

ACTION

CHRISTMAS CATALOG



WHATEVER YOU DID FOR ONE OF THE
LEAST OF THESE BROTHERS AND SISTERS
OF MINE, YOU DID IT FOR ME.

- MATTHEW 25:40



ACTION INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES

Action International Ministries (ACTION) is a global mission agency committed to sending multinational missionaries who treasure Jesus Christ and minister His Gospel in word and deed, primarily to the poor. Our three-pronged strategy for ministry can be defined under three headings: evangelism, discipleship, and development.

The mission currently has over 250 missions personnel and over one hundred national staff in **29 countries**.

Committed to fulfilling the Great Commission of the Lord Jesus Christ as given in Matthew 28:18-20, ACTION works in cooperation with local churches and other national organizations in **evangelism, discipleship, and development**.

ACTION is an evangelical faith mission and is **supported by prayers and gifts** of churches and individuals. We are a nonprofit organization with finances controlled by the Board of Directors in each country.



A NOTE FROM ACTION'S INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

The Lord Jesus commanded those who follow him to “provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys” (Luke 12:33, ESV).

Our constant prayer at ACTION is to mobilize the church around the world for Christ's eternal work. I hope this booklet gives you great joy in doing just that. “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth...but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven (Matt. 6:19, 20 ESV).

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ACTION is committed to financial integrity. Audited financial statements are available on Guidestar, where ACTION is a Gold Level member. The ACTION USA Board of Trustees assures that all donations received are used as designated, with more than 90 percent of all donations going toward program expenses in ministries around the globe.

WAYS TO GIVE

Online Giving

Make an easy, secure donation to any project in this booklet at
www.actioninternational.org/fundingguide.

Phone

You can give by phone by calling the ACTION USA office at 425-775-4800 during regular business hours Monday - Thursday.

Check

A donation form included in this book allows you to select the projects with which you'd like to partner. Return the form to:

Action International Ministries
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Mountlake Terrace, WA 98043-0398



MALAWI FEEDING PROGRAM

In 2016, we fed more than 3,000 orphans and widows for twelve weeks, during the time when food is most scarce. In the Bwanji Valley, where drought has brought a devastating famine, we served 600 orphans three times a week for the whole year!

In 2017, we increased our food supply from 800 boxes to 1,000 boxes, enabling us to feed more of the children in the villages that surround us. Our goal is to double the number of orphans and widows that we serve through our feeding programs.

\$7,000

*Double the Malawi
feeding program*

MALAWI



A BIBLE FOR A PASTOR... HOPE FOR A VILLAGE

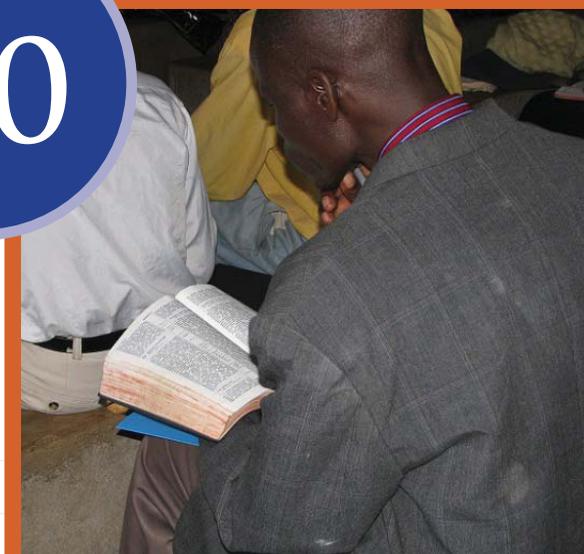
In Malawi, a country in southern Africa, only 10 percent of rural pastors possess their own Bibles. An ACTION Malawi missionary once asked a group of pastors how they study the Bible if they don't have one. *We share*, was their reply.

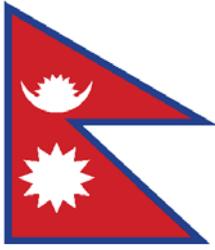
The lack of Biblical teaching has taken a toll on the village churches of Malawi. The Jehovah's Witnesses and Mormons are flooding into the area, along with Muslims, who often have money to influence the children and youth of poor families.

ACTION's five-year goal is to place at least 2,000 Bibles into the hands of needy pastors. Give the cherished gift of the Word of God.

\$ 10

*Provide
God's Word
to a Malwian pastor*





NEPAL

HIMALAYAS CHILDREN'S HOME

The Himalayas Children Home is managed by a Nepalese pastor and supported by ACTION missionaries. The staff and orphans in this children's home are trusting the Lord to provide their needs. The students attend local government schools with high costs. Many months, these children struggle to have their physical needs met.

\$1,000

CARING FOR WIDOWS

Aging Tibetan widows often fall through the cracks with little or no access to government programs due to a lack of documentation. In some ways, they are refugees in their own land. Many of them suffer a lack of food, warm clothing, and needed medicines.

\$4,500

ACTION hopes to help 300 widows make it through the harsh winters with sufficient warm clothing and blankets--all in the name of Christ.



CUBA



A BIKE FOR A PASTOR

Many Cuban pastors travel long distances on foot or bus to minister to their congregations. A bike allows a pastor to accomplish more by reducing travel time between home and church, as well as making more time for visits to congregants' homes.

In a country in which many pastors seeking to advance the Gospel make less than \$30 per month, a bike can be a blessing and a motivation to continue their work and keep the faith.

“This gift is an answered prayer that for several years my wife and I have lifted to the Lord!”

\$189

*Transportation
for a Cuban pastor*



PHILIPPINES



COMPASSIONATE CARE FOR TEEN MOMS

Baby Joy is a 15-year-old girl...and a mother. After being taken advantage of while walking home to her village one evening, a new life began to form in Baby Joy's womb. In a society that often shames these young girls, Shalom Christian Birthing Center offers free prenatal exams, health education, and the Gospel.

While the government restricts teenagers from giving birth at Shalom, our workers are allowed to provide support in the hospital during birth and to pay the fees of a hospital birth.

\$1,000

*Cover the cost of
childbirth for a teen mom*

BANGLADESH



THREE-WHELLED TAXI FOR PASTOR SUSTAINABILITY

Pastor N* receives little to no financial support as he ministers to needy communities and refugees in remote Bangladesh. He needs at least one natural-gas operated three-wheeler taxi, as well as funds to employ a trustworthy driver in order to continue ministering among the extremely poor men and women in his area.



\$5,000

DISASTER RESPONSE & DEVELOPMENT

THE NEED IS UNRELENTING

Typhoons in Asia. Fires in Urban Slums. Earthquakes, Volcanoes, Mudslides, Floods. In the wake of natural disasters, ACTION seeks to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ to a suffering world, to strengthen and support the local churches in disaster-stricken areas, and to demonstrate the reality of the Good News by ministering to people in the midst of tragedy.

In the past couple of years, our relief efforts include:

- Seven trucks of food relief in Cuba after Hurricane Matthew
- More than 100 roofs replaced in Nepal
- Partnering with churches following the Mexico earthquakes
- Relief kits and church rebuilding in India

WILL YOU HELP?

Giving to the Worldwide Disaster Response Fund builds up a reserve of donations to respond quickly and lovingly when needs are most pressing. \$1,000 builds a church in South Asia. \$25 provides a relief kit to a family. Any gift helps us meet needs in Christ's name.

ANY
AMOUNT



UGANDA



EDUCATION & HOPE FOR A FUTURE

Jesus is the Truth School (JITT) seeks to glorify God by demonstrating His love to vulnerable children through excellent, Bible-saturated Christian education. ACTION's scholarship program opens the door for children from hardship backgrounds to receive the treasured opportunity of a Christian education!

\$25,000

Scholarship Program

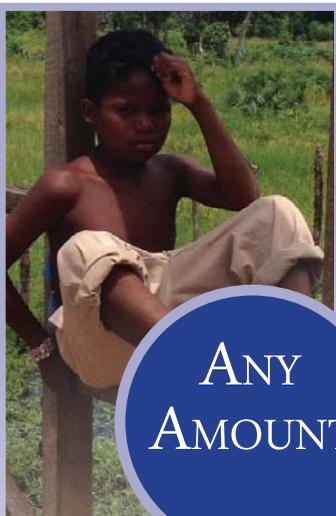




AUDIO BIBLES FOR ORAL CULTURES

ACTION's Pastoral Leadership Development teams travel around the world training local pastors in Bible study, expository teaching, discipleship, and counseling. Now, local pastors need audio Scriptures in local languages. In the oral cultures of Africa and South Asia, an this ministry reaches all people, including those who may be illiterate. To produce an audio Bible in each of the languages we have identified, we need \$15,000. Giving to this project brings the Word of God to a people group.

\$15,000



ANY
AMOUNT

CHILDREN IN CRISIS

ACTION serves needy children around the world through evangelism, discipleship, residential care, education and economic development. Twice a year, a task force distributes undesignated children's funds to projects who present proposals and financial accountability.

Giving to this fund provides for children and motivates program directors toward quality administration.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

STUDYING & APPLYING GOD'S WORD

Imagine pastoring a church with little or no resources available to you. For many pastors and church ministry leaders in the Philippines, this is the reality. One ACTION missionary couple distributes Life Application Study Bibles to these pastors while also providing a 4-hour orientation about how to use the features of the study Bible. The seminar has been conducted in many provinces in the Philippines; and by God's grace, it will continue to go forth as the Lord provides.

\$750

*The cost of one seminar
for pastors to learn how
to study God's Word*





INDIA

ORISSA BIBLE SCHOOL

Pastors in many areas of the world are undertrained and lacking biblical knowledge. Our training center in Orissa city will especially train sons of Christian martyrs who desire to carry on the legacy of their family. The building is nearing completion.

Will you help?



\$25,000

WIDOWS' HOME BUSINESS RECONSTRUCTION

Severe storms and flooding destroyed the sustainability project for widows of pastors in Odisha. While much has been reconstructed and new machinery has been purchased, thanks to donors like you, funds are still needed to put the business back in operation. These widows depend on their bottled-water business to support themselves and their children.

\$2,500



A SAFE HOME FOR CHILDREN & AN EDUCATION FOR WOMEN

For the past several years in Diampur City of northeast India, ACTION missionaries have been caring for more than 30 orphans in less than optimal circumstances. It has been the goal of ACTION workers over the past years to provide a safer and more permanent orphanage for these children.

We also desire to provide a quality education for women in a separate part of this facility. Construction is ongoing but funds are still needed to bring this project to completion.

Is God calling you to help finalize and maintain these facilities?

\$20,000



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