



# MCC Blessing Bids for 2021

Looking for giving options to include in relief sale booklets and promotional materials? Below you will find brief descriptions of projects to inspire giving. The project information can be shared as “blessing bids” during auctions. Cost breakdowns can be used to incentivize donations during auction events.

In your printed relief sale materials, please use photos in their original .jpg format. Photos can be found in MCC Media Space in the collection called “Photos for relief sales and thrift shops.” or contact Les Gustafson-Zook.

To donate online, visit [donate.mcc.org](https://donate.mcc.org); designations can be noted in the “comments and instructions” box that is part of the online donation process.

## The Gift of Food

A gift of food gives families new ways to expand harvests, increasing income and improving nutrition. Around the world, MCC helps farmers care for the health of their land and grow more food for their families and communities.



### NEW FOOD SOURCES FOR FAMILIES Cambodia

Your gift will help families in Prey Veng Province, Cambodia, boost their nutrition and incomes. Each family receives training and supplies so they can start a household garden and raise chickens and fish. With your support, parents can grow healthy food at home and earn money for expenses like school fees and medical care for their children.

Pictured, Chim Yean and his wife, Reach Koeun, pose with chickens at their farm in the village of Prey Toun. (MCC photo/Matthew Lester)

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Learn more: [Fish for the future](#) video

[Hello from Cambodia](#) video

[Chickens, fish and veggies](#) video

<https://mcc.org/stories/farmers-helping-farmers>

Please designate your gift “Cambodia-Food” to support this project.

**\$10 provides chickens for one family**

**\$20 provides fish fingerlings to stock a pond**

**\$30 provides vegetable seeds and tools for a garden**

**\$40 provides materials for a chicken shelter**

**\$100 provides all of these items for a family**



## GIVE A GOAT Lebanon

The gift of a goat can bless a family in need. Goats are adaptable and easy to raise, even in small spaces, and they are a crucial (and much-loved) asset for struggling families like this mother and her children in Lebanon. Recipients also learn about goat care, pen construction, and production and marketing of dairy products. (MCC photo/Olivia Osley)

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Please designate your gift “Lebanon-Food” to support this project.

**\$50 provides one goat for a family**



## FOOD TO FIGHT HUNGER The Democratic Republic of the Congo

Your blessing bid helps provide emergency food for families impacted by disasters and conflict, including many families in DR Congo. Nsimire Mugoli (pictured) received a three-month supply of beans, flour, oil and salt, along with seeds so that she can grow food in the fields outside Mubimbi camp for displaced people, where her family has lived since fleeing their home. Your gift will help a family like this. (MCC photo/Colin Vandenberg)

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Learn more: <https://mcc.org/stories/food-distribution-dr-congo-video>  
<https://mcc.org/stories/waiting-go-home>

Please designate your gift “DR Congo-Relief” to support this project or “Relief” to provide emergency food as needed around the world..

**\$40 provides emergency food for a family**

## Water and Health

A gift of water helps build irrigation systems, wells and piped water systems in communities around the world. A gift of health helps prevent the spread of disease and keeps families healthier.



## WATER AT SCHOOL

### Nicaragua

Join MCC to provide clean water at rural schools in the Bluefields area of Nicaragua where students don't have a safe water supply. Your gift will help construct new wells at some schools and repair existing water systems at others. With these improvements, students will have the water they need to drink and wash their hands. The wells will also benefit families who live near the schools, improving the health of whole communities! (MCC photo/Rebekah Good Charles)

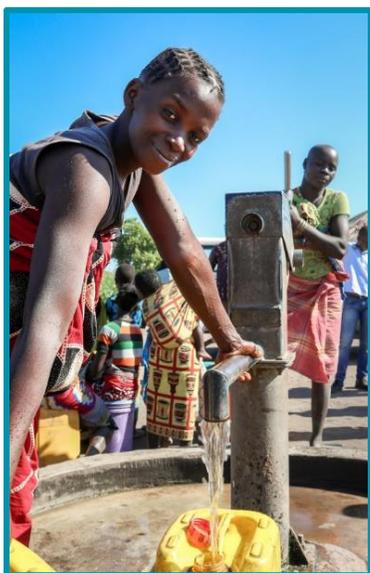
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Please designate your gift "Nicaragua-Water" to support this project.

**\$25 helps to repair a school water system**

**\$130 provides a carbon water filter for one school**

**\$1,400 is the average cost of one complete well for a school in Nicaragua**



## HELP DIG A WELL

### Mozambique

Join MCC and the Christian Council of Mozambique to provide wells in the Caia and Marromeu districts, where the search for clean and reliable water is urgent. Your gift will help to dig new borehole wells and repair existing wells as needed. Each well provides clean water for an average of 300 people, and local committees are trained on well maintenance.

"Our well is a blessing," says Molita Nacuduzi, pictured in the village of Chitongo. "It is good for us all, [especially] for us girls who used to make that long and dangerous walk each day." (MCC photo/Paul Shetler Fast)

*MCC Media Space ID: 98964*

Please designate your gift to "Mozambique-Water" to support this project.

**\$15 helps to rehabilitate a well**

**\$70 provides two water filters needed for each well**

**\$690 provides a pump for one well**

**\$4,000 is the average cost for a new well for MCC water projects around the world**



## PIPE SPRING WATER TO A VILLAGE

### India

Spring-water projects use gravity to bring water from natural streams at higher levels to the villages below. Using a system of pipes and catchment chambers, water is diverted at the village level to ensure everyone has access. Families use this water for irrigation, bathing, washing dishes and laundry. Your gift will help to install or improve a system like this in Odisha, India. Each system provides water for 250 or more people.

Pictured, Tribeni Nayak is enjoying piped water for the first time in her life in Bastriguda village, India. She says, "I used to walk for two to two and a half kilometers to fetch water. Now I can access it very near from my backyard garden. Mustard, cauliflower, tomato, beans, carrots, radishes, are sprouting for the first time in backyard gardens in my village." (MCC photo/Pabitra Paramanya)

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Learn more: <https://mcc.org/stories/when-water-comes>

Please designate your gift "India-Water" to support this project.

**\$25 provides 20 feet of durable pipe in India** (For blessing bids, you could use multiples of \$25 and 20 feet. On average, each system requires 9,800 feet of pipe.)

**\$18,000 provides one complete spring-water system in India**



## NUTRITION FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

### Haiti

Help young children like Gabina Ossinel (pictured) grow healthy and strong through your blessing bid. In Haiti your gift will help to fund mobile clinics working to fight the problem of malnutrition in six mountain communities. Children ages 6 months through 5 years receive check-ups and nutritional supplements as needed. Parents learn what they can do to improve their family's nutrition and health.

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Please designate your gift "Haiti-Relief" to support this project.

**\$18 provides nutritional supplements for a malnourished child**

**\$50 helps to cover transportation costs for mobile clinic nurses**

# Education and Vocational Training

A gift of education gives children better chances to learn and grow, improves teaching and increases opportunities for youth through vocational training.



## SCHOOL KITS

### Various countries

Notebooks and pencils are treasures for families who struggle to afford basic school supplies. Each year MCC ships school kits to many countries that include Afghanistan, Ukraine and South Sudan. School kits are often requested after disasters and help bring normalcy to children whose families have been forced to flee their homes. The children pictured live in Daraa, Syria. (Photo courtesy of Middle East Council of Churches)

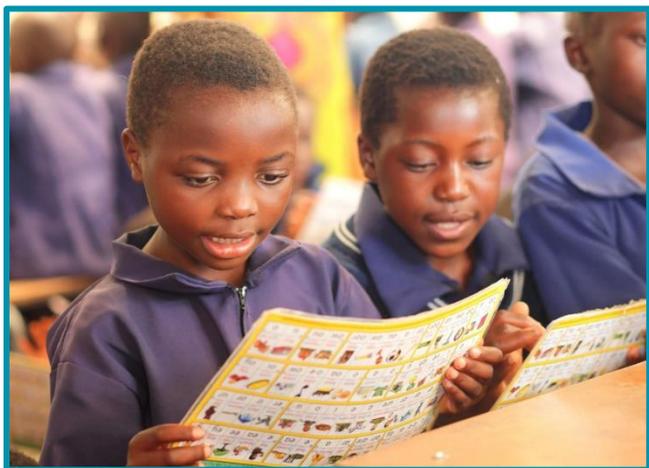
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Please designate your gift to “Cash for Kits.”

**\$5.50 provides items for one school kit** (notebooks, pencils, colored pencils, ruler, eraser, pens and pencil sharpener).

**\$55 provides items for 10 school kits**

**\$20 helps to cover shipping costs for MCC kits**



## CLASSROOM SUPPLIES

### Zambia

You can help six Brethren in Christ schools in rural Zambia purchase much-needed educational resources and equipment and make repairs to their buildings. This gift is a blessing for students and teachers alike! Lucia Mweetwa and Beuty Kantangali practice reading at Nkeempa Primary School. (MCC photo/Amanda Talstra)

*MCC Media Space ID: 109399*

Please designate your gift “Zambia-Education” to support this project.

**\$3 provides a student textbook (\$30 provides 10, \$90 supplies a classroom with books)**

**\$50 supplies one school with chalk**

**\$300 provides one generator for computer classes or one photocopier**

**\$1,014 is the average annual cost for repairs at one school**



## A CHANCE TO SEW Cambodia

Use your blessing bid to help someone stitch their way to a better future! Sewing skills offer new opportunities that are changing lives in places like Cambodia, where Koy Channeng (sitting) learns from Det Sopheak. After this vocational training, students can use their new skills and creativity to add to their family's income. (MCC photo/Matthew Lester)

*MCC Media Space IDs: 102870, 103163*

Please designate your gift "Cambodia-Education" to support this project.

**\$25** helps a young person in Cambodia learn to sew

**\$250** is the full cost of training one new sewing participant

Relief sales are a vital part of MCC, and we are so grateful for your partnership in ministry. Thank you!