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Give to Reunite Families in Myanmar



Following the devastation of Cyclone Nargis in 2008, economic necessity has forced many families in Myanmar to withdraw their children from school and send them away to work in tea rooms. There they work 15-hour days for a pittance and are separated from their families for months at a time. Because they are growing up without an education, these children are destined for a life of menial work and subsistence living.

Working with our partner, the Reformed Evangelical Church in Myanmar, Reformed Church World Service plans to reunite these children with their families and give them a new beginning.

**Your gift of \$15 will supply a child with food, tuition, and school expenses for a month.** With a contribution of \$180 (12 months) or more, you will receive a photo of the child you sponsor.

Give to Help People Who Rely on Food Pantries



This year food pantry grant requests to Reformed Church World Service (RCWS) shot up by 36 percent over previous years.

Thanks to the generous gifts of RCA members, RCWS was able to respond. But high unemployment and shrinking resources continue to devastate families across North America.

**Your gift of \$100 will feed a family of four for an entire week.** And thanks to matching grants from the federal government and various nonprofit organizations, each gift will be multiplied!

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## Give a Cow to Relieve Poverty in India



In India owning a cow can make the difference between a secure, reliable income and sending your children to school or living constantly on the ragged edge.

Over the past five years, RCA missionary Linn Gann has worked with the Church of South India, a Reformed Church World Service partner, to provide families and villages with cows. To date, over 186 families in eight villages have received a cow, along with training and veterinary support to make sure they care for the cow and use its products wisely.

The first female calf born to a family is returned to the program so that another family can be blessed. Many families and individuals have been transformed spiritually through this program as they have seen the love of Christ manifest in word and deed. In two villages, Christian churches have been planted as a result of this witness.

**You can provide a family with a cow for \$500.** Perhaps your family members or your church family could join together to bless a family in India.

## Give a Goat to Sustain Life in Kenya



In much of Africa, goats are a key economic development tool. Thanks to generous donors, since 1999 RCWS has been able to distribute tens of thousands of goats to families in Africa.

This year goats are desperately needed in Maasailand, a remote area of Kenya that is home to the Maasai people. The lives of these semi-nomadic people center on their herds of cattle and goats. Because it has hardly rained for two years in Maasailand, many Maasai goats and cows have died of starvation, and the people are suffering a great deal. Maasai families rely on goat milk and meat for protein.

Because of the remoteness of the area where the Maasai live and the type of goat needed to thrive there, goats are a bit more expensive this year: **\$50 will provide one goat to a family.**

**To give a Gift of Hope**, fill out this form and mail it to RCWS Gift of Hope, Reformed Church in America, P.O. Box 19381, Newark, NJ 07195-1938. In Canada, mail it to RCWS Gift of Hope, Regional Synod of Canada, 201 Paradise Road North, Hamilton, ON L8S 3T3. **Please make checks payable to "Reformed Church World Service."**

**To give your gift online**, visit <http://rcws.rca.org/respond>, scroll down and click "Make a Donation," and choose the project you wish to support from the "Designation" drop-down menu.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Myanmar Scholarships/Monthly | _____    | \$15/month | _____             |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> RCA Food Pantries            | _____    | \$100      | _____             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Give a Cow in India          | _____    | \$500      | _____             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Give a Goat in Kenya         | _____    | \$50       | _____             |

## Thank you!

In appreciation for your gift, you will receive a Gift of Hope note card and a small ornament to present to a loved one. Gifts must be postmarked or made electronically on or before December 7 to ensure delivery of your ornament by Christmas.

If you do not wish to receive these, please check this box: