A close-up photograph of a young girl with dark hair, smiling warmly at the camera. She is wearing a patterned green and white turtleneck sweater. A black chicken is perched on her shoulder, facing towards the right. The background is slightly blurred, showing what appears to be a wooden structure.

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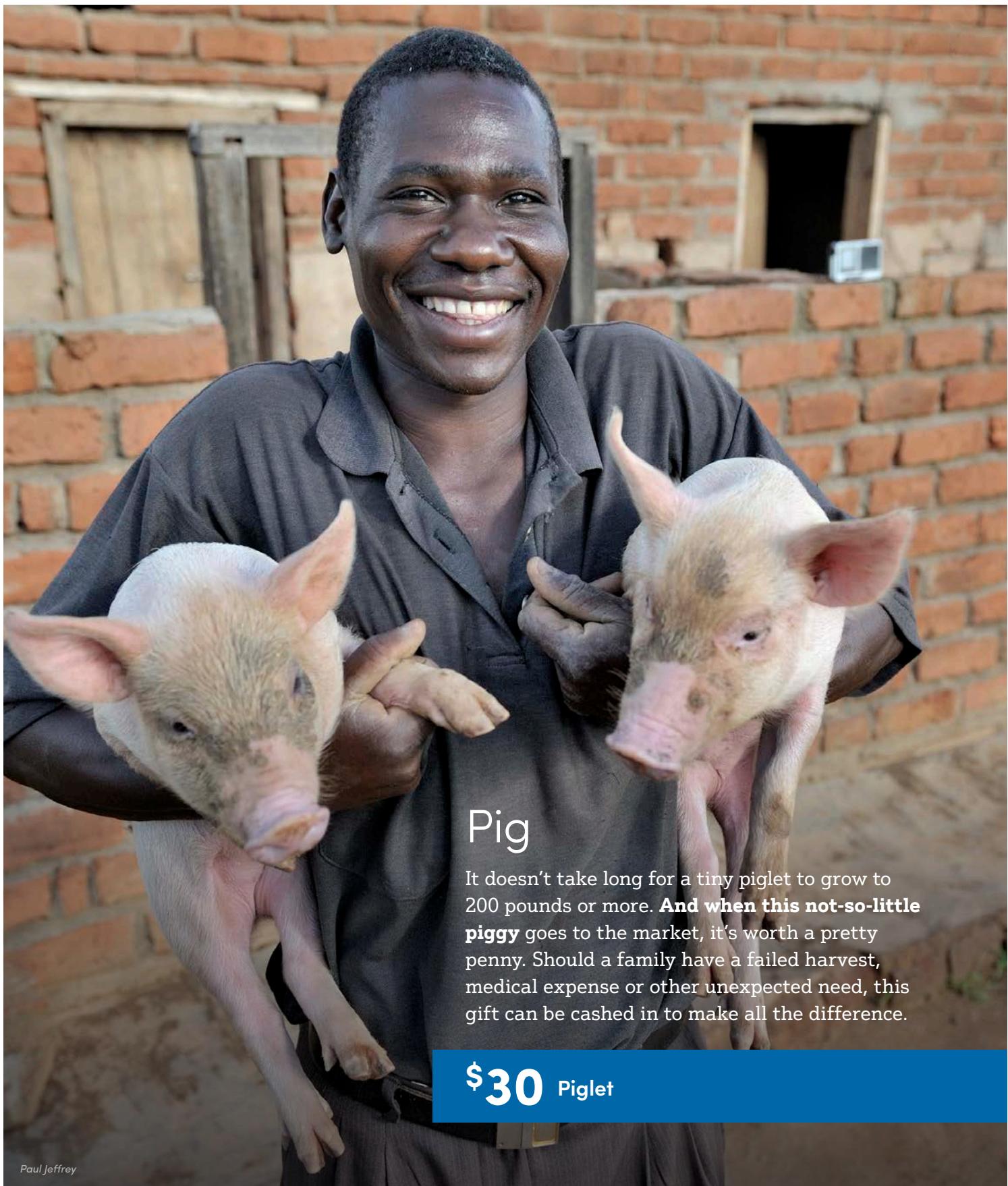
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Pig

It doesn't take long for a tiny piglet to grow to 200 pounds or more. **And when this not-so-little piggie** goes to the market, it's worth a pretty penny. Should a family have a failed harvest, medical expense or other unexpected need, this gift can be cashed in to make all the difference.

\$30 Piglet

Chicks

Ten little chicks make a big difference. Eggs are not only an ongoing supply of protein-rich meals, they also help bring in steady income when sold at the market. With this gift, things are looking up – sunny side up, that is.

\$10 Chicks

Best seller!

\$15 Help the farm grow! Add a rooster.



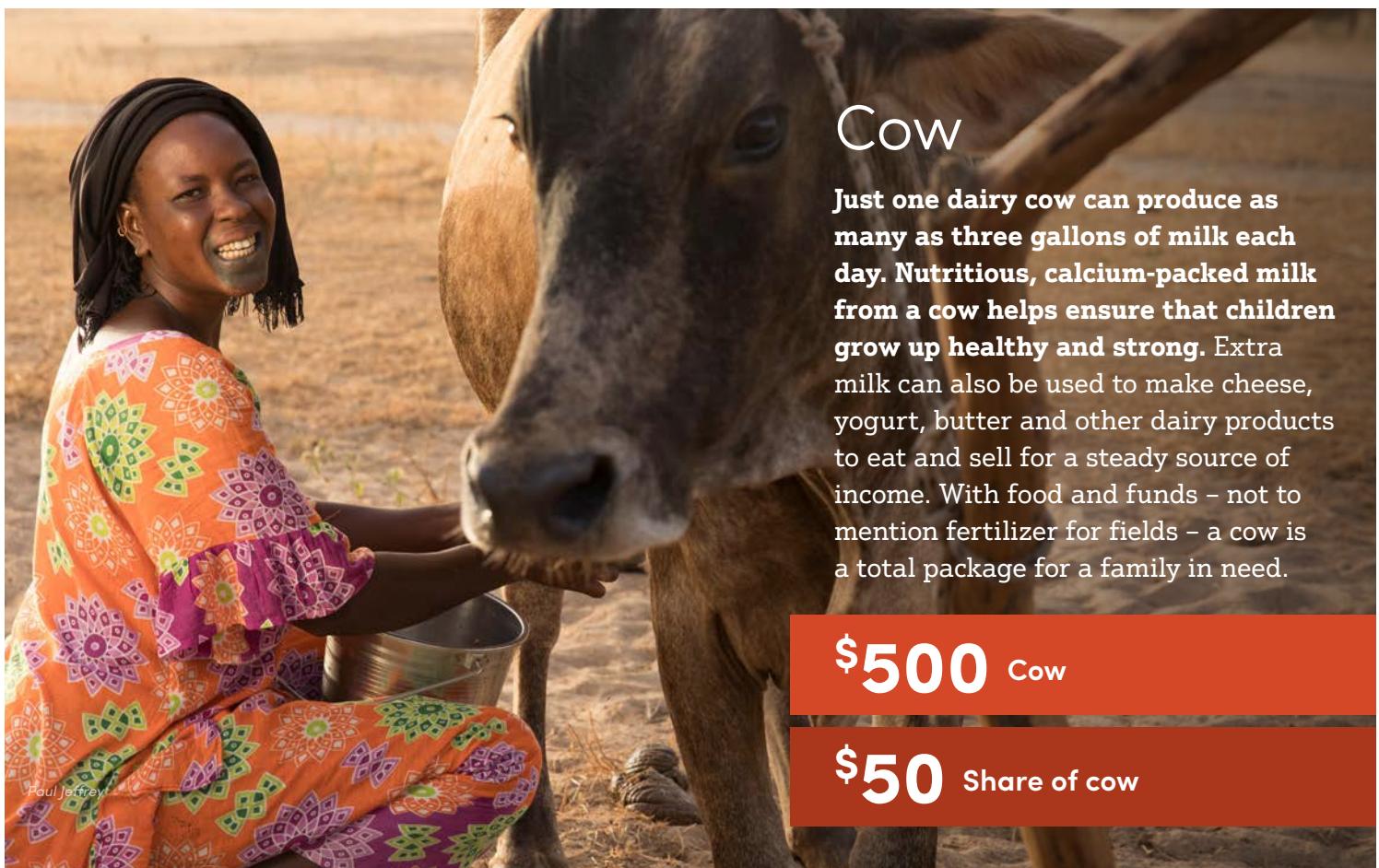
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Cow

Just one dairy cow can produce as many as three gallons of milk each day. Nutritious, calcium-packed milk from a cow helps ensure that children grow up healthy and strong. Extra milk can also be used to make cheese, yogurt, butter and other dairy products to eat and sell for a steady source of income. With food and funds – not to mention fertilizer for fields – a cow is a total package for a family in need.

\$500 Cow

\$50 Share of cow



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Fish farm

Give your neighbor a fish, and they'll eat for a day. Give your neighbors a community fish farm, and they'll eat for a lifetime. A fish farm begins with a pond, training and a few fast-growing fish, such as tilapia. Very quickly, the pond teems with enough fish to provide healthy meals for families in the community.

\$250 Community fish farm



Oxen and plow

With tractors and machines few and far between, a rural farmer can only till so much of a field by hand. **A pair of oxen and a plow is a transformational way to share God's abundance with those in need, with the possibility of doubling or tripling a farmer's annual harvest.** What's more, parents have extra time and income to support their families, pay for medical expenses and send their children to school.

\$1,000 Pair of oxen and plow

\$100 Share of oxen and plow

Honeybees

A buzz-worthy gift, honeybees have a growing importance as the shrinking honeybee population worldwide is especially worrisome. **Beeswax can be transformed into handcrafted soaps, candles, honey and other products to create a small, sustainable business.** But that's not all - we know their mere presence on a farm means they are pollinating plants and boosting crop growth far and wide.

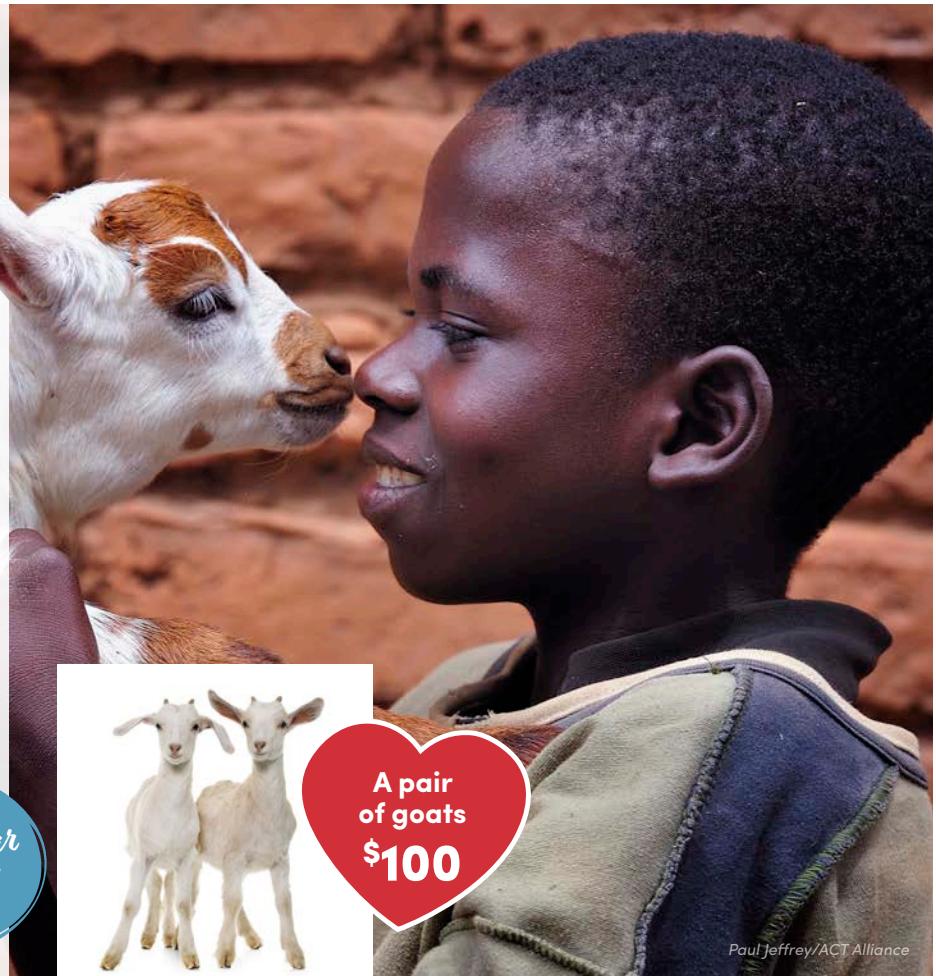
\$20 Honeybees

Goat

If there's a superhero of the barnyard, it just might be the goat. Why? Because **goats can go where other animals can't**, surviving in some of the world's harshest environments – rocky terrain, drought-prone areas, small plots of land, you name it. Fresh milk from a goat provides daily nutrition for children and their families. And what's more, offspring can rapidly transform a community when shared with other families in need.

\$50 Goat

Popular
Gift!



A pair
of goats
\$100

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Y. Franklin Ishida

“The extra money we earn from honey production has increased our family's income, which we use for our children's education and health care costs."

– SONAMUNI TUDU, WEST BENGAL, INDIA

Family farm

Talk about transformation! A cow, a couple of goats, a dozen chicks, two pigs, farming tools, seeds, and agricultural training and support, for example, can help a family achieve a fresh start. With new tools and techniques, crops will grow stronger than ever. Eggs, milk and meat from the farm animals provide a lifetime of food to eat and sell on the market, helping a family **escape the cycle of hunger and poverty – for good.**

\$715 Family farm



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Sean Hawkey/ELCA

Irrigation canal

Many farmers around the world rely on rainwater to nourish their crops. But when the rain doesn't fall, drought can cause an entire community to face hunger. An irrigation canal, piped directly to remote villages and fields, along with ongoing training and maintenance, can **help ensure that there is enough to eat, even during the most challenging seasons.**

\$100 Portion of an irrigation canal project

Water filter

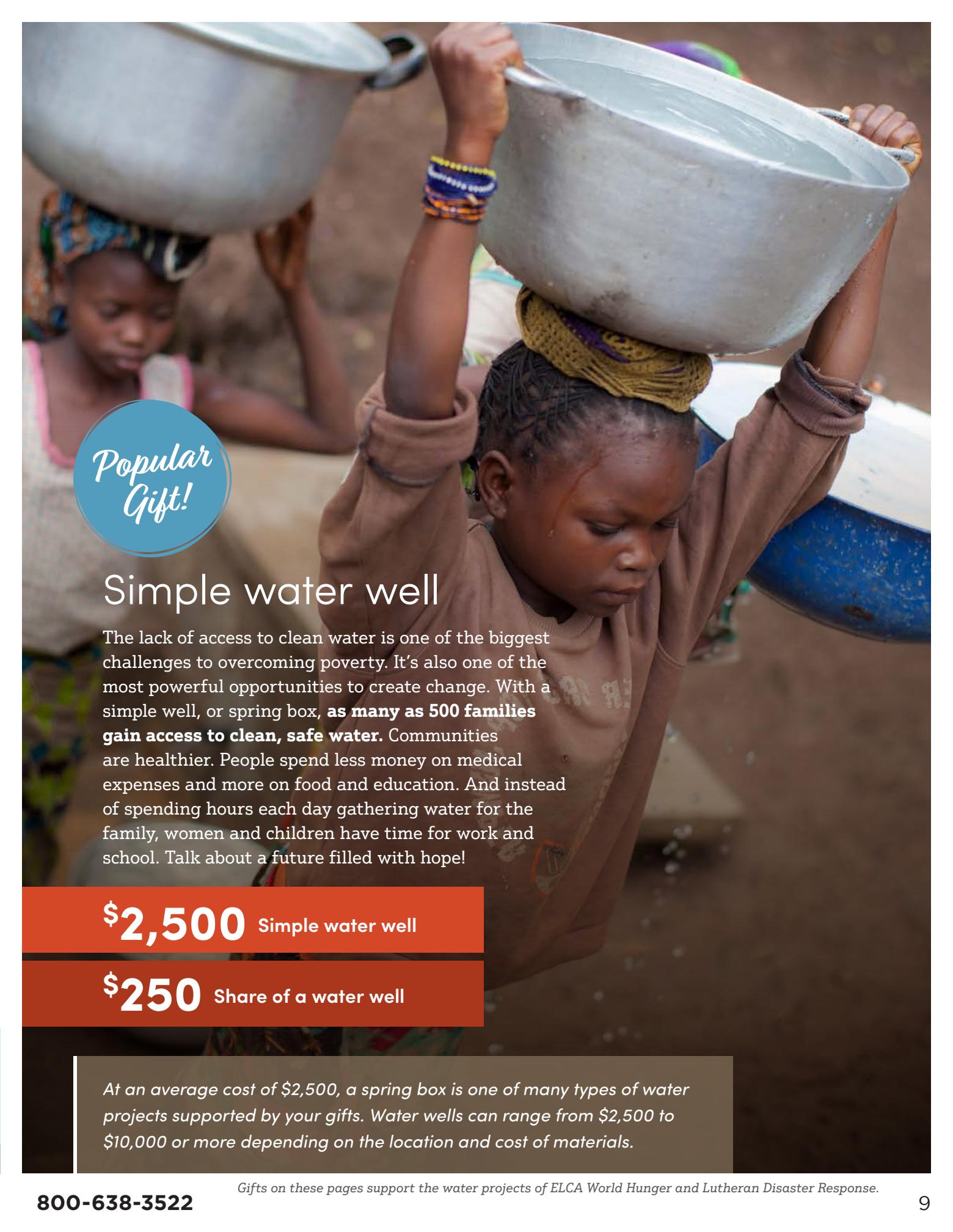
When safe drinking water just isn't available – especially in times following natural disasters or emergencies – a simple, ceramic water filter is a lifesaver. **Capable of purifying water without electricity or chemicals**, it's a powerful tool to quench thirst and prevent water-borne diseases like cholera and typhoid.

New! **\$30** Water filter



“ Whenever I hear people talking about safe, clean water, I would never believe that at any time in my life I could have that for myself. It's a dream come true.”

— WIJANHI ASAPH, SEMBABULE DISTRICT, UGANDA



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Gift!*

Simple water well

The lack of access to clean water is one of the biggest challenges to overcoming poverty. It's also one of the most powerful opportunities to create change. With a simple well, or spring box, **as many as 500 families gain access to clean, safe water.** Communities are healthier. People spend less money on medical expenses and more on food and education. And instead of spending hours each day gathering water for the family, women and children have time for work and school. Talk about a future filled with hope!

\$2,500 Simple water well

\$250 Share of a water well

At an average cost of \$2,500, a spring box is one of many types of water projects supported by your gifts. Water wells can range from \$2,500 to \$10,000 or more depending on the location and cost of materials.

Latrine

When you gotta go, you gotta go. But a startling 2.5 billion people lack access to adequate sanitation, including toilets. Without good, accessible facilities, contamination of the water supply and food chain make far too many people sick from preventable diseases. **A newly installed latrine, along with training in maintenance and proper hygiene, leads to a healthier, safer community,** not to mention a much more comfortable place to take care of business.

\$150 Latrine



Fruit-tree seedling

You know what they say about an apple a day. **This gift keeps the doctor - and hunger - away, year after year.** Fruit-tree seedlings are specially selected for each location and climate and can include varieties, like mango trees, that are known to thrive in the driest of conditions, even drought.



Paul Jeffrey

\$10 Fruit-tree seedling **\$150** Fruit-tree nursery



Sean Hawkey/ACT Alliance

Community vegetable garden

Start with a shared plot of land and good soil, add drought-resistant seeds and top it off with tools and training. The result? **Plenty of tomatoes, potatoes, cabbage, beans, cassava and other vegetables to go around.** Extra produce can be sold and the profits shared by the members of the cooperative to provide a great combination of food and income.

\$200 Community garden

Farming tools

For many people around the world, farming is more than a way of life; it is the primary source of food and income. **Helpful tools - like a rake, hoe and shovel - along with seeds and comprehensive agricultural training help a farmer get ahead.** With valuable tips and the right equipment, farmers can count on increased harvests and healthy families.



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\$25 Farming tools



"We've got hope with this project. We're growing corn, beans and other vegetables too. And we'll all get a share."

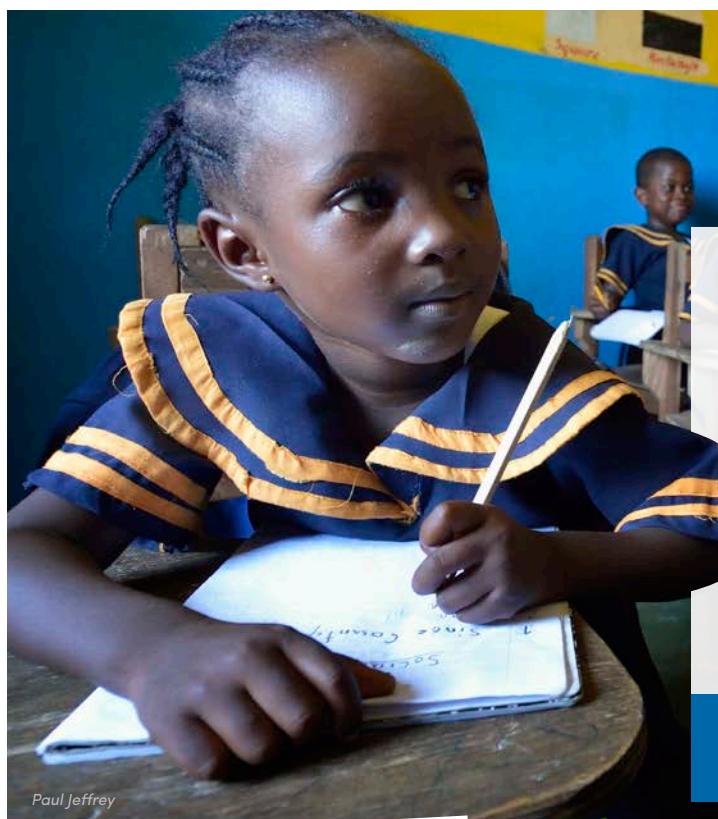
- ZULEMA LÓPEZ, SAN LUIS, NICARAGUA

WOMEN AND CHILDREN

Start a small business

Many women have a dream – and the leadership skills – to start their own small business. But with little savings or access to credit, it's hard to get started. **A microloan is just what a woman needs to start her business – weaving, baking or running a storefront, for example – to create a steady source of income, and even better, to help her family escape poverty.** And as she repays the loan, the funds are reinvested in a cooperative and the cycle of giving continues to grow.

\$125 Microloan for a woman



Send a girl to school

More than half of the world's out-of-school children are girls. Many girls stay home to help their families by caring for younger siblings and gathering water. But others simply cannot afford modest school fees and uniforms. **When you educate a girl, you not only increase her future earning potential, you help her become a powerful agent for change.**

\$40 School fees and uniform for a girl



“ Science is my favorite subject, and when I grow up, I want to be a doctor.”

– AYAK, STUDENT AT ST. ANDREW'S REFUGEE SERVICE, CAIRO, EGYPT



New!

Send a woman to farming field school

Women are the force behind half of the world's food. But they don't always have the same access to the land, supplies and education that their male counterparts do. It's been estimated that if female farmers around the world had equal access to these resources, **their increased food production could reduce the number of undernourished people by as many as 100-150 million.** With an opportunity to attend field school, they'll learn the latest advancements in agriculture, marketing and leadership, and help nourish their families and communities.

\$75 Farming field school for a woman

WOMEN AND CHILDREN

School supplies

Imagine being denied the chance to go to school just because your family couldn't afford school supplies. This is the case for far too many children around the world. By providing school books, paper and pencils, you open a world of opportunity for boys and girls around the world.

\$10 School supplies for a child

\$300 School supplies for a classroom



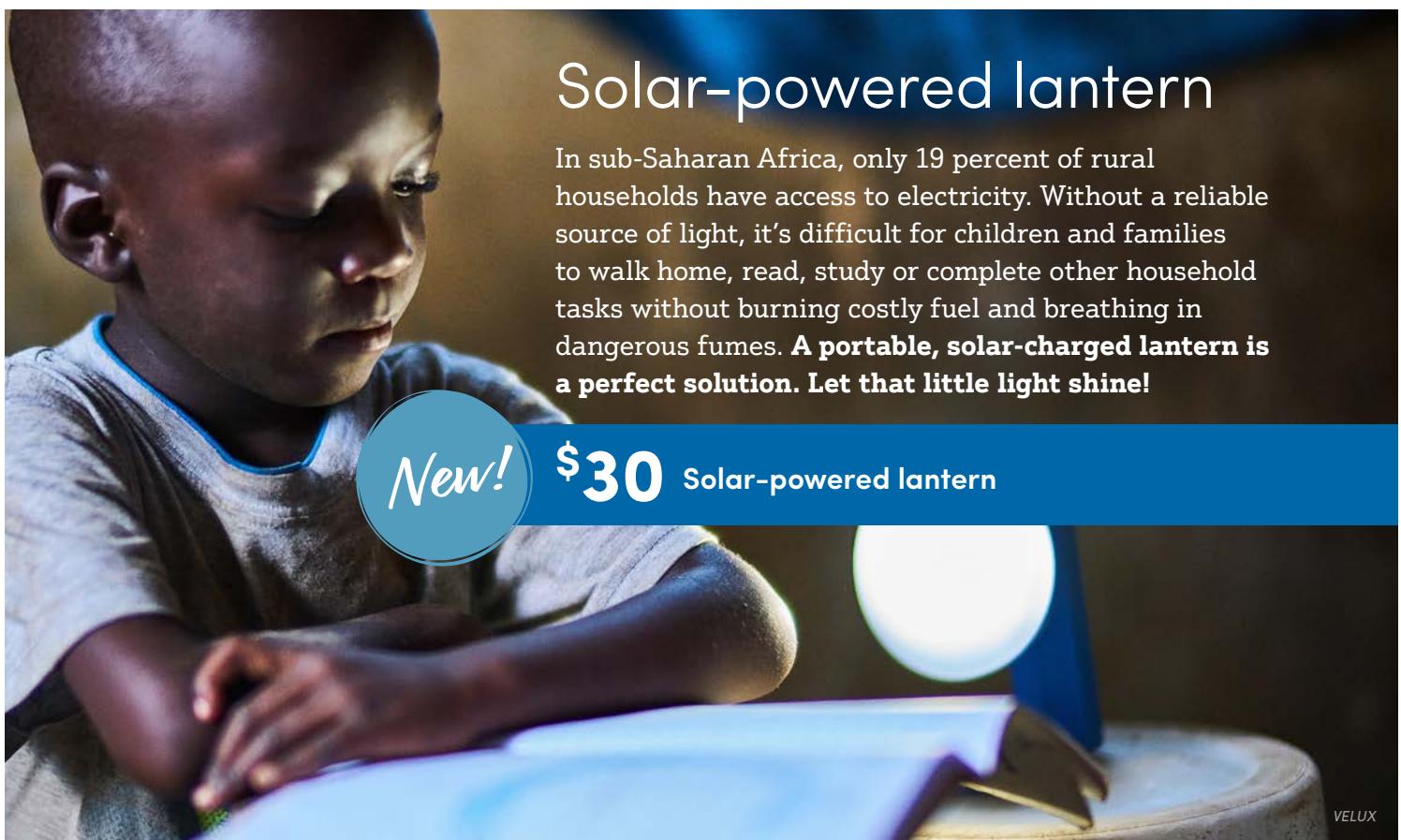
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Solar-powered lantern

In sub-Saharan Africa, only 19 percent of rural households have access to electricity. Without a reliable source of light, it's difficult for children and families to walk home, read, study or complete other household tasks without burning costly fuel and breathing in dangerous fumes. **A portable, solar-charged lantern is a perfect solution. Let that little light shine!**

New!

\$30 Solar-powered lantern



VELUX

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INTERNATIONAL EMERGENCIES



Håvard Bjelland/NCA/ACT Alliance

Support a refugee family

The world is in the middle of a refugee crisis unlike anything we've seen in recent history, with the number of worldwide refugees exceeding 60 million people.

From managing some of the world's largest refugee camps to leading resettlement efforts, Lutherans are known for actively providing lifesaving care for refugees from Syria, South Sudan, Somalia and other countries.

After a long and dangerous journey, food, water and other survival supplies are critical to help families recover their strength and prepare for a fresh start.

Supplies include bedding, personal hygiene necessities, kitchen items, and jerry cans to collect and store water.

\$25 Feed a refugee family for one week

\$100 Feed a refugee family for one month

\$55 New! Refugee welcome supplies

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me."

MATTHEW 25:35

Warm blankets

Losing your home to a natural disaster or conflict can mean there's nowhere to rest. Blankets are distributed to survivors to **provide relief from the cold and offer comfort and calm** during difficult times. And most importantly, it's a warm reminder that someone cares.

\$10 Blanket



Paul Jeffrey/ACT Alliance

HEALTH CARE



Stock a health clinic

Medical supplies and medicines are in high demand, especially when one clinic can serve a population of 5,000 people or more. Supplies like antibiotics, diagnostic tests and vitamins are among some of the basics that every clinic needs to succeed at providing life-saving health care.

\$75 Stock a health clinic for a week



Paul Jeffrey/ACT Alliance

Food for a child orphaned by HIV and AIDS

A nutritious diet is an important part of caring for children who have lost one or both parents to HIV and AIDS, many of whom are HIV-positive themselves. **Foods high in protein and vitamins help keep kids full and their immune systems strong**, and your support ensures that they are not forgotten.

\$22 Nutrition for a child for one month

\$250 Nutrition for a child for one year

"O Lord, you will hear the desire of the meek; you will strengthen their heart, you will incline your ear to do justice for the orphan and the oppressed."

PSALM 10:17-18A

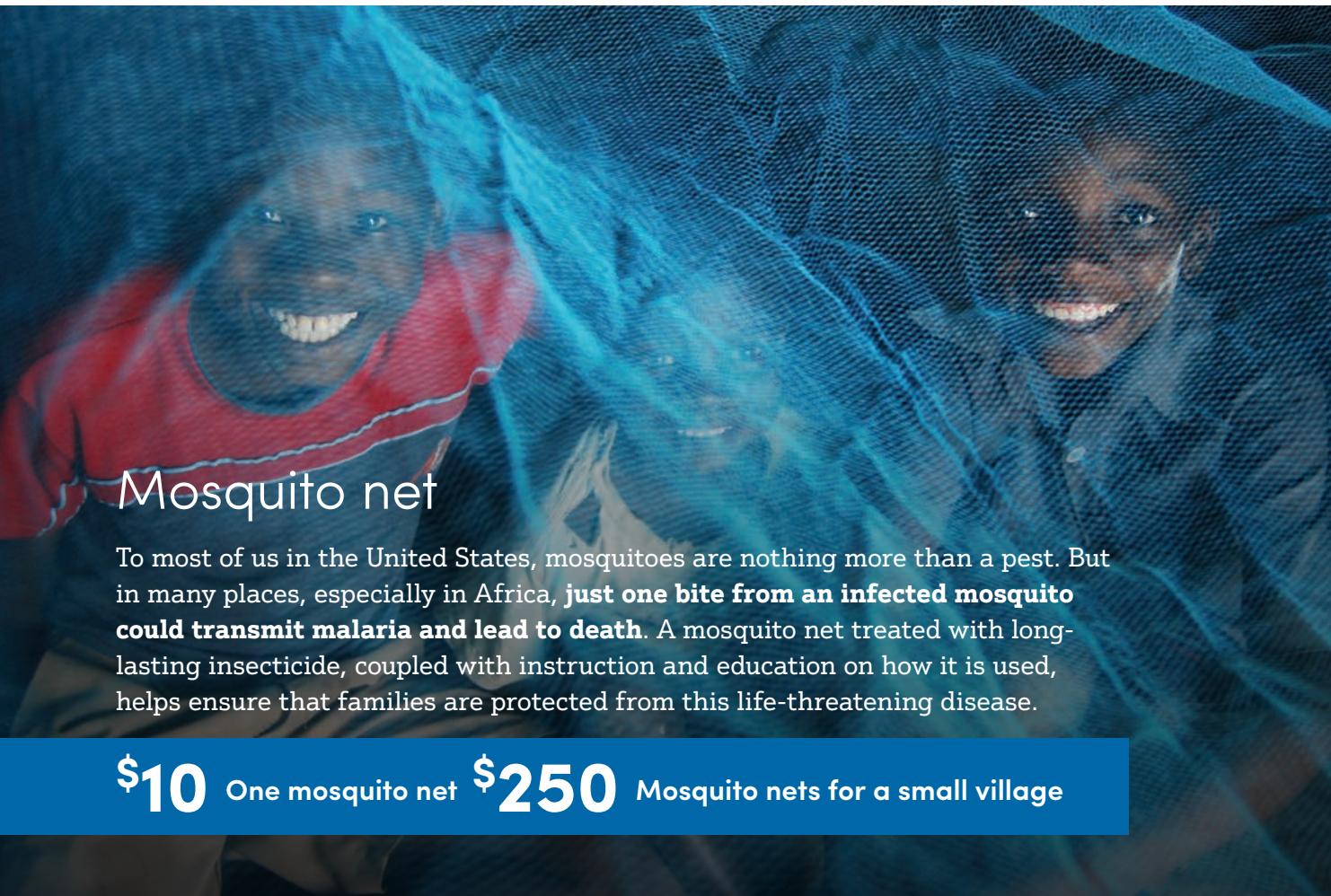


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Vaccinations for a child

Nearly 5,000 children die each day from diseases like measles, polio, tetanus and tuberculosis – all diseases that could be prevented with a vaccine. Immunizing a child is one of the best ways to ensure that a child stays healthy – and a family stays free from medical costs associated with treating these illnesses – for years to come. Tickles and bandages are free.

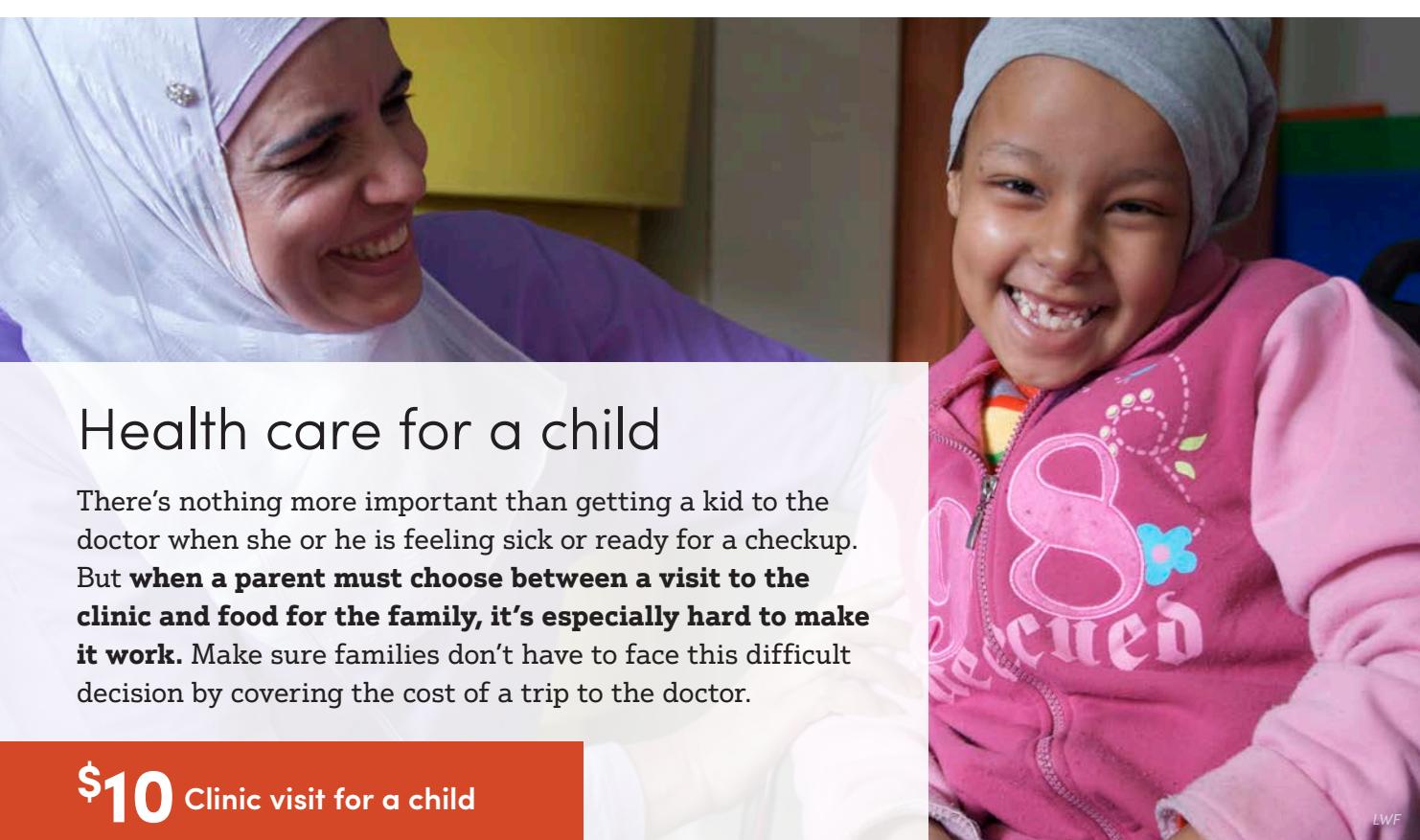
\$30 Vaccinations for a child



Mosquito net

To most of us in the United States, mosquitoes are nothing more than a pest. But in many places, especially in Africa, **just one bite from an infected mosquito could transmit malaria and lead to death.** A mosquito net treated with long-lasting insecticide, coupled with instruction and education on how it is used, helps ensure that families are protected from this life-threatening disease.

\$10 One mosquito net **\$250** Mosquito nets for a small village



Health care for a child

There's nothing more important than getting a kid to the doctor when she or he is feeling sick or ready for a checkup. But **when a parent must choose between a visit to the clinic and food for the family, it's especially hard to make it work.** Make sure families don't have to face this difficult decision by covering the cost of a trip to the doctor.

\$10 Clinic visit for a child

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† GROW THE CHURCH

Bricks to build the global church

Some of the fastest growing Lutheran churches in the world are in Africa and Asia. In partnership with Lutheran companion churches around the world, your gifts **help construct new worship spaces to share the love of Christ far and wide, rain or shine.** Large, sturdy cinder blocks are literally the cornerstone and the foundation for a new community of faith.

\$50 10 cinder blocks

New!



Renew a congregation in the ELCA

As culture shifts, neighborhoods change and new generations walk through our doors, many of our congregations are ready for a more strategic and intentional approach to outreach. **With your support, we're helping existing ELCA congregations become re-rooted in their communities and discover new ways of welcoming their neighbors.**

\$100 Help a congregation in renewal

Gifts on this page support Renewing Congregations and ELCA Global Church Sponsorship.

Send a future leader to seminary

In the next 10 years, the ELCA will need 4,000 new pastors to serve our current congregations and even more to start new ministries. You can help future pastors and deacons throughout the church to say "yes" to God's call to ministry without student debt being an obstacle to service. Fund for Leaders scholarships support students at ELCA seminaries to allow these leaders to serve where the church needs and the Holy Spirit leads.



\$140 One week of tuition for one seminary course

\$2,000 One semester of tuition for one seminary course



“Receiving the ELCA Fund for Leaders [scholarship] was a real affirmation that I was where God wanted me to be, that I was following God’s call.”

— WILL BEVINS, ELCA FUND FOR LEADERS SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT,
UNITED LUTHERAN SEMINARY



Ben Gray/ELCA

Communion supplies for an ELCA missionary

ELCA missionaries serve in more than 40 countries around the world. Many of these pastors, doctors and teachers serve in rural communities – often traveling daily to serve and visit remote villages. This gift ensures that as pastors share the good news, they're also able to share the sacrament of Holy Communion.

\$20 Communion supplies for an ELCA missionary

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† GROW THE CHURCH

Bibles for the growing church

Share the good news! New, growing Lutheran churches around the world need Bibles in their own language to preach, teach, study and share in God's promise of steadfast love.

Popular
Gift

\$12 Bible



“ I want to have an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of women in the world, and I think this scholarship is the start of that.”

— ABBY, MEMBER OF LUTHERAN CHURCH IN MALAYSIA, STUDENT AT NEWBERRY COLLEGE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN LEADERS SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



Textbook for an international woman leader

Women have great potential to bring about change in their communities. Yet around the world, women don't have equal access to higher education. Each year, in partnership with global companion churches, our church supports high-potential, international leaders as they realize their dream of going to college. After their studies at ELCA colleges and universities, these **women return to their home countries ready to assume important leadership roles – from leading the national church to leading global peace efforts.** The gift of a textbook is the perfect way to help a future leader start school on the right foot.

\$45 Textbook for an international leader





Send a teen with disabilities to the ELCA Youth Gathering

Many Lutherans have fond memories of the ELCA Youth Gathering – a gathering of 30,000 participants, taking place every three years. The gathering is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to travel, worship, grow in faith and meet new friends from around the country. **This gift ensures that a teen with disabilities can fully participate in this meaningful event despite financial constraints.**

\$300 Sponsorship for a teen with disabilities



Stock a backpack with food

There's a clever way of fighting childhood hunger that's gaining traction in the United States, and it's based around one thing that schoolchildren have in common: a backpack. More than 30 million children in the United States depend on school meal programs to keep them full and focused each weekday. But on weekends, many students have no choice but to go hungry. The solution? **Stocking a child's backpack with a weekend's supply of food each Friday afternoon. That way, children – and their entire families – have a couple of days of healthy eats, and one less thing to worry about.**

\$10 Stock a backpack with food

*"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.
Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled."*

LUKE 6:20-21



Personal and household necessities for disaster survivors

Groceries, new clothes, housewares and toiletries can be a big help to a struggling family, especially after a disaster strikes and there's damage to homes and businesses. These things are especially important after emergency crews leave and media attention fades – and that's exactly when our church is known for doing our best work. There's no better way to remind a family that they haven't been forgotten.

\$200 A month's supply of necessities

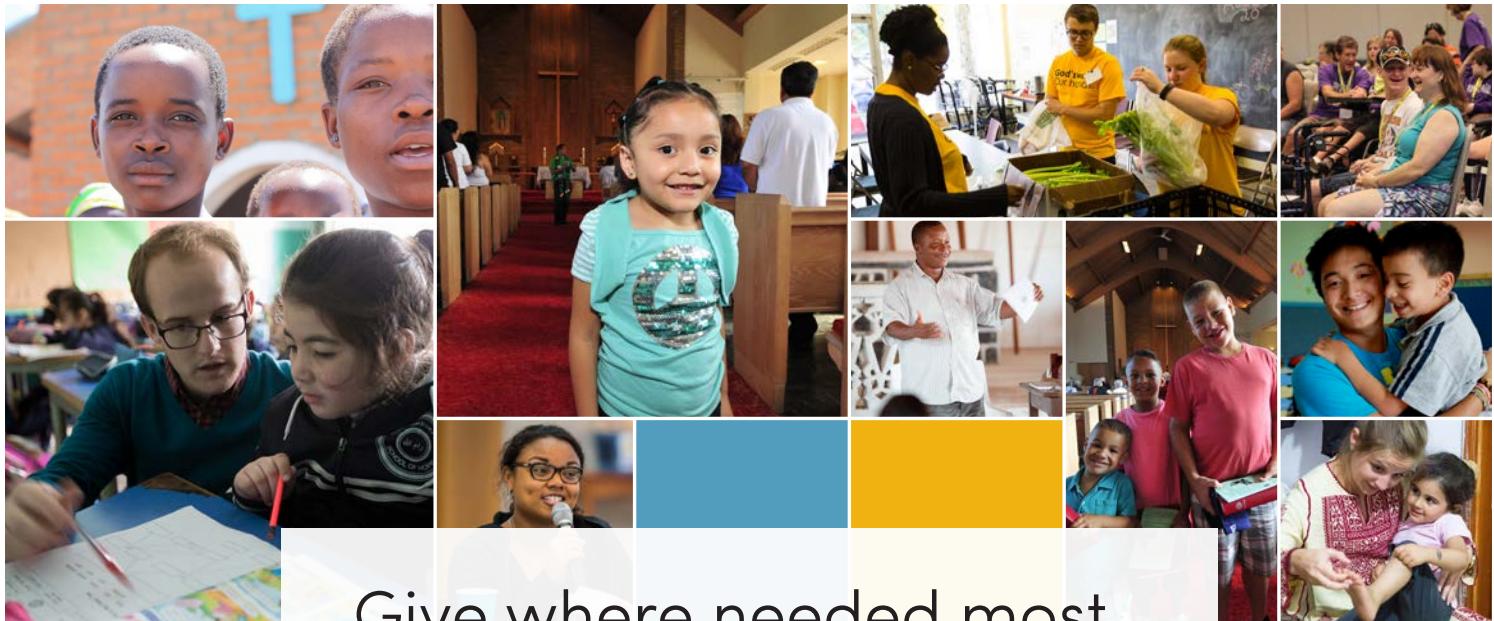
Warm meals at a soup kitchen

Millions of Americans struggle to get enough to eat. **Whether people are looking for refuge from the streets or a little extra help to get by, a warm meal and a seat at the table can go a long way.** ELCA congregations across the country serve up meals and fellowship while connecting people with the resources they need to stop hunger here at home.

\$20 Feed 10 people at a soup kitchen

\$100 Feed 50 people at a soup kitchen

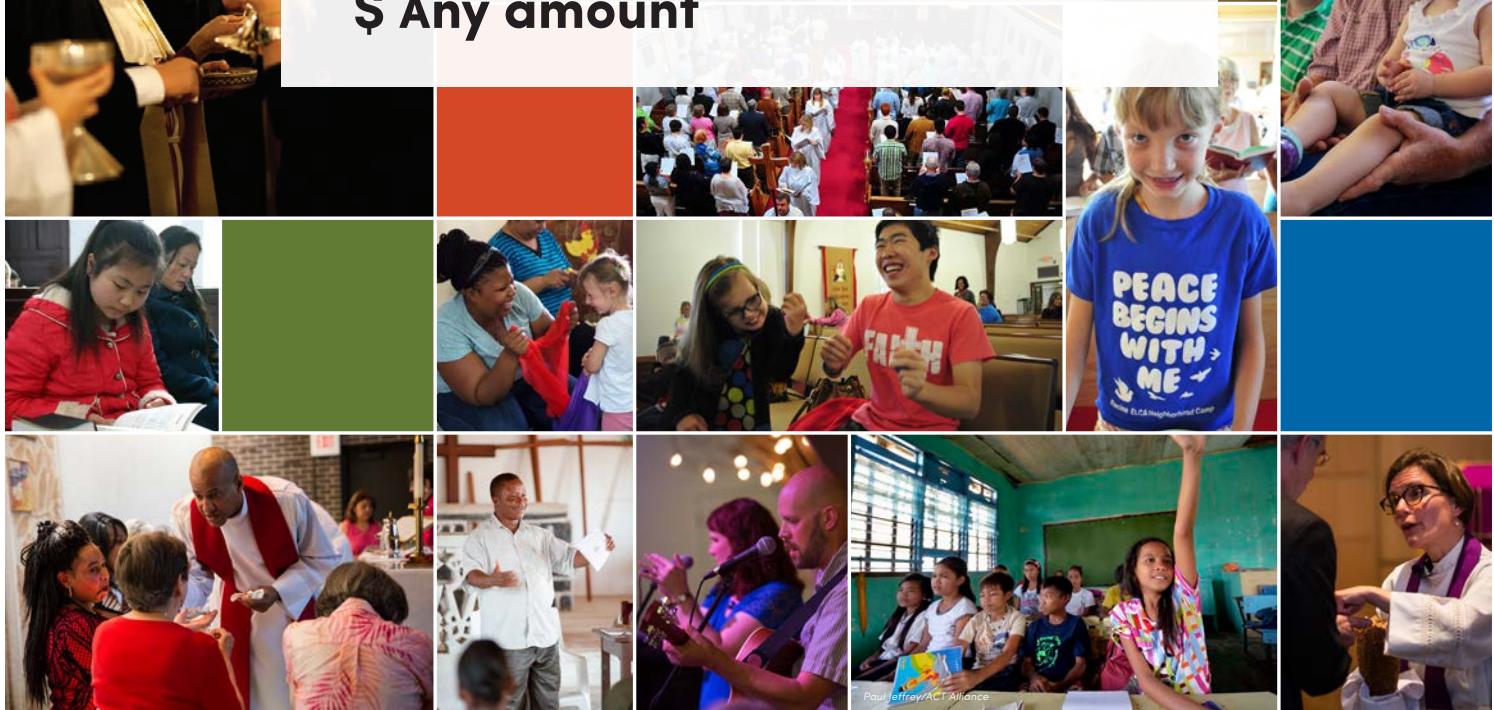
WHERE NEEDED MOST



Give where needed most

Looking for a meaningful way to give where needed most? This gift is for you! Your unrestricted support will allow the ELCA to respond where and when needed most: starting new ministries, sending missionaries, training leaders, engaging youth and young adults, sharing the gospel and serving our neighbors. With one gift, you have an opportunity to make a widespread impact, reaching far and wide to share God's love.

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