**

Our community outreach teams distribute hygiene kits in order to meet the immediate needs of vulnerable young women, while seeking opportunities for intervention.



#### HOPE ALIVE TRAINING

Provide a local leader with two days of training, teaching them to watch for signs of trafficking and equipping them to bring healing to abused women.



**3 MONTHS TRANSFORMATION** Provide three months in a safe house, where a woman will receive counseling and begin a path to selfsustainability.

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### Gifts of Health and Hope

#### Relief in Malawi

Malawi - As Cyclone Freddy was tearing through southeast Africa, the Impact Nations family watched in disbelief, and our first question was "How can we help?". On March 12th, Malawi's President declared a state of disaster. Over 500,000 people were displaced, all of the water sources were either contaminated or destroyed, and food was scarce.

Within three days Impact Nations was funding food distribution which provided immediate nutrition to over 9,000 people. Seven days later, Impact Nations volunteer, Joshua Smith, was on site distributing water filters and teaching communities how to use them.

Over the course of two weeks, 200 water filters were distributed, instantly providing clean, safe drinking water to over 6,400 people. After receiving a filter, 61 year old Bertha stated "Our village had 3 bore holes and all have been completely damaged. I was worried where we will be getting safe water to drink, so receiving these buckets and filter, cholera has been defeated."

Distributing the water filters caused a cholera outbreak to be stopped in its tracks in these communities. Four months after distribution, our partner, Richard, reported that "Where the filters were distributed, waterborne illness is a thing of the past".

Whether facing a natural disaster or struggling with insufficient infrastructure, many communities are in danger due to contaminated water and poor nutrition. YOUR gift will bring immediate relief to those in desperate need.

# Waterborne illness is a thing of the past!"



EMERGENCY FOOD DISTRIBUTION Every dollar you give will provide as many as four meals.



MOSQUITO NETS Malaria takes over 400,000 lives each year. Your gift will provide protection for five families.



#### WATER FILTER Each filter provides continuous clean water for up to three families.

clean water for up to three families. Filters are distributed door to door along with sanitation training.



#### MEDICINE

Mobile medical clinics treat as many as 350 people per day. Your gift will provide medicine for those who may have no other access to medical professionals.

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### Seeds of *Change*

#### Sustainable Nutrition

Uganda - Many of the young women who are rescued from the slums are pregnant, and oftentimes malnourished. Once they are rescued, it is a race against time to get them enough nutrients to produce a healthy baby and have a smooth birthing process. In an effort to find a more sustainable way to nourish these girls, Impact Nations provided garden training and start up supplies.

After receiving the garden training and supplies, the team at The Remnant Generation got to work planting a two acre garden. They filled the garden with organic vegetables that would supplement nutrition, and herbs that could be used for medicinal purposes. Within a couple of months the garden was flourishing! Currently, the princess shelter houses 72 teens and their children, and has a staff of 33 people; the garden produces enough food to feed all of them each and every day. It is very important for new mothers to receive proper nutrition as they pass it onto their child. One of the mothers stated, "The greens have helped me to get enough breast milk to breastfeed my child".

The medical herbs that the garden produces are helping fight simple infections and diseases like malaria. Having the herbs on hand means that the medical clinic at the shelter has quick, easy, and free access to effective remedies. The herbs also serve as prenatal supplements, and since incorporating the herbs into the diets of expecting mothers, more babies have been born perfectly healthy.

# The gardens are helping reduce disease."

While one-time food distribution may be urgently needed in emergency situations, Impact Nations is also committed to finding sustainable food solutions to provide ongoing sources of nutrition through high yield organic gardens. YOU can help us feed an entire community each and every day.



**SEEDLINGS** Give four families the seedlings that will grow into a green paradise of medicine and vegetables.



#### GARDEN TOOLS

Give a family the shovels, wheelbarrows etc. that they need to sustainably grow nutritious food for their children. In small villages, most family gardens are enough to help neighbors eat well, too.



#### **GROW FOR A VILLAGE**

Many villages have a large plot of land available for a cooperative garden that will easily feed the village. Often there is so much food that widows are able to take the extra crops to nearby markets and provide for their families.

### Rescue a Brick Slave

#### Meet Viji

India - When Viji was a small boy, he would attend the village school every day and return home to his family each afternoon. Everything changed when his father abandoned the family, leaving his mother to take care of Viji and his sister. Desperate for work, Viji's mother gathered her children, packed their belongings and traveled to the city of Chandigarh.

Soon the family was in severe debt. In order to pay down their debt, the entire family was forced to work long days in a brick factory. Even the children had to work in order to keep up the interest payments.

Earlier this year Impact Nations and our partners met Viji and his family and covered the cost for him and his sister to be enrolled in school again. Additionally, Viji started attending a day program to learn more about Jesus. One dreadful night Viji's mother had fallen ill, and her condition was rapidly deteriorating. Remembering the stories he had been told about Jesus healing people, Viji knelt down next to his mother and prayed earnestly.

"Wonderful Jesus, please listen to my prayer. I have heard stories of your miracles, and I believe that you can heal my mother. Please touch her with your healing hands and restore her health. I place my trust in you."

His mother was healed instantly! With tears of joy streaming down his face and great faith and awe filling his heart, Viji shared the Gospel of Jesus with his mother.

Word of this miraculous healing spread, encouraging others in the village to become curious about Jesus. Viji's act of faith allowed an entire village to hear about the goodness of Jesus and ignited a flame of hope that would change lives forever.

# Jesus, I believe that You can heal my mother."

Throughout Northern India, children just like Viji are working as indentured servants. Children as young as five years old spend their days making bricks for little or no pay. YOU can help liberate children from the factory floor by enrolling them in school.



For many children coming out of the brick factory, this will be their first ever pair of shoes.



#### UNIFORMS

Each student receives three brand new uniforms. Single mothers who recently graduated from an Impact Nations tailoring school are contracted to sew the uniforms, so this is two gifts in one!



#### REGISTRATION

Once registered in the public school system, children receive a nutritious meal at school every day. After their initial enrollment, students are subsidized by the government.



#### **RESCUE A SLAVE**

Your gift includes registration fees, uniforms, shoes, textbooks and school supplies. Each student receives ongoing tutoring and discipleship.

# **HOW IT STARTED**

Brick Factories, 2019

# HOW IT'S GOING

Brick Factories, 2023

CHILDREN AS YOUNG AS 5 YEARS OLD ARE FOUND WORKING IN BRICK FACTORIES DURING A JOURNEY OF COMPASSION. OVER 2200 CHILDREN NOW SPEND THEIR DAYS IN SCHOOL RATHER THAN WORKING IN THE BRICK KILN! EACH CHILD IS PROVIDED A NUTRITIOUS MEAL EVERY DAY.

Malawi, 2022

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Malawi, 2023

MALARIA, WATERBORNE ILLNESS, AND MALNUTRION WERE CHRONIC PROBLEMS IN THE CITY OF PHALOMBE ORGANIC GARDENS ARE BEING PLANTED IN 14 DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES, CLEAN WATER HAS BEEN PROVIDED FOR OVER 6,000 PEOPLE, MOSQUITO NETS BEING DISTRIBUTED

The School of Purpose, 2017

The School of Purpose, 2023

OUR FIRST VOCATIONAL SCHOOL IN UGANDA OPENS. 20 TEEN MOMS BEGIN STUDYING IN TWO WOODEN SHACKS. OVER 800 VULNERABLE TEENS RECEIVING SKILLS & BUSINESS TRAINING ACROSS FOUR DISTRICTS. NEW BUILDING WILL MAKE ROOM FOR 100 MORE STUDENTS IN 2024.

# Journeys of Compassion

Join the Adventure

For over 18 years, Impact Nations has been inviting men, women, and children to join in the adventure of the Gospel. During a Journey of Compassion, you are on the front lines of ministry, being used by Jesus to bring His salvation, healing, and hope to those who desperately need to hear the Good News.

On each Journey we are living out the reality that the Kingdom of God is big enough and powerful enough to touch every part of life. Everywhere we go, Christ is preached, the sick are healed, and the Good News is demonstrated to the poor in prisons, mobile medical clinics, feeding programs, and more.

### Journey of Compassion 2024 Schedule

Dominican Jan 27 - Feb 4

Share the gospel with outcast people in a barrio ten minutes from the beaches of Punta Cana. Conduct medical clinics bringing hope, health and dignity to the community and school of 750 students. If you speak spanish, the team can always use help translating during prayer and ministry.

Malawi April 14-26

Uganda

June 20-29

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Join us for our first ever Journey of Compassion to Malawi. In addition to providing medical care and clean water, you will play a hands-on role as we help expand community gardens that provide sustainable nutrition to the community.

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Mama Christina is leading a team of women into the slums and villages of Uganda. As apart of this team, you will find yourself ministering to some of the nation's most vulnerable women, helping them to escape a life of forced prostitution or domestic abuse. You will also take part in a large women's conference.

After a wildly successful Journey to Puerto Peñasco in 2023, we are returning to continue the work in this impoverished resort town. Minister to recovering addicts and the homeless while engaging in meaningful construction projects that will improve the lives of poor families.

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### A little goes a long way



BUCKETS

Every water filter that we distribute comes with two buckets, one for dirty water and one for clean water.



20 MEALS Provide 20 meals for people in desperate need of nourishment.



ANTI-PARASITE MEDS Treat 40 children during a Journey of Compassion with deworming pills, reducing malnutrition by up to 62%.



**ONE MOSQUITO NET** Protect a family from the risk of malaria.



HAIR DRESSING KIT Give a graduation gift to a young woman who is ready to start her own mobile salon.



SCHOOL SUPPLIES Provide a student with the supplies they need to learn.



WATERING CAN

Help a family grow their own nutrition. This watering can will be provided along with other gardening tools and seeds.

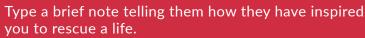
# A Gift to Remember

Stumped for a birthday or Christmas gift? Give a gift that will last an lifetime! Send them a card for any occasion that explains how their gift is rescuing lives.



#### It's as easy as...





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# Select your gift today!

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