



ALTERNATIVE GIVING: TWO GIFTS IN ONE

A gift through The Advance to the people it benefits, and a gift to the person you honor.

As we grow into becoming wise givers, we understand the process is not about filling a box with more “stuff.” Mission is about **giving**, a gift to be treasured long after the special occasion passes.

The Advance offers perfect opportunities to give beyond the ordinary with alternative gifts – the practice of giving a donation in someone’s honor rather than a physical gift. Alternative giving works for all occasions, from Christmas and birthdays to anniversaries and retirements.

It is really two gifts in one – a gift through The Advance to the people it helps and a gift to the person you honor. 100 % of your gift reaches its intended mission and ministry.



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#00545A – COMMUNITY-BASED REHABILITATION IN FARYAB PROVINCE, AFGHANISTAN: \$11 can help train a woman to become a midwife, thereby reducing the high rate of childbirth-related disability and death.

#15021B – BALTIC METHODIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, ESTONIA: \$12 can provide a library book to educate young church leaders from Russia and Eastern Europe.

#11580A – SHADE AND FRESH WATER, BRAZIL: \$20 can offer tutoring and Christian education to at-risk children.

#137380 – RENOVATION OF BETTY CAREW WOMEN’S TRAINING CENTER, SIERRA LEONE: \$45 can purchase a bed for a woman living in extreme poverty.

#171282 – FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN: 15 cents can provide a meal to a child in Haiti, Ethiopia, India and around the world. \$55 can give a child a meal every day for a year.

#581540 – AMIGOS DEL VALLE, NEW MEXICO, UNITED STATES: \$60 can give an older adult home-assistance care for a year.

#12017A – BETHLEHEM BIBLE COLLEGE, THE SHEPHERD SOCIETY, ISRAEL AND PALESTINE: \$75 can pay a week’s salary for a worker to buy medicine, food and shelter for his or her family.

#14578A – AMITY FOUNDATION BLINDNESS PREVENTION PROJECT, CHINA: \$85 can give sight to a blind person suffering from cataracts.

#14932A – VIETNAM MISSION INITIATIVE: \$100 can help start a new church in a country recovering from war and where less than 1 percent of the population is Protestant.

#07629A – GIVE YE THEM TO EAT, MEXICO: \$120 can buy a female goat for a village to provide milk, food and baby goats.

#15057A – NEW LIFE, ZAMBIA: \$250 can buy a PET (Personal Energy Transportation) hand bike for a person unable to walk.

#14846A – ACCION MEDICA CHRISTIANA, MATAGALPA, NICARAGUA: \$300 can buy a cow for a village woman, enabling her to earn money and give calves to other women in the community, who will repeat the cycle.

HOW TO GIVE:

- Online: www.advancinghope.org
 - By credit card: call (888) 252-6174
 - By check: Write your check payable to your local church. Include The Advance # and give your gift to your local church treasurer.
- OR
- Write your check payable to “Advance GCFA.” Mail check to: Advance, GCFA, P.O.Box 9068, GPO, New York 10087-9068.

Then tell the honoree about your gift by using
The Advance Alternative Giving card.
Call (888) 346-3862 to order the Alternative Generic Giving Card #87403008 or the Alternative Giving Christmas Card #87403708 or order online at umcsgiving.org.



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