Mercy in Action...
Don't just give a gift...change a life!

Gift Catalog
Vessels of Mercy International is a worldwide charitable relief and development organization that alleviates poverty and human suffering by providing practical assistance and offering hope through the gospel of Jesus Christ.

We are currently serving the U.S.A., Cambodia, Honduras, Romania, Kenya, Peru, Guatemala, Haiti, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Rwanda, Lebanon, Malawi, Liberia, and Uganda. Give a gift that will last for years to come. Through this catalog, your gifts will provide practical assistance and share Jesus' love via our outreaches.

This year, give a life-changing gift in honor of someone you love or as a special outreach from your family. Although you may never personally meet the people you help, you will have shown them the love of Christ in word and deed. Be assured your gift will make a difference. Mercy in Action...that's what it is all about!

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“For I was hungry & you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty & you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger & you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick & you looked after me. I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these...you did for me.”

Matthew 25:35-40
Gifts that Educate

Do you think literacy is a given in the United States and other countries? Think again. Many children cannot learn because they are not given an adequate learning environment or school supplies. Just $15 provides school supplies for an eager student to learn basic reading and writing skills in a Vessels of Mercy International-supported educational environment around the world. Education breaks the cycle of poverty!

• Provide school supplies for one student: $15  Item # P0041

Dairy Cow or Bull

Your gift of a dairy cow or a bull is a gift of life. A single dairy cow can give a family up to four gallons of protein-packed milk every day. When we provide hungry men, women, and children with a cow, they are able to have milk almost immediately. Since a healthy cow can give birth to one calf every year, your gift can multiply.

• Dairy Cow: $650  Item # A0010
• Bull: $850  Item # A0011
• Share in the cost of a bull: $100  Item # A0A11
Full-Grown Hens

Fresh eggs raise the levels of protein and other nutrients in a family’s diet, and the sale of extra eggs provides money for other household needs. A fully-grown hen can lay more than 200 eggs a year.

- 2 Hens: $50 Item # A0032
- 4 Hens: $100 Item # A0033
- 6 Hens: $150 Item # A0034
- 10 Hens: $250 Item # A0035

Chicks

A starter flock of 20-50 chicks will provide plenty of eggs to eat, to sell at the market for income, or to pass on the gift to other needy families. It is the perfect way to help many individuals, orphanages, and families living in the most extreme poverty.

- Starter flock of chicks: $75 Item # A0030
- 100 chicks: $200 Item # A0031
Goats are great gifts! Goat milk is rich in protein and will provide nourishment to a family or orphanage with fresh milk, cheese, and yogurt. Goats can offer a much-needed income boost by producing offspring and providing extra dairy products for sale at the market.

- **Goat:** $75       Item # A0020

For impoverished families, a sheep’s wool can yield soft, warm, long-lasting clothes. Sheep’s milk is up to twice as rich as cow's milk in nutrients like protein and calcium, plus eight vitamins that growing kids need. Surplus dairy products of milk, cheese, and yogurt can be sold to provide for the families’ needs.

- **Sheep:** $75       Item # A0021
Jesus used the five loaves and two fish to feed a multitude. In the same way, a fish pond stocked with fish can be the start of good health and a better life for malnourished children or a community. Tilapia, a firm white fish, grows rapidly and can be easily cared for by trained youth or other community members. Surplus fish can be sold to help pay for basic needs or health care. Your gift will boost nutrition levels and improve the overall quality of life by breaking the cycle of poverty.

- **One small pond**: $500  Item # A0043
- **One 3500 sq. ft. tilapia pond**: $2500  Item # A0040
- **Stock Fish**: $60  Item # A0041

**Fishing Kits for improved livelihoods...**

Fish, a wonderful source of protein and income, are in plentiful supply off the coast of Honduras, Cambodia, and in the inland rivers and lakes of Kenya. However, many hungry families have no way to catch them. Your gift will provide an impoverished family with equipment such as a fishing pole, hooks, lines, nets, a fishing basket – and the satisfaction of putting food on their own table. Teach a family to fish and they can eat for a lifetime.

- **Fishing Kit**: $25  Item # A0042
Children in six countries are receiving the nutrition their bodies badly need and learning about the love of Jesus Christ. Your gift will help us continue vital feeding programs and reach even more children!

- **1,000 lbs. of rice and beans:** $250  
  Item # F0010
- **100 lbs. of potatoes:** $75  
  Item # F0020
- **100 lbs. of rice and beans:** $100  
  Item # F0021
- **A week of hot meals:** $20  
  Item # F0022
- **40 Emergency nutrition bars:** $24  
  Item # F0023

Impoverished families in countries like Honduras, Kenya, Romania, and Uganda struggle to raise enough food for their children. The seeds they use may be of poor quality, or they may not be able to afford seeds at all. You can offer a life-changing solution: fast-growing hybrid or drought-resistant seeds for a bounty of nutritious crops such as maize, rice, cassava, carrots, cabbage, beans, peas, and onions. Surplus crops can be sold to supplement family income. Provide a field of hope!

- **Seeds:** $15  
  Item # F0030
Twelve weeks. That is the number of weeks teenage girls miss from school each year in developing countries. Why? Because of their menstrual cycle.

A lack of hygiene products forces young women out of school, work, and daily life for five days every month. These girls have no choice but to resort to whatever means are available: dirty rags, tree leaves, corn cobs, bark, newspaper, or animal skins. In some developing countries, 30% of high school girls drop out of school because of this challenge. This means a loss of self-esteem, education, income, and freedom. IT IS DEVASTATING! Being forced out of school leaves these young women vulnerable to violence, exploitation, abuse, and prostitution. Through the gift of sustainable feminine hygiene kits, each woman has the supplies she needs for up to three years. That is an extra nine months of education, income, and freedom! A fifteen dollar gift will provide a young woman with a life-changing kit.

(Sponsorship can include but is not limited to helping cover the cost of administering the program, underwear, purchase of soap in the country we serve, and cost of transportation to the international field service area.)

**Hygiene Kit: $15  Item # P0015**
**Vacation Bible School**

Each year we hold Vacation Bible School in countries around the world and in the United States, allowing children to hear the gospel, some of them for the first time. By sponsoring VBS, you help provide the gospel materials, craft items for the children, and a daily snack. We reach an average of 100 children each day.

- One week: $500  Item # E0020
- One day: $50  Item # E0021
- One child: $20  Item # E0022

**Sewing Machines**

*Helping Women Provide for Their Families*

Countless women around the world are the providers for their families. Yet in many countries, it is hard for a woman to find work. By providing a sewing machine and proper training, you help women use their skills and talents to provide for their families.

- One machine: $400  Item # P0030
- Share in the cost: $75  Item # P0A30
- One month of training: $100  Item # P0B30
Today, a young girl or boy will be assaulted in a brothel. A family will endure unrelenting work as slaves. A child will be the victim of brutal sexual violence, and no one will be held accountable. You can make a difference by becoming a “Freedom Partner;” you can stand up for the oppressed. With your help we can rescue victims of slavery, trafficking, sexual exploitation, and other forms of violent oppression. Stand with us in the fight.

Your gift of $100 will help us intervene and provide care packages for the children and women rescued and help them transition into an aftercare program sponsored by Vessels of Mercy International or by one of our partner agencies. You can help give someone a new start in life.

- **Freedom Care Package:** $100  Item # P0010

**Blanket Blessings**

Imagine having no heat and living where the temperature can remain in the twenties for weeks at a time during the winter. This is the reality of many men, women, and children. In fact, every year people freeze to death for lack of blankets and heat. You can provide a warm blanket for a family for just $10. Give a gift that can save a life!

- **Warm blanket:** $10  Item # P0025
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Shoes (Flip Flops & Sandals)

Our ministry teams around the world see the overwhelming need to provide shoes for those living in poverty. Shoes reduce injuries and disease.

- 7 pairs of shoes: $15 Item # P0020
- Shipping shoes and other relief supplies: $200 Item # P0021

Glasses

Our Vision Care teams can give the gift of eyesight by providing simple vision screenings and new glasses to those who need them. Would you help us extend the mercy and compassion of Christ through giving the gift of sight?

- 1 pair of prescription glasses: $25 Item # P0090

Jesus Film

How can any single film reach so many people and change lives? It is the power of the Word of God in their native language. With the Jesus Film we are able to take the message of Christ to places that would normally be off limits. Will you help share Jesus with those who have never heard?

- Jesus Film Equipment (complete): $3500 Item # E0023
- Bibles or literature packet: $15 Item # E0010
Many people around the world have no access to medical care. Our teams need vital medicines to be able to provide the best possible medical care to the sick and dying. One Mercy Pack provides enough medicines for us to treat approximately 200 patients. One Mercy Pack costs $450 — that is $2.25 per person. Will you care enough to do it for the “least of these?” Give a gift of life today.

- Mercy Pack (200 patients): $450  
  Item # P0050
- Share in the cost: $50
  Item # P0A50

Water-related illnesses are the leading cause of human sickness and death worldwide. However, to billions of people around the world, water itself can bring suffering, disease, and death. Please join us in providing life-giving water to people in need. You can provide safe drinking water for a family for three years for just $30.

- Water filter for a family for three years: $30  
  Item # W0009
- Repair a hand pump: $250  
  Item # W0012
- Safe water tablets or filters: $50  
  Item # W0011
- Drill a shallow well: $1500  
  Item # W0010
- Community Development Training: $100  
  Item # W0013
- Traditional well: $2600  
  Item # W0021
- Build a pit latrine: $1000  
  Item # W0027
**Mosquito Nets**

*Sending Nets, Saving Lives!*

Malaria kills a million children a year. $15 will buy a mosquito net and save a life. Malaria is both preventable and treatable. It can be prevented by giving families and individuals insecticide-treated bed nets to sleep under. At $15, bed nets are out of reach for most people at risk of malaria, many of whom survive on less than $1 a day. Nets are a simple, life-saving solution. Please help us provide them to those in need.

- **One mosquito net:** $15  
  Item # P0070

**Medical & Dental Care**

In many nations people have to walk for hours to get to the nearest hospital or clinic and they cannot even afford it. That is why we are helping provide health care to poverty-stricken nations like Kenya, Guatemala, Haiti, Cambodia, and Honduras. Your gift will help provide prenatal care to pregnant women, treat illnesses, and provide families with much-needed medicines, dental care, and more.

- **Provide medical or dental care for a patient in a third world country:** $25  
  Item # P0051
Natural and man-made disasters turn millions of lives upside down every year. With your help, Vessels of Mercy International is able to quickly bring emergency relief to survivors who are suffering the effects of disasters such as tsunamis, hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, disease, war, and famine.

You, your friends and family, community or church groups can join our relief efforts by sponsoring one of the items below. These will help us serve those who have lost everything during a disaster.

- **1 Disaster Relief Kit**  
  (basic toiletries and necessities): $50  
  Item # P0080
- **Provide clean-up for a family or community**: $100  
  Item # P0081
- **Provide a tarp for a home**: $50  
  Item # P0082

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**Soccer Balls**

. . . for Honduras, Kenya, Nicaragua, Romania, Cambodia, and the USA.

What a great way to reach out to children and young adults! One soccer ball will provide a school or orphanage full of children with healthy fun. With your gift of a soccer ball, we can reach communities around the world.

- **Soccer ball**: $15  
  Item # P0060
How to Give

One of the saddest things we witness is when a person has lost all hope. One of the most joyous occasions is seeing hope restored. This is your opportunity to give hope to someone and change a life forever. Donate now.

1. **Select a Gift**
   Select one or several of the gifts, or make a general donation to our Hope Changes Everything outreaches.

2. **Give a donation**
   Give online at [www.vesselsofmercy.org/giftcatalog/](http://www.vesselsofmercy.org/giftcatalog/) or use the form in the middle of this catalog. Give a gift in the name of a friend, relative, or co-worker.

3. **Receive a Card**
   You can receive a special greeting card to give loved ones to let them know of the gift you made on their behalf. Each card features a description of your gifts. Cards are available online to print, or you can indicate how many you need on the order form and they will be mailed to you.

Items shown in this catalog are for the sole purpose of illustrating goods and services used in ministry projects. All contributions designated for specific projects shall be applied to those projects, and we may assess up to 10 percent to be used for administering the gift. Occasionally, we receive more contributions for a given project than can be wisely applied to that project. When that happens, we use these funds to meet a similar pressing need. Contributions are solicited with the understanding that Vessels of Mercy International has complete control over the use of all donated funds. We follow biblical principles in the stewardship of your donations. We strive to be faithful stewards in our management, honest in our reporting, and prudent in our administrative and fundraising costs.
Our Mission

Vessels of Mercy International is a leading provider of practical assistance to those in need, both at home and around the world. We respond to God's leading in obedience to know Him and make Him known to the forgotten, discarded, vulnerable, hopeless and unloved. We unite the body of Christ through partnership with diverse organizations, serving shoulder to shoulder to equip people to be self-sustaining and reach their God-given potential. We empower those we serve with the gospel of Christ to transform their families, communities, and nations.

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