

## Latin America and the Caribbean

### CHILE

Your gift of \$100 will provide one caregiver for the new dormitories for one month. A gift of \$500 or more will contribute to the costs of the construction of new dormitories.

The **Bethany House Project** was established by the Pentecostal Church of Chile (IPC) in 1995 in response to the need for safe and adequate housing for many elderly who lived in poverty and solitude in and around the city of Curico. Bethany House provides improved and secure standards of living for seniors, both men and women, who needed a place to live out their remaining life with peace and dignity. The facility constructed in the 1990s provides housing for 15 seniors, but a much-needed expansion is planned.



### DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Your gift of \$40 will provide prevention programs to one child who is vulnerable to sexual exploitation. A gift of \$200 will help provide special services for those who have suffered sexual exploitation.

The child sex industry in the Dominican Republic includes both boys and girls, working mainly in tourist areas. Children involved in the sex industry are socially stigmatized and legally harassed. These street children were often mistreated by authorities who considered them a nuisance. **Caminante**, meaning "One Who Walks the Path," is a grass-roots program run by people who have experienced the struggles that these children face. The project is providing a safe space where hundreds of youth and their families will receive counseling and special services for the sexually exploited. Youth can also participate in recreational and formation programs.

## Child Sponsorship

The Global Ministries Child Sponsorship Program works closely with private centers that have long-established links with a UCC or Disciples global partners. Through these partner agencies food, basic health care, clothing and in some cases housing, school fees, uniform, books and training are provided to many poor and destitute children in many countries. Sponsoring a child is a very easy project for groups, churches, and individuals.

To make a gift to one or more of these projects,  
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Office of Resource Development  
P.O. Box 1986  
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# Special Giving Opportunities



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## Africa

### ANGOLA

Your gift of \$40 will provide for one person to attend a week-long workshop. A gift of \$250 will provide the costs of creating an opportunity for dialogue to transform a developing conflict into an opportunity for community building.

The Angolan Council of Christian Churches (CICA) has embraced solutions for bringing about crucial social transformation to the war-torn people and institutions of Angola. CICA has successfully carried out **Peace Building and Conflict Transformation** training programs in twelve of the eighteen Angolan provinces and hopes to offer the training in the six remaining provinces soon.



### CONGO

Your gift of \$30 will provide for the needs of one child for a month. A gift of \$100 will support the educational and recreational programs.

The **House of Life of the Reverend Dr. Elonda Multipurpose Center** cares for abandoned children living on the streets. The House of Life is located on the outskirts of the capital city of Kinshasa where the church owns land for expanding the program. The orphans, all of whom are between the ages of five and fourteen, are well cared for; go to school with full support in terms of fees, uniforms, and books; and are attended to medically. The Center also will provide community-based support for children in need and their families with educational and other programs as the facility expands and the programs grow.

## East Asia and the Pacific

### CHINA

Your gift of \$250 will provide a loan to one farmer.

The Zhecheng Succor Society is providing assistance to poor, rural families who are affected by HIV/AIDS in Gangwang District through the **Small Loan Program/Milking Goat Project**. Through this program, farm families who receive small loans must return the loans after four months once their projects have begun to generate income. The returned loans are used to provide new loans to the same families or to other families. Some have used their loans to purchase a pair of milking goats. They prefer goats over cows because they are less expensive and easier for people who are weakened by HIV/AIDS to manage. Goats breed twice a year so families can increase their herds quickly and can either consume or sell the additional milk.



### JAPAN

Your gift of \$75 will provide the cost of one of the many field trips that the students take. A gift of \$500 will provide a partial scholarship for one student.

The **Asian Rural Institute's** Rural Leaders Training Center draws students from throughout Asia and Africa for an eight-month training program in sustainable agriculture and sustainable society. Students study a variety of subjects including organic farming techniques, natural farming, farming in a globalized world, and ecological landscaping. Leadership training is also included in the program so that the students, when they return home, can become leaders in their own communities as they share their new understandings and practical knowledge for sustainable living.

## Southern Asia

### INDIA

Your gift of \$50 will help to track a missing woman or child. A gift of \$200 will help fund the programs where she or he can receive the care, counseling, and training they need to reclaim their futures.

The Church of North India (CNI) runs an Anti-Trafficking Program in the Eastern Himalaya region, an area which is one of the most vulnerable in terms of trafficking of girls, boys, and women for the purposes of forced or bonded labor and commercial sexual exploitation. CNI strives to address the trafficking problem from three different aspects: prevention, rescue, and social re-integration. CNI has begun planning for the creation of the **Siliguri Rehabilitation Center** which will offer an education program, a vocational training centre, psycho-social services, a legal aid unit, and a production/income-generation unit.

### NEPAL

Your gift of \$30 will enable a pastor, woman, or youth to attend a training event. A gift of \$350 will sponsor a one day inter-religious retreat on overcoming violence.

The **National Council of Churches of Nepal** (NCCN) is an organization which is growing into a leadership role in the Christian communities of Nepal. For the NCCN, one of the most urgent needs that they perceive for the churches in their country is the lack of trained leaders to guide the churches and the ecumenical council. The NCCN is working hard to offer Ecumenical Leadership and Capacity Building Training for Church Pastors, Women, and Youth Pastors. They also offer a one-day inter-religious encounter focusing on "Overcoming Violence: The Role of Religions." These programs have been well received by Nepali churches.



## Middle East and Europe

### EGYPT

Your gift of \$50 will help one community design a new water system. A gift of \$500 will help to provide the infrastructure to turn their design into reality – creating new opportunities for sustainable livelihoods.

The mission of the Coptic Evangelical Organization for Social Services (CEOSS) is to promote the sanctity, equity, and harmony of life. CEOSS promotes community-based participatory development in health, education, agriculture, the environment, and the economic arena. Through their project, **WATER as an Essential Ingredient**, CEOSS works with dozens of rural communities in developing agricultural, livestock, and micro-enterprise plans that are sustainable and offer alternative income for the community.



### ISRAEL/PALESTINE

Your gift of \$60 will help purchase medical supplies for the hospital.

The **Al-Ahli Hospital** is located in the Gaza Strip area of Palestine. It is a service ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. Al-Ahli has responded to the needs of the victims of crises, including providing medical treatment to those affected by the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict. The Hospital offers a wide range of outpatient and inpatient care, preventive medicine, rehabilitation programs, and in-service training.