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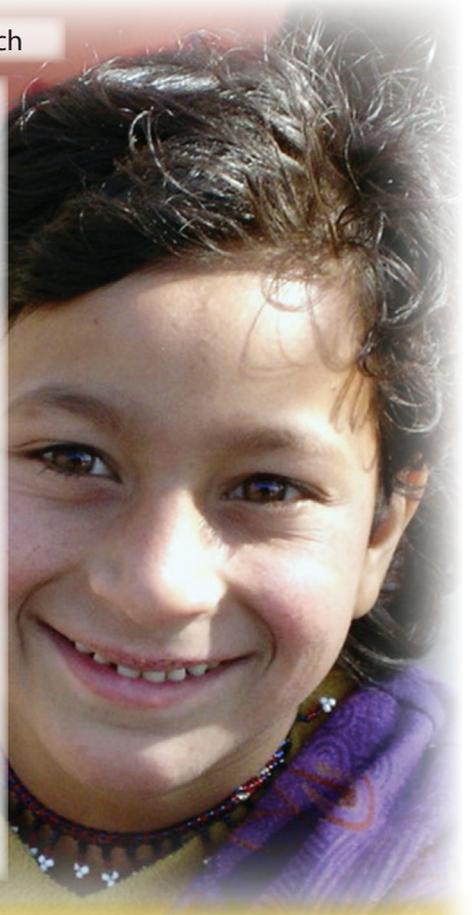
Alternative Gifts that Shine.

Plain Community Church Missions Commission
Alternative Giving Catalog 2017

Dear Friends of Plain Community Church

We are excited to offer you our second annual Alternative Giving Catalog! We owe our thanks and encouragement to each of the ministries listed within this catalog for their dedicated service to our Lord Jesus. We rejoice and praise God for how He is using these people and ministries to further His Kingdom locally and around the world. Join us in expressing our gratitude and honoring them by using this special catalog for your Christmas gift-giving! When you choose gifts that bring the love of Christ to a hurting world, your giving will make a very real difference for God's kingdom. May you be blessed by a fresh encounter with our Creator during this season of Advent as you pause to reflect upon God's sacrificial gift of the Christ Child.

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GLOBAL OUTREACH

MORIAH AFRICA

Gila Garaway

Moriah Africa is located in the high mountains of South Kivu, DR Congo, and focused on the needs of the rural underserved population. Given over 20 years of regional unrest, militias, and lack of employment options, many of the area's young men have taken up a gun and subsequently left behind a young widow and her children. The area abounds in them. So although widows have continued to be central in our sight, our focus has increasingly included young adults and vocational skills. There was no such training in our region. Our center now offers tailoring, carpentry, auto mechanics, literacy, and periodic English and computer skills programs (when we have skilled trainers!). This past summer, after more than a year of walking long distances every day back and forth, our mechanic program graduates were elated. So were we. Twenty less men who will take up a gun and leave a widow behind. Additionally at the graduation ceremony the area's chief administrator took a look at the new mechanic building's wiring (done by the students) and exclaimed, "Now I understand! These are the ones who can build Minembwe!" In this current year, enrollment has almost doubled, limited by us—couldn't take any more! We'd like to assist our mechanic graduates with some basic tools and we'd be thrilled if you joined us in the effort!

MORIAH AFRICA

\$30	#01	Basic Mechanics Tool Set
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Mechanic building wired by the students.

A FAMILY FOR EVERY ORPHAN

Anita Deyneka

Working towards a World without orphans, with movements in 17 countries A Family for Every Orphan helps orphans find loving Christian families in their home countries. Anita partners with A Family for Every Orphan (AFFEO) and World Without Orphans (WWO) as a missionary of Mission Eurasia. Christian families globally are opening their hearts and homes to orphans and helping many children know their heavenly Father.

Ruth loves her new family. She plays with her three sisters and one brother in her new home and her contagious smile rubs off on everyone in the family.

Ruth is now in kindergarten and delights in going to school each day, learning her ABCs and numbers. Her future is as bright as her smile, full of late-night giggling with her siblings, hugs and kisses from her parents, and studying her favorite subjects in school. It cannot be understated how different Ruth's life will be now.



IMPACT THE LIFE OF A CHILD

\$39	#02	Pays for one month, for one orphaned child to live with a loving family!
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Children are a blessing and a gift from the Lord.

Psalm 127:3 (CEV)

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

Psalm 96:3 (CEV)



The Jerusalem Center for Bible Translators is a non-profit ministry supporting mother tongue Bible translators. Mother-tongue translators are indigenous people that intimately know their own language and culture, but

they need the knowledge of Hebrew and the Israelite culture to effectively translate the OT. The upcoming class of 2018 includes students from Mongolia, Ghana, Paraguay, Malawi, Ethiopia, Nigeria, Papua New Guinea and 3 others that are undisclosed because of political sensitivity.

Together with another colleague, Niek is preparing and will be teaching a new class. The translation students will be taken on many field trips to see the country. They will read the biblical texts in Hebrew on site, in order to integrate the texts with the historical sites. An example of the benefits of this approach: The battle between David and Goliath happened in the Valley of Elah. The word translated for “valley” is actually a steep valley and not a broad valley as we often understand it. Seeing the location helps the translator to translate “valley” better into their own language because they can see and experience the Valley of Elah in person.

STUDENT STUDY RESOURCES		
\$20	#03	One quarter (1/4) of Biblical Hebrew Study Text and set of Hebrew recordings
\$80	#04	Fully pays for one student’s Biblical Hebrew Text and set of Hebrew recordings

JERUSALEM CENTER FOR BIBLE TRANSLATORS

Niek Arentsen

REFUGEES IN JORDAN



Last year, Grace Warthen from PCC, had a 4 month internship with missionaries working in the Middle East, who are originally from our area. The Missions Commission invited the ministry to be represented again in our 2018 Alternative Giving Catalog.

“As the Middle East wars continued year after year, each time we visited refugee families they would plead with us to help provide some type of education for their children that were falling far behind in their education and going stir crazy with nothing to do each day. Our team decided to step out in faith and we rented a building and opened the first school. Now there are two schools in remote Jordanian villages educating over 300 children. By providing an education and a normal school schedule for these children our team is able to provide hope for a future and the love of Jesus into their daily lives. Trust and relationships are built, opening doors into their homes to share the Gospel of salvation and provide discipleship to those new in the faith.”



As the weather turns cold, many children need jackets and socks and shoes for walking to school.

WARM CLOTHING FOR CHILDREN		
\$30	#05	A warm jacket
\$20	#06	Pair of shoes and socks

YOUTH WITH A MISSION

Joseph Oberg

Joe serves with Discipleship Training School (DTS) at YWAM Restenäs, in Sweden. At DTS, young people are taught about who God is and develop a personal relationship with Him, as well as equipping them to find their callings in the Kingdom. DTS staff also lead them on a mission trip to a foreign country to get a taste of missions and serving God's Kingdom. This includes evangelising, preaching, healing, and giving to others. Many students go further in missions after DTS, either within YWAM or with another organization. Joe has seen many lives changed through the work of God at this school, and he continues to see and learn so much about Him as he serves in Restenäs.

You can support Joe in his ministry with YWAM, through a one time gift. or you can establish a recurring monthly donation, contact the church office for details.



Preaching, Worshiping and Serving on the streets of Stockholm

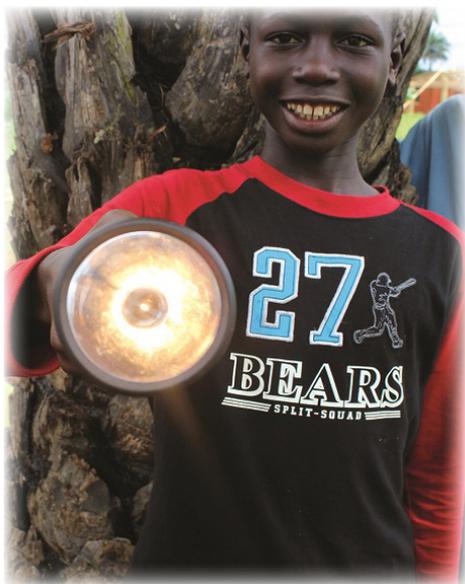
FUND JOSEPH OBERG THROUGH YWAM

Any Amount	#07	One time gift to support Joe's ministry
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But I will give repeated thanks to the Lord, praising him to everyone. For he stands beside the needy, ready to save them from those who condemn them.

Psalm 109:30-31 (NLT)

Children of the Nations provides holistic, Christ-centered care for orphaned and destitute children, enabling them to create positive and lasting change in their nations. Tami Johnson has been a part of the staff of COTN for several years. By partnering with nationals in each of the countries served, they care for children from infancy to adulthood. In order to raise healthy, well-rounded children, the whole child must be cared for (physical, education, social, spiritual needs), so that each child can reach their full potential.



Stocking Stuffers!

Light has the power to transform, impacting education, safety, security, economic improvement, and overall quality of life. In areas where there is no electricity, many people lack good lighting at night. Candles and kerosene lamps can be costly and increase the risk of fire damage. Your gift of a solar-powered flashlight will light up a child's world.

Give a child the tools they need to succeed in school! This gift includes notebooks, pencils, pens and scissors for one child.

COTN STOCKING STUFFERS

\$10	#08	Solar Powered Flashlight
\$20	#09	School Supplies

Want to find out more? A complete COTN Gift Catalog is available from Tami.

CHILDREN OF THE NATIONS

Tami Johnson



LOCAL OUTREACH

YOUTH DYNAMICS

Stonewater Ranch Staff



Stonewater Ranch’s mission is to invite and challenge youth to a life-long journey in relationship with Christ and His church. Taking teens beyond their comfort zone and utilizing God’s creation creates powerful opportunities for community and spiritual growth.

Daniel* has gone to Youth Dynamics events for years but did not understand what it meant to experience God in a wilderness setting. This summer Daniel went on our 12 day Leadership Pursuits trip which includes 6 days backpacking and a 24 hour solo. At the end of that experience Daniel approached one of our staff and shared how he now knows what it means to experience God in the wilderness! A couple of our staff were able to go and celebrate with Daniel as he confirmed his commitment to Christ by being baptized a month after the trip.

*Name Change

YOUTH DYNAMICS		
\$30	#10	Splash Jacket to help keep a student dry and warm while rafting and kayaking
\$35	#11	Rock Climbing Helmet for safety and great hat hair
Any Amount	#12	Scholarships – Helping students to have an experience of a lifetime

THE PANTRY

Director Kim Miller

The Pantry serves people of our Plain community with food assistance, as well as providing a place to purchase whole foods at a reduced cost. We strive to work with all people with respect and care. By providing a place where anyone can come and share and utilize the food, we are nourishing both body and spirit.

A typical box of food includes perishables, such as greens, vegetables and fruit, as well as canned goods and dairy products.

The Pantry also stocks organic & bulk whole food items in reduced quantities from Azure for almost wholesale prices available to the public.



FOOD SECURITY FOR YOUR NEIGHBORS

\$10	#13	2 bags of Potatoes
\$35	#14	One box of food

The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor.

Proverbs 22:9 (NIV)

FAMILY LINES

Jon Hagedorn/Steve Pate

There's just something about spending shoulder to shoulder time on the water with a fishing rod in hand, or building side by side in the shop, that naturally brings many dads and kids together. The focus of Family Lines is to draw the hearts of fathers and children together through providing space for past story to be shared and future legacy to be



impacted. Hands-on interactive opportunities on the riverbanks and in the workshop serve as our vehicle to see this take place.

The more intentional time we can give a father with his children the better, that is why our multi-day Expeditions are the most significant and impactful experiences we offer. They are also the most costly to run. Because of this we work year-round raising money to help with participation costs so that price never has to be the only thing standing in the way of a father saying “yes”. We appreciate you considering a financial contribution to our 2018 scholarship fund, and enabling a father to give one of the most valuable gifts he has to give — his time.

GIVE A FATHER TIME WITH HIS CHILDREN

Any Amount	#15	Contribution to the 2018 Scholarship Fund
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The father of godly children has cause for joy. What a pleasure to have children who are wise.

Proverbs 23:24 (NLT)

TALL TIMBER

Dave Saugen, Executive Director

For 60 years Tall Timber has been providing campers with a fun and nurturing summer camp experience, where we “disconnect to reconnect” in the beautiful White River Valley. Tall Timber is committed to providing a place where adults, and especially teenagers and children can begin to experience true connection to Christ, community, friends, and self, by unplugging from the busyness of their daily lives. Tall Timber is a year round camp that fosters a deeper connection to Christ through outdoor activities like rock climbing, hiking, paddling, skiing and more. The staff, led by Executive Director Dave Saugen, can’t wait to share their passion for Christ centered camp experiences with you or someone you know. Learn more about upcoming events today by visiting www.talltimber.org.

Despite increasing costs, Tall Timber strives to keep these experiences affordable and accessible to all. But roofs will need to be repaired, facilities will need to be updated, campers will need scholarships.



Your donations help ensure that we can carry on in our commitment to our mission: “Welcoming you to have fun and grow together in God’s awesome wilderness.” This is a special, set apart place, where we provide the time and space for people to “disconnect to reconnect.”

HELP CAMPERS “DISCONNECT TO RECONNECT”		
Any Amount	#16	Repair Funds - help repair 60 years of wear and tear
\$50	#17	Scholarship Fund - Help make camp possible for kids - \$50 on average will almost pay for one day of camp.

GIVING THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Thank you for taking the time to browse our catalog! We are mindful of the challenges our mission partners, both locally and globally, face as they experience the realities of reductions in funding and donations. Dollars don't stretch far enough to meet their needs. Those committed to serving God where ever He calls sacrifice greatly to follow His Will. It is a delight to undergird their faithfulness by supporting them with gift giving for family and friends, that shine Christ's light. As you give this year, pray that your gifts will be a blessing multiplied by the great Gift Giver. As we celebrate the gift of life in Christ, please pray for those who still don't know the hope and joy we have in the Christ Child. Thank you for sharing the love of Jesus as we celebrate His Birth!

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2. Submit the order form and payment to PCC.

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All funds received above the specified gift amount will be given directly to your specified ministry.

Gift cards and envelopes are available in the church foyer to give to those you are honoring with your gifts.

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2. Check made payable to Plain Community Church with "Alt Giving Catalog" written on the memo line.
3. Attach payment to your order form (or place together in an envelope). Completed orders may be placed in the offering plate, given to a Missions Commission Member on Sunday mornings or mailed or brought to the Church office.

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