

Gifts Available for 2008



Barnabas Fund - Registered Charity Number 1092935

£5.50 will buy a simple water filter system.

Access to safe, clean drinking water is surely the most basic physical need but can be restricted by events such as natural disasters or war. Denying access to communal water supplies can also be used as a means of discrimination or persecution. Providing these simple water filter systems to villagers and families, in countries like Pakistan, can ensure their access to safe, clean water, and will save lives.

ChildAid - Registered Charity Number 281099.

£10 will help provide a winter coat or boots for a child in the Ukraine.

ChildAid seeks to improve the lives of needy children in the former Soviet Union, working with local Christian partners. In the Ukraine their partners, Rebirth, work in Dniprodzerzhinsk, which is still one of the most polluted cities in Europe, even though the foundries now lie dormant. Family poverty leads to neglect and abandonment. Rebirth has worked for 9 years with the poorest families and children to restore dignity and hope, through the provision of psychological support, medicines, food and clothing.



Derbyshire Association for the Blind - Registered Charity: 1080986

£10.00 provides a telephone befriender for one month - Derbyshire.

DAB Sight Support offers a Telephone Befriending Service. Each week a volunteer will make a call to the same person, for around 30 minutes. The call gives the person with a visual impairment the opportunity to talk over any problems they might have come across, or simply to chat about their week. As a result of this contact a real friendship develops. In some cases, this is the only time they ever get to speak to someone.

Derbyshire, Leicestershire and Rutland Air Ambulance - Registered Charity Number 1098874

£15 will provide one minute of flying time.

The DLRAA uses the fastest available civilian helicopter to get senior Doctors to the scene of an incident as quickly as possible. Life saving treatments and medication can then be delivered on site and en-route to a specialist hospital. The helicopter is based at East Midlands Airport and covers around 21,000 sq miles and 1.4 million people. Each year £1.5 million is needed to run the service.



Feed the Children - Registered Charity Number 1034916.

£3.00 will provide 3 chicks.



Feed the Children provides emergency aid and long term support for families affected by poverty, conflict, famine and AIDS/HIV. Projects around the world focus on the needs of children; food, shelter, protection, education, and vocational training. By providing chicks, training and ongoing support to a self-help group in a struggling community, Feed the Children is helping adults and young people in Uganda, Kenya and Angola to gain skills and confidence to help themselves. A gift of chicks provides eggs, meat and a way to earn a living, restoring dignity and hope for the future.

Kids Aid, Tanzania - Registered Charity Number 1111220

£5.00 for a child's food, clothing or educational needs.

Kids Aid, Tanzania is a local charity supporting 2 orphanages, Watoto Wa and Hisani, caring for 100 of the 1,000,000 children in Tanzania who have been orphaned by the HIV/AIDS pandemic. The children's diet is Ugali – a mixture of maize flour and water; and rice, all of which are staple foods in Tanzania. Your gift will provide food, clothing and educational needs, or any day to day living needs for the children at the orphanages.



Merlin - Registered Charity Number 1016607

£16 will buy a basic medical kit – for use in Nepal.



Merlin is the only specialist UK agency which responds worldwide with vital health care and medical relief for vulnerable people caught up in natural disasters, conflict, disease and health system collapse. In Nepal, 10 years of conflict, between Maoist insurgents and government forces, which only ended in 2006, left 13,000 dead and 200,000 displaced. This strained an already limited health provision, so that material and child care health suffered particularly, with child malnutrition rates dramatically high. In 2006, one child died every ten minutes. This gift will provide a basic medical kit for use in Nepal.

MRDF - Registered Charity Number 291691

£13 to provide Training for a Farmer in NW Cameroon.

MRDF supports the Presbyterian Rural Training Centre, a local organisation working in the rural areas of NW Cameroon. PRTC teaches agricultural techniques and skills. In particular, it works with young farmers, not only helping them implement new farming methods, but also teaching them about issues such as nutrition, health and using the land in a sustainable way. These farmers use their new skills and knowledge to become the standard-bearers for a better livelihood in their communities. In addition, information about HIV/Aids is included in all training sessions, which has helped both to raise awareness about infection and reduce stigmatisation of those living with the virus.



Practical Action - Registered Charity Number 247257.

£20 will provide A Fish Cage - Bangladesh.



Practical Action works with poor communities to help them choose and use simple ideas to improve their lives for today and for generations to come. Bangladesh is one of the poorest places on the planet. Every year the rivers burst their banks and flood the land, destroying lands and livelihoods. Practical Action has come up with an ingenious way of helping local people adapt to this environment. By constructing cages, made from bamboo and netting, poor people can breed fish. This not only gives them an improved diet, which provides much needed protein, calcium, fatty acids and vitamins; they can also sell the extra fish. The money they earn can be used to send their children to school and buy clothes or other food.

The Shelterbox Trust - Registered Charity Number 1096479

Practical Toolkit for a 'Shelterbox' - £30 for a full kit, £15 for half the kit.

The Shelterbox Trust provides emergency aid for victims of natural and other disasters anywhere in the world. Shelterbox was set up by Rotary Club of Helston-Lizard and all aid is distributed from their base in Cornwall. Your gift will purchase a tool kit (axe, shovel, hoe, tools, bag and rope) to go in the Shelterbox: a tough, green plastic box containing a tent and ancillary equipment designed to enable a family of up to 10 people survive for at least six months.



The McCabe Educational Trust - Registered Charity Number 2741092

£6 buys One Hour of Therapy for a Disabled Child in the BASR Hospital in Bethlehem



The Bethlehem Arab Society for Rehabilitation (BASR) aims to enhance the overall quality of life for hundreds of disabled children and their families, helping them to integrate into society, to be independent and to live with respect and dignity.

The Society admits badly disabled young children with serious injuries and disabilities and gives them intensive treatment, after which they return to their families. BASR also provides services such as nursing care, physiotherapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy to older children and adults.

UNICEF - Registered Charity Number 1072612

£3.40 Frees 5 Babies from HIV

Almost every minute of every day a baby is born with HIV, passed on by their mother during pregnancy, labour or delivery. In 2007, nearly 400,000 babies were born with HIV. Lacking treatment, most are unlikely to live to see their second birthday. In April 2007, UNICEF launched the 'Born Free from HIV' campaign to ensure all pregnant women with HIV receive the right medicine and care to prevent them passing HIV on to their baby. Given the medicine and care the chance that a mother will pass the virus to her baby drops to less than 1 in 50. This medicine costs less than £1.00.

