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Blessing



A Story Bigger Than We Are

Our blessings, talents, resources and gifts are part of a bigger story! Every believer is called to be part of the beautiful narrative God is writing among the nations as He draws people from every tribe and tongue to Himself and transforms them with the good news of Jesus. Each follower of Christ has a role to play in this unfolding history, and every role is essential.

The role of each believer in God's great story is rooted in the gifts we receive from Him. Psalm 67:7 (NASB) tells us, "God blesses us, so that all the ends of the earth may fear Him."—He blesses us not for our benefit alone but so that we can serve as instruments of His grace.

Christar projects, like the ones featured in this catalog, are small pictures of the way in which the Lord graciously uses numerous parts of His Body to accomplish His purposes among the least-reached. These projects come into being when a need is too big for one worker to meet alone. God enables Christar teams to address these challenges with the support of His people. As believers around the world give, workers are able to cultivate spiritual, emotional and physical blessing in least-reached communities.

As you explore these featured projects, I invite you to consider your role. Be part of bringing the treasure of salvation to those who haven't yet been introduced to Christ. Provide resources and ministry training for those who have embraced this good news. Or offer replenishment and rest to those who serve so that they can continue to share the transformative power of the gospel.

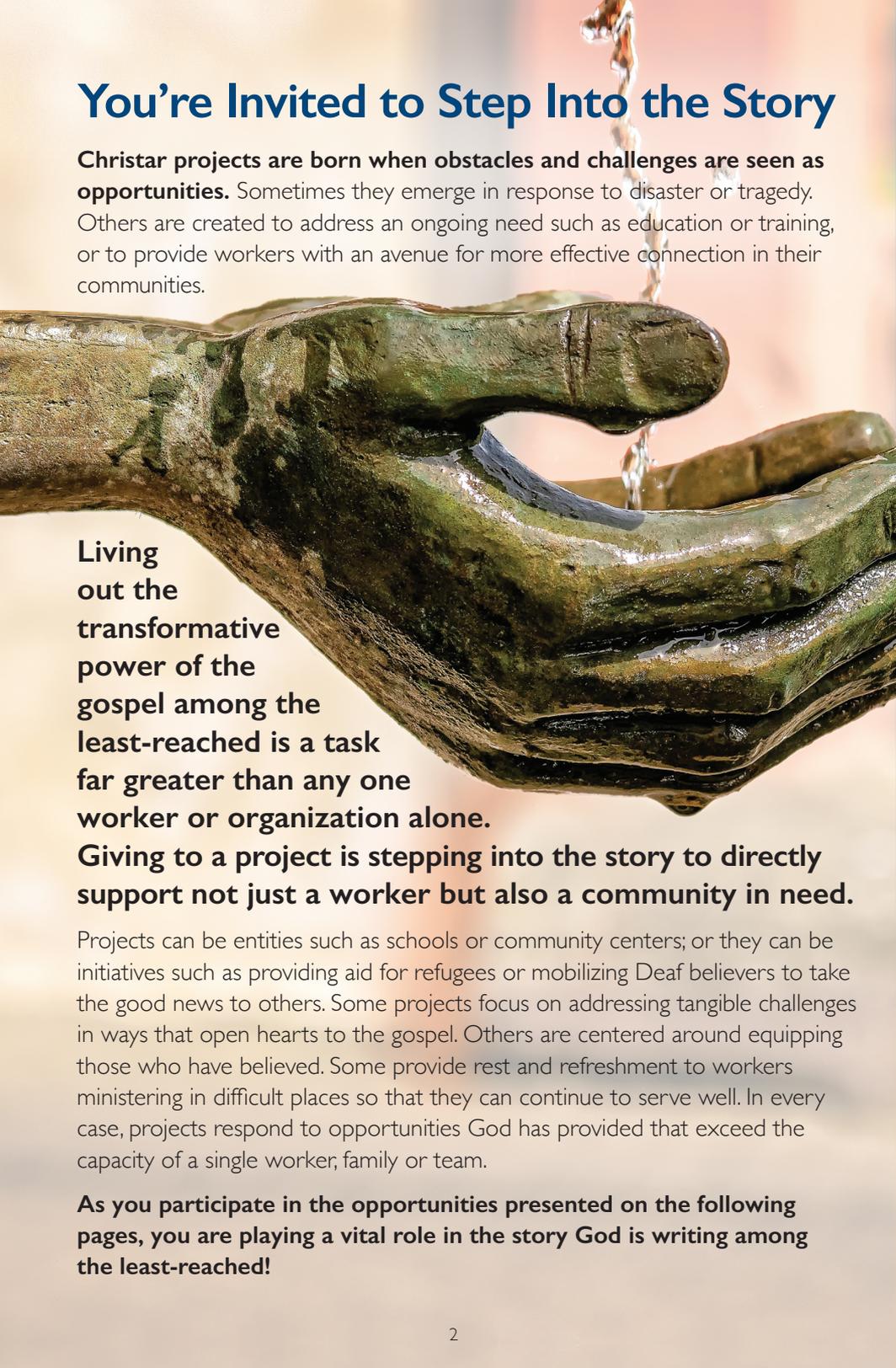
Will you invest the gifts God has given you for the sake of the greatest blessing any of us have ever received?

R. Stephen Coffey

Dr. R. Stephen Coffey, Director, Christar U.S.

You're Invited to Step Into the Story

Christar projects are born when obstacles and challenges are seen as opportunities. Sometimes they emerge in response to disaster or tragedy. Others are created to address an ongoing need such as education or training, or to provide workers with an avenue for more effective connection in their communities.



Living out the transformative power of the gospel among the least-reached is a task far greater than any one worker or organization alone.

Giving to a project is stepping into the story to directly support not just a worker but also a community in need.

Projects can be entities such as schools or community centers; or they can be initiatives such as providing aid for refugees or mobilizing Deaf believers to take the good news to others. Some projects focus on addressing tangible challenges in ways that open hearts to the gospel. Others are centered around equipping those who have believed. Some provide rest and refreshment to workers ministering in difficult places so that they can continue to serve well. In every case, projects respond to opportunities God has provided that exceed the capacity of a single worker, family or team.

As you participate in the opportunities presented on the following pages, you are playing a vital role in the story God is writing among the least-reached!

How to Use This Catalog

Each project described in the pages that follow features a specific, timely need. If you choose, you can give to multiple projects or donate enough to meet one project's need numerous times, multiplying your impact.

We only list general locations for the purpose of security. To learn more about a project's purpose and vision, use the QR code or link listed with each opportunity to visit that project's page on [christar.org](https://www.christar.org).

To make a gift, open the camera app on your smartphone and point it at the QR code at the bottom of your selected project's description; or, if you're viewing this catalog online, click the project link. This will take you to the corresponding [christar.org](https://www.christar.org) project page. Simply type the amount of your donation in the box at the top of the page (under the project name) and click the yellow **"Give"** button. You will be directed to the checkout portion of the website.

In your donation cart, under the project name, you'll see an option to **add a note**. Please click that link and add the note **"Blessed"** to direct your giving to the specific need featured in this catalog for that project.

You can add another donation by clicking the yellow box labeled "Add Another Item." Type the name of the next project to which you'd like to give in the blue "Fund a Project" box or go to [christar.org/projects](https://www.christar.org/projects) to choose your selected project from the list. Repeat this process until you have added all your desired donations. **Remember to add the note "Blessed" to each project donation on your list at checkout!**

Follow the checkout prompts to complete your donation. If you need help, call **214-838-3800** and our team can walk you through the process. Your donation receipt will be sent via email.

THINKING BIGGER?

Explore the larger opportunities on pages 6 and 7 to see how you could have an even greater impact.



Global English Project

The Global English Project is more than an English school for Kurdish men and women. There, students find peace and rest amid the intense political, social and economic upheaval of their region as well as trusted friends in their teachers. Within this context, Christar workers speak words of truth and hope into the spiritual and social struggles their students experience. Books are a foundational tool in this learning process and a platform for continued dialogue. As conversations lead to deeper relationships, students share their joys, challenges and fears. Will you help expand the library and, through these books, increase the impact of the Global English Project's ministry, one life at a time?



christar.org/GEP

\$10 provides a book for the library



Lighthouse of Friendship

More than 6 million people living in France have relocated there from other countries. Over a quarter come from tight-knit, least-reached North African communities and tend not to assimilate into the local culture. But at the Lighthouse of Friendship, some of these immigrants gather for English classes, game nights, mommy-and-me playdates and other regular activities. There, they experience Christ's love through a team of Christar workers. By investing in relationships, the staff at the Lighthouse of Friendship shares the good news with people who may have never heard it or seen it lived out. Over its 20-year history, the center has become a source of stability for the community in a sea of change. Help our workers continue shining the love of Christ by keeping the lights on at the Lighthouse of Friendship!



christar.org/LOF

\$75 pays the electricity bill for a week



Iraqi Refugee Outreach

“Can I become a Christian?” Dora* asked Lewis, a Christar worker serving in the U.S., during a driving lesson. Lewis’s team had first connected with her when she attended Yazidi English Studies, one of several programs of the Iraqi Refugee Outreach project. After Dora moved out of an abusive situation, Lewis helped her get her license and find a new sense of home. Now, she continues attending the Arabic church where Lewis ministers, and the ladies on the Iraqi Refugee Outreach team are investing in her and her children. “We work to meet felt or physical needs so that we can also explore people’s spiritual interest,” Lewis explains. Help more women like Dora find community and belonging through a gift to offset the cost of English workbooks for their class.



christar.org/IRO

\$20

assists a woman in purchasing a workbook for class



Arab Woman Today

In the Middle East, the idea of receiving help through counseling can be a taboo topic. But the need to address mental well-being among Arab women is tremendous in this region, where many have been affected by war, discrimination and personal violence. The staff at Arab Woman Today continues to help women heal from these past traumas by connecting them to free sessions with licensed counselors. One young woman, who was abused by her father, received emotional and spiritual support from AWT, which helped enable her to find a job and begin encouraging other young women as well! As conflict increased in her homeland, she struggled to cope; so AWT followed up with her and gave her eight specialized post-trauma sessions over the summer.



christar.org/AWT

\$50

pays for a counseling session for an Arab woman

Think Bigger!

Opportunities for Greater Investment or Group Giving

Sometimes projects have significant needs that prevent them from expanding their ministry without a substantial investment to develop infrastructure and build into people.

Consider partnering with others to fund a major need together. These are amazing ways for a church, extended family or Bible study group to come alongside an ongoing ministry and become a part of what God is doing there.

Each Think Bigger opportunity corresponds with one of the projects featured in the catalog. Use the QR codes for each project or visit christar.org/projects to learn more about the big-picture vision that these opportunities fuel.

Be sure to include the note “Think Bigger” when you make your donation.



\$300

Arab Woman Today | Page 5

Provide a full scholarship for one Arab Christian woman to complete a life growth program. This \$300 investment has potential to impact a home, family, neighborhood and beyond.



\$400

Global English Project | Page 4

Teachers serving through the Global English Project need a stable place to put their books and supplies during English classes in this Middle Eastern school's four classrooms. \$400 will provide four teacher's podiums, improving the experience of students and teachers alike at a place with a solid reputation in the community!



\$750

CHL Women's Bible School | Page 11

Has camp made a difference in your life? Consider sponsoring the annual gospel camp for the CHL Women's Bible School in South Asia this year. \$750 covers travel, food and literature for the entire group!



\$1,500

Timothy Project | Page 10

Writers with the Timothy Project invest their skills to create tools for ongoing spiritual growth among Middle Eastern believers. Help them continue to grow in their abilities so they can have greater impact by sponsoring a writers' conference at \$1,500.



\$4,000

Haven of Hope | Page 11

\$4,000 provides physical and spiritual nourishment for 500 women and children who've suffered abuse by giving each a meal and a Bible. At the Haven of Hope, women and children find a safe place for healing as they seek shelter from domestic violence and trauma.



\$5,000

Cleft of the Rock | Page 9

Give a horse! A donation of \$5,000 buys a horse to expand the small herd of the equine therapy program at the Cleft of the Rock Ministry Center in the Middle East. These animals serve both local residents with special needs as well as weary workers needing rest and refreshment.



\$10,000

Barnabas Building | Page 10

Your gift could provide daily for an essential need: water, at the site of a new community outreach. A gift of \$10,000 covers the cost of a well for the Barnabas Building, which workers are constructing as a place to gather, learn and share in a community with no other gospel witness.



\$35,000

Jordan Evangelical Theological Seminary | Page 12

Students come from all over the Arab world to learn at Jordan Evangelical Theological Seminary, but once they arrive at the school, transportation is a challenge. A gift of \$35,000 will purchase a van for transporting groups of seminary students.



Persian Outreach

Christar workers have been serving among Persians for decades and have been blessed to see God building His Church among them in numerous locations around the world! The Persian Outreach Project brings together Christar workers and local believers in the Middle East to share the good news with Persian migrants, refugees and tourists outside their home country. In addition, workers are preparing Persian believers to share their faith within their own unique contexts. With a vision to see mature churches established, this training helps prepare Persian believers to serve faithfully, vibrantly and effectively in their growing community.



christar.org/PER

\$30 provides training materials for three Persian believers



New Life Resource Center

As COVID-19 ravaged South Asia, marriages and families faced the strain of financial hardship and stress. To help build up Christian couples in this region, local church leaders requested that the staff of the New Life Resource Center provide a seminar about biblical marriage and family. "It was so exciting to see over 60 couples come to hear the Word of God and participate with enthusiasm," the project director shared. "At that time, we realized that this type of seminar was the need of the hour." The resource center team plans to hold similar seminars for pastors and their wives quarterly in the coming year and needs funds to cover quality literature, food and travel. Partner with the New Life Resource Center to strengthen marriages, which provide a public witness and representation of the love of Christ and His Church in action.



christar.org/NLR

\$50 sends a couple to a two-day seminar

SOUTH ASIA



Crisis Relief Fund

God placed Thane* on the border of Myanmar, in a strategic location for ministry. With refugees pouring into his country after a military coup, Thane was overwhelmed by the desperate physical needs of those who'd been displaced. With Christar Crisis Relief funding, he distributed food and Bibles to more than 500 starving people. But that wasn't enough. "I keep filling their stomachs; why don't I feed their spiritual hunger?" he mused. He responded by holding a four-day camp for more than 50 refugees, during which 15 people trusted in Christ and 13 believers experienced personal revival. With additional funding, he hopes to hold a monthly camp with four days of nourishing food and intensive Bible study for up to 100 refugees at a time.



christar.org/CRF

\$42 sends a refugee for a four-day Bible camp

MIDDLE EAST



Cleft of the Rock

To be effective in ministry and avoid burnout, both cross-cultural workers and local believers need support as they serve among least-reached people. Cleft of the Rock Ministry Center in the Middle East provides a safe place where they can rest and be restored so they can continue to live and work in difficult places. One family shares about their recent stay, "A few years ago, we went through many ministry and life challenges. We recognized that regular rest was essential if we were going to not only make it but thrive in this difficult land. [Cleft of the Rock] has been an essential part of that rest as we have taken time away from the craziness of city life to have time as a family and a couple, and to meet with the Lord."



christar.org/CRM

\$100 gives a worker family a one-night retreat



Barnabas Building

Relationships are the foundation for the spread of the gospel! In their efforts to bring access to the good news, Christar workers bought land and began farming alongside a rural South Asian community with no known believers. As they formed purposeful friendships, these workers sensed the need to establish a more intentional presence through constructing the Barnabas Building. The first phase of this three-story structure will house farm equipment and provide rooms for ESL classes and personal connection, as well as a site for worship gatherings. The building process will provide employment for community members who have lost jobs during the pandemic; and the finished construction will allow Christar workers to put down roots as they come alongside this community to meet needs and share the hope of Christ.



christar.org/BB

\$28

buys a bag of cement
AND pays a builder
for a day



Timothy Project

Middle Eastern culture relies on face-to-face interaction, but the pandemic has created a new interest in online resources. Guided by a multinational leadership team, the local writers and graphic designers of the Timothy Project create interactive, culturally relevant materials to guide Middle Eastern believers in applying biblical truth. To date, they have produced over 200 lessons, including those for young adults and women's groups, as well as 24 television programs that introduce the project's Bible studies. Through these tools, followers of Christ are equipped to live out their faith and disciple others. In light of new urgency to make lessons available, the project is developing improved means for distribution. All lessons are now being formatted so that they can be accessed in a variety of ways, including as e-books and through a mobile app.



christar.org/TIM

\$125

helps develop
new mobile apps
for Bible study

SOUTH ASIA



CHLWomen's Bible School

In one of the very least-reached regions of the world, the CHL Women's Bible School equips Christian women to share the good news of Christ in their homes, churches and communities. In addition to providing biblical education and ministry training through a two-year residential program, the school offers computer classes not only to students but also to members of the local community, demonstrating God's love by meeting a felt need. Most of the school's current computers were acquired a decade ago and need to be replaced. Help the CHL update its equipment so that it can more effectively serve both its students and people in the surrounding community.



christar.org/CHL

\$200

replaces an old computer with a newer model

MIDDLE EAST



Haven of Hope

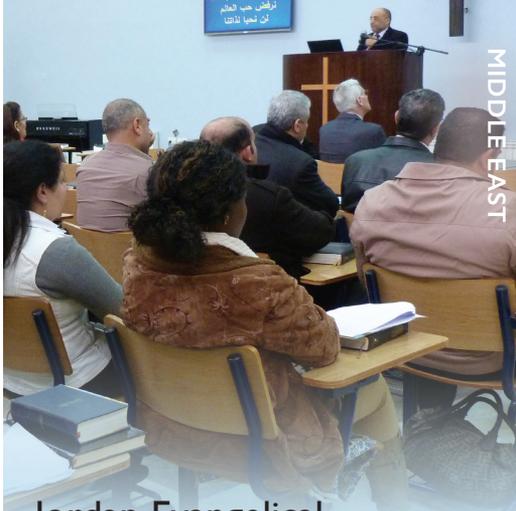
Haven of Hope provides refuge and counsel to women and their children seeking shelter from abuse. The rise of Islamic nationalism and pandemic-related issues have taken a significant economic, psychological and emotional toll in the Middle East; suicide rates are at an all-time high, and domestic violence has increased exponentially. As Haven of Hope ministers to those who are hurting, workers also disciple and equip local believers to serve in the center and in their communities. When a woman visits the center for the first time, she receives a New Testament in her language and hears a clear, concise presentation of the gospel. In addition to providing for physical, emotional and spiritual needs, the center offers Bible seminars, as well as job and life skills seminars for women.



christar.org/HOH

\$15

provides a hat, scarf, sweater and gloves for one woman



Jordan Evangelical Theological Seminary

Since 1991, Jordan Evangelical Theological Seminary (JETS) has been preparing spiritual leaders from and for the Arab world. JETS is an accredited school offering bachelor's and master's programs and a Doctor of Ministry degree. Graduates serve in roles including church planters, pastors, teachers, writers, evangelists, worship leaders and women's ministry leaders throughout the Middle East, the Arabian Peninsula and North Africa. Through them, God is planting churches and bringing many to faith in Christ. Provide students with the gift of rest through a retreat for the entire student body in the midst of their rigorous studies each semester, offering them needed refreshment as they prepare to invest their lives in growing the Church in difficult places.



christar.org/JETS

\$20 sends a student to a biannual retreat



Deaf Initiative

Only 2% of the approximately 70 million Deaf worldwide have been introduced to the gospel. The global Deaf community represents one of the largest least-reached people groups in the world. In many cultures, the Deaf are neglected by and isolated from those who can hear. The Deaf Initiative is a pioneering ministry to mobilize and equip Deaf and hearing churches to bring the gospel to the Deaf worldwide. There are few resources in sign languages that communicate God's heart for the least-reached. But through this project, work has already begun to create a series of video Bible studies that introduces the need and vision for more churches to mobilize workers to reach the Deaf.



christar.org/DI

\$50 provides one hour of translation work

The Story Continues ...

Projects are just one aspect of Christar's Cycle of Transformation—the process through which God uses His Body to accomplish His purposes among the least-reached. When this cycle is mature in one community, it generates new opportunities for the good news to permeate surrounding areas as local believers seek to share the blessing they've received.



christar.org/cycle

Approximately 42% of the world's population—over 3 billion people worldwide—still lack access to a church that preaches the gospel in their language and worships in a way that's relevant in their culture. To reach them, the entire Body of Christ is not only invited to participate but is essential to God's story of salvation throughout His entire creation.

The invitation to participate in the Great Commission isn't limited to financial giving—it's far bigger than that. The Body of Christ is called to participate in God's story of salvation among the nations by praying, giving, sending and going, and every role is vital.

Join us in prayer!

Bringing the transformative power of the gospel to the least-reached is not a human undertaking but something supernatural. Will you join us in faithfully asking God to do what we cannot? Use our monthly Call to Prayer calendar to pray for specific needs shared by Christar workers.



christar.org/pray

Join us in sending!

At Christar, we know that local churches are the key to growing and enriching the global Body of Christ, so we seek to partner with and support congregations as they send cross-cultural workers to those still without access to the good news. Learn more about the vital role of local fellowships in sending and standing behind cross-cultural workers.



christar.org/church

Join us in person!

As God transforms obstacles and opens opportunities, He might be calling you to step into His story in a more hands-on way. Consider how you could come alongside the least-reached by going to them and using your gifts, skills and vocation as part of the Cycle of Transformation.

Learn more about global opportunities to serve.

christar.org/opportunities



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