

# HOPE SOLUTIONS

**Our mission is to provide permanent, affordable housing and vital support services to homeless and at-risk families and individuals in Contra Costa County.**

*Hope Solutions* works with over 1100 individuals in Contra Costa County providing permanent housing with supportive services.

Our vision is that every family in our community has secure housing and the dignity of self-sufficiency. We believe all children deserve living conditions that support their development into productive and healthy members of our community.



## The Gift

Gas cards assist not only the families we serve but also aid our volunteers to be able to continue to assist our clients with fewer dollars coming out of their own pockets. Any help you can provide will be very well-used! Thank you!

\$25.00

\$35.00

\$40.00

# Garden Park Apartments



*The Garden Park Apartments (GPA)* opened in December of 2004 as the first permanent supportive housing program specifically for homeless families with special needs in Contra Costa County.

Hope Solutions and Resources for Community Development (RCD) formed a valuable partnership in 2010. RCD is an affordable housing developer, established in 1984. RCD currently provides over 4,000 units of quality affordable housing to low income people. Their building projects are designed to nurture a healthy indoor living space and accessibility to public transportation, employment, retail, and essential amenities



Caroline Kurtz, missionary with *Maji Development Coalition*, writes: “I grew up overseas with

missionary parents. My mom and dad lived in Ethiopia for twenty-three years, and I only left to go to college in the US. In 1990 I returned to Africa with my husband and three kids (six years in Ethiopia and then four more years in Nairobi, Kenya), much of that time teaching English. I also traveled in and out of South Sudan and the Kakuma Refugee Camp.”

Caroline’s current project is lighting up the world of the Maji people in Ethiopia, bringing solar power to the region. Maji lies on the southwestern edge of the Ethiopian highlands, 8500 feet high, near the Sudan border. It was once the most remote outpost of the Presbyterian mission. The beauty of Maji’s mountain views, waterfalls, and eye-popping sunsets gave Caroline Kurtz, the missionary these gifts support, endless joy as a child growing up there.





### The Gift

#### Flashlights and Batteries

The Ethiopian power grid ends 80 miles away from Maji village. The cost to bring diesel the three-day drive from the capital makes generator power unsustainable. While the solar project gets funded and starts functioning, flashlights are useful in helping these people cope in the dark.

\$14 Suggested donation



### The Gift

#### A Camping Lantern

Lanterns like this are another good alternative to living in darkness. While they wait for the solar project to begin functioning, the people of Maji will find them useful.

\$30 a single lantern



Tara Chase of Frontier Fellowship



### Rural Community Center

Few resources and services are available to people living in underdeveloped areas of Central Asia. *Frontier Fellowship* partners with a Christian-led community center that models the love and care of Jesus to over 16,000 people from 39 villages, most of whom are Muslims from numerous unreached people groups. This center is a hub of activity bringing opportunity and transformation through healthcare services, computer and internet access, a radio station and agricultural training. The gifts below will help support the supplemental education of the children in this area.



### The Gift

School Supplies for five Central Asian children

*Frontier Fellowship* provided supplies will help students with instruction in math and English, along with care and support to help them thrive.

\$20.00

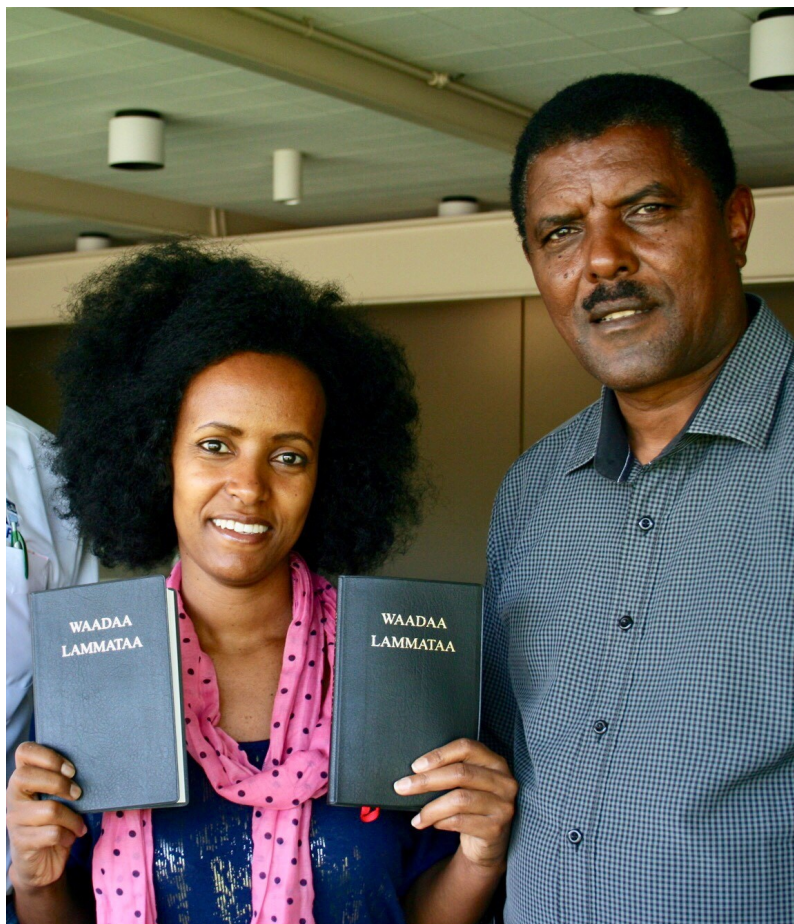


### The Gift

Satellite Internet Access for one Central Asian student for one year

A student supplied with internet access for a year by *Frontier Fellowship* will get a leg up in their instruction, developing computer skills that will help them thrive throughout their lives.

\$10.00



### The Gift

Arsi Oromo New Testaments for 10 families

The Word of God is coming alive to the Arsi Oromo people of Ethiopia through *Frontier Fellowship's* partner, Light of Hope Ministry Ethiopia. A New Testament translation is now complete, and with your help, can be made available to followers of Jesus who've never before owned a copy of God's Word in their dialect.

\$30 for 10 New Testaments



## EL PUENTE

Headed by Pat and Donna Noonan, El Puente reaches out to middle schoolers and high schoolers in the name of Jesus. Pray for the kids, their weekly meetings and for needed volunteers.

The Purpose of El Puente is to go into the neighborhood and world of teenagers in the Monument Community, build relationships of trust and guidance to have the opportunity to share the Good News of Jesus in word and experiences.

We work in an under-resourced, under-served community. We bridge relationships between churches and neighborhoods, the faith community and the secular community. We work hand in hand with the agencies in the community to create a whole better community, starting with the youth.



### The Gift

A contribution to the Summer Camp Scholarship Fund will enable us to send a kid to Summer Camp in 2021! The kids love getting out of the city and being out in nature for a few days! Help us to send more kids with a contribution in any amount!

\$40.00



Bob & Jan Blincoe of Frontiers and family



**Frontiers** was founded to commit to bringing the Good News to the least reached corners of the world. It still seeks people willing to go to some of the most challenging places to share Jesus Christ’s message of salvation with Muslims. Workers are now sent to 30 countries across six continents. Through recruiting, training, sending, and serving church-planting teams, Frontiers is inviting all Muslim peoples to follow Jesus—and dreaming of the day we’ll see the Good News brought to every tribe, language, people, and nation (Rev. 5:9).

### The Gift

#### Micro SD cards

We have several workers who like to fill microSD cards and distribute them. We find one or more teams that will distribute them among Muslims. Muslims are being positively affected by getting them.

Micro SD cards can contain the entire Jesus Film plus other visual and audio resources for example. Nearly every smartphone in the world, except for iPhones, has a microSD slot.

Thank you!

\$5 Suggested donation







*In His Steps*, led by Christy Reiners, works with Palestinians demonstrating Christian love by recruiting doctors to help and raising donations to fund work to discover and try to cure breast cancer. Palestinian women have an unusually high incidence of the disease, even among the very young.

Because Christy has been unable to visit Palestine for a number of years, she relies heavily on a local staff member, Mahmoud Badawi, to manage the clinic.



## The Gift

Groceries for Palestinian Staff

Because of Israeli restrictions on Palestinians, it can be difficult to get needed supplies. This gift will help provide food for Mahmoud and other staff.

\$25 Suggested donation



*Raise the Roof Academy* students are living proof that education opens doors out of poverty, child labor, disease, and chaos. Our students

come from families who often live on less than \$1 a day. We provide a free, high-quality education to girls and boys born in the most remote communities of Uganda who, due to poverty and social pressures, would otherwise be cut off from the promise of education.

Pictured is missionary Marlene Ssebulime, MBA, Co-Founder & Executive Director of Raise the Roof Academy together with her husband David Ssebulime and their daughter, Zoe.



## The Gift

RTRA Metal Storage Unit

A metal storage unit helps children keep their clothes, school supplies, and other household items locked and secure.

\$40 Suggested donation



## The Gift

### RTRA Hygiene Kit

Proper hygiene is the most important and basic need for fighting preventable diseases. A Hygiene Kit which includes a wash basin, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, and a wash cloth helps to meet this need.

\$15 Suggested donation



## The Gift

### Shoes & Socks

Many children do not own a single pair of shoes and walk back and forth to school barefoot. This leads to jiggers which wreak havoc on their little feet. A sturdy pair of leather shoes and knee-high socks to a child in need in our program helps them focus on their school work, not their feet!

\$30 Suggested donation



**Witnessing  
Ministries  
of Christ** Elizabeth Prasad  
Rev. Philip A.  
Prasad, founder  
of Witnessing

Ministries of Christ, was a Dalit (“Untouchable”), part of a group who, even as children, are rejected by the Indian culture. Presbyterian missionaries were his lifeline to connect to God. At nine years of age, the Holy Spirit inspired him to lead a life of struggle. After gaining wisdom and understanding, he returned to the pain of the Dalit villages to deliver the promises of God. He founded the Exodus Presbyterian Church, with its indigenous Education Ministry, to inspire this group of people for a better life.

The word “fulfilled” surfaces as Indian Christians describe their ministry experiences. *“We want to work with our people,”* they proclaim. *“If we do not go to them, who will?”* The call is clear. Building relationships, village to village, teacher to child, pastor to elder through prayer and sacrifice moves them through the grace and mercy of God.



**Witnessing  
Ministries  
of Christ**

### The Gift

Uniforms for school children

Christian children from the outcaste villages in India going to school can feel like they belong and can participate with others when they are dressed nicely. You can join the effort to make children like Shivani and Nidhi feel special, able to fit in, and ready to learn.

\$25 for a set of new clothes



**Witnessing  
Ministries  
of Christ**

### The Gift

Power a Bus for a month

A fleet of 10 buses transports 900 children to school from the villages. It costs \$5,000 per month. You can assist in powering our buses this year through your gift.

Pictured are our bus drivers praying together before going out to transport the kids.

\$20 for a month of transport



**Witnessing  
Ministries  
of Christ**

### The Gift

Books & Bibles

Required books are important for classes throughout the year to prepare for government examinations. Personal Bibles help children learn the scriptures, discuss the meaning, and apply the words to their lives. Your gift helps us purchase these precious resources.

\$15 for books & Bibles





For over 20 years, Michele Rickett has been a leading voice concerning the abuse and slavery of girls and women.



She established *She Is Safe* to share Christ and to free and equip women and girls to build new lives in the highest-risk and least-reached places.

Her work of creating partnerships with local women leaders across the globe, researching, publishing and speaking to raise a Christ-centered response to the abuse and slavery of women and girls has assembled a highly effective team and forged effective strategies to equip oppressed women and girls to break the cycles of abuse and slavery as they learn about and live for Christ.



### The Gift

Clear pencil pouches to go with underthings we purchase locally for 50,000 at-risk children we are training in Safety Tips as we share the Gospel in Indonesia.

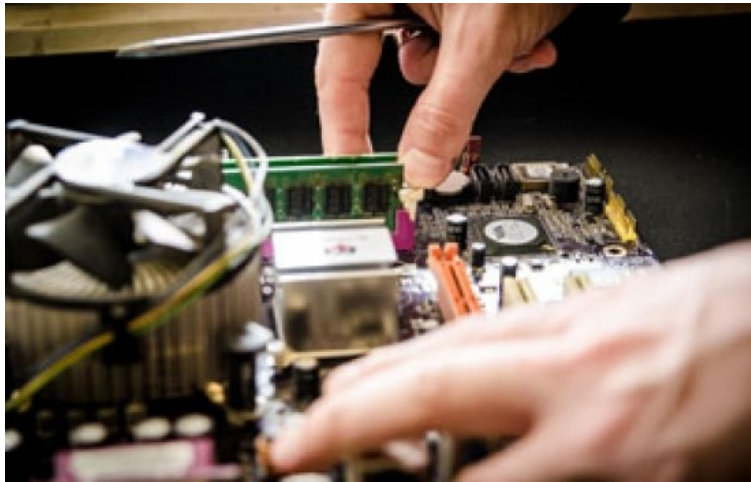
\$10 Suggested donation



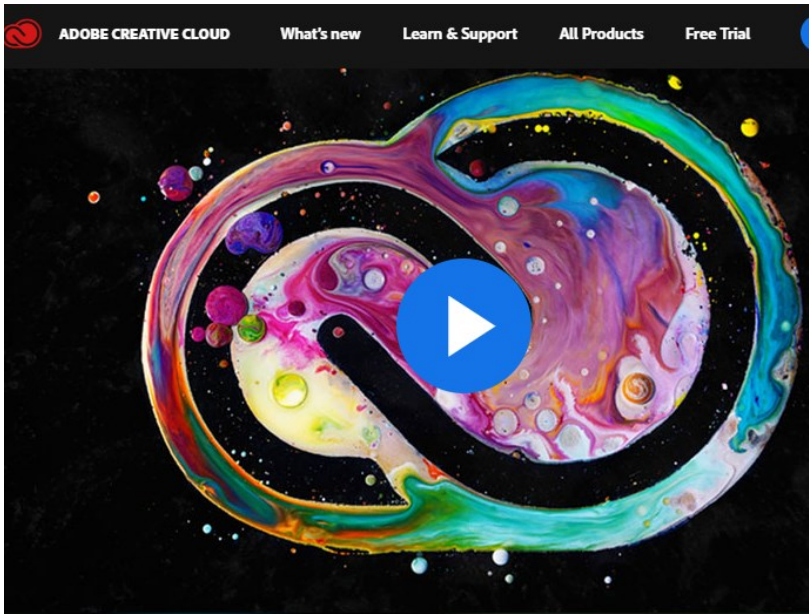
### The Gift

She Is Safe gives pantaloons to young girls overseas as part of Abuse Prevention and Recourse training. Children are thrilled with these cute pull-on shorts with a ruffle at the knee - something locally made, pretty and protective, that they will wear day and night. The ruffle is a waving flag to any would-be perpetrator that this child has been informed, that she has a hotline and trusted adults in her circle to report any abuses. Besides providing pantaloons for these at-risk girls, this gift also helps provide general support for the organization.

\$10 Suggested donation



Tim and Kirsten with *Avant Ministries*, Spain (for Morocco/North Africa) have had a busy month creating videos with their upgraded equipment! May the videos truly be a life changer for those who seek for God. Please pray that they will be a conduit from the Holy Spirit to the hearts of those listening. May Málaga Media Center's media tools (mobile apps, YouTube, radio, chat rooms, website, and satellite TV) continue to empower national believers to reach into their own country for Christ.



*Avant*

### The Gift

Adobe Creative Cloud Subscription

A monthly subscription to this software application will greatly increase productivity of the team as they make the videos that are used in the ministries. These videos help outreach efforts to non-Christians in other nations around the world, especially into Northern Africa.

\$35 Suggested donation



*Avant*

### The Gift

Storyboarding App Subscription

A monthly subscription to this software application will greatly increase productivity of the team as they make the videos that are used in the ministries. These videos help outreach efforts to non-Christians in other nations around the world, especially into Northern Africa.

\$36 Suggested donation





The mission statement of **Winter Nights Shelter** is:

To protect homeless families from winter weather by providing shelter in a clean, safe, and warm environment and to help them break the homeless cycle by assisting them toward self-sufficiency and into stable housing.

In 2020, *The Winter Nights Family Shelter*, which had been started as project of the Interfaith Council of Contra Costa County, has formed itself into a separate nonprofit. There have been some adjustments in scheduling due to the pandemic.

The shelter opens in October, closes in early June, and serves up to 30 persons at any

given time. The shelter site moves every two weeks throughout the winter, between hosting faith communities from the 107 member congregations that belong to the Interfaith Council. Congregations throughout central and east Contra Costa provide space, meals, and volunteers.



### The Gift

### Flashlights

Flashlights are needed for family members to see in their tents when lights go out at 8:30 p.m. They also may need them in case someone needs to use the restroom in the middle of the night. Flashlights can be small or medium with batteries that are the right size.

\$14 for a pack of flashlights



### **The Gift**

#### **Socks**

We have babies, toddlers, children, teens and adults in our shelter. They all need socks. Any size, color or style appropriate for any of the above. These are given to members of families who are in need of socks, especially in the winter.

\$30 for a package of socks

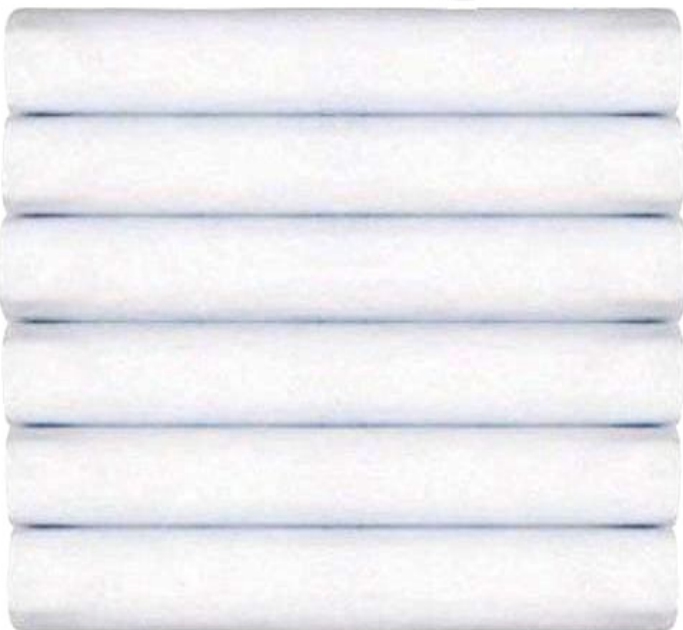


### **The Gift**

#### **Fitted Sheets**

Families sleep in tents. Each person is given a sleeping pad with a plastic cover. That is then covered with a single fitted sheet. Sheets can be found sold as a six pack.

\$34 for a package of sheets



## GIFTS AROUND THE WORLD ORDER FORM

**Missions and Gifts**                      Price X Quantity = Total

**Avant Memo:** MMC (Malaga Media Center) ~ Jenkins family

Storyboarding App    \$36 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Adobe Creative Cloud \$35 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**(El Puente)** Checks: Ripe for Harvest, Memo: #349 ~ Noonan family

Camp Scholarships    \$40 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Frontier Fellowship** ~ Memo: Tara Chase

School Supplies        \$20 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Satellite Internet Access \$10 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Arsi Oromo New Testaments \$30 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Frontiers** ~ Memo: Bob Blincoe

Micro SD Card        \$ 5 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Hope Solutions** ~ Dena Betti

Gas Card                \$25 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gas Card                \$35 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gas Card                \$40 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**In His Steps** ~ Christy Reiners

Groceries for Palestinian Staff \$25 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Maji Development Coalition** ~ Caroline Kurtz

Lantern                 \$30 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Flashlights             \$14 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Raise the Roof Academy** ~ Ssebulime family

Shoes and Socks        \$30 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Hygiene Kit             \$15 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Metal Storage Unit     \$40 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**She Is Safe** ~ Michelle Ricketts

School Supplies & Stickers \$10 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Pantaloons /General Supplies \$10 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Winter Nights** ~ Judith Stillman

Flashlights             \$14 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Fitted Sheets         \$34 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Socks                    \$30 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Witnessing Ministries of Christ** ~ Elizabeth Prasad

School Uniforms      \$25 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 School Bus Power     \$20 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Books and Bibles      \$15 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

A vibrant watercolor splash in shades of blue, purple, red, and yellow on a textured, light-colored background. The splash is centered and radiates outwards, creating a sense of energy and movement.

**Love God  
Love People  
Serve...**



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
**C O N C O R D**