# CROSSWAY 2021 PROJECT WISH IST

"For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works. so that no one may boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them. Ephesians 2:8-10 (NASB)

We aren't saved as a result of our good works. Salvation is a GIFT! Hallelujah! In addition, though, God has prepared opportunities for us to do good worksnot because we HAVE to, but because we WANT to! As we do, we are emulating our Father, the ultimate Gift Giver!

We believe that God wants us to both TELL people, as well as SHOW people God's love, in tangible ways. We believe in giving in ways that are sustainable and don't reinforce dependency. And we believe God has a special place in His heart for the most vulnerable. Doing so pleases our Father in Heaven and gives us unique open doors and open hearts to share about God's generous gift of eternal



life through faith in Jesus Christ. How can we best SHOW Gods love? In this letter we want to share some opportunities with you. Perhaps during this season of remembering God's generosity to us, you might want to partner with us in expressing that love to our neighbors in tangible ways. Thanks for being such faithful partners with us in God's Gospel Mission!

# Kenya

## **Cell Phones for Widows**



\$43 each x 100 = \$4,300 Total

What does a widow in rural Kenya need with a cell phone? I know, it sounds a little crazy at first but we are really excited about the potential for this new project and its multiple uses.

### **Use 1: Check in and Emergency Contact**

When the pandemic hit, we had to find a new way to check up on the widows. Many live in remote places that are hard to find and hard to get to. It was unfeasible to try to visit each one in person every month. Using cell phones, we can easily check on them, and so can their



## **Cell Phones for Widows (continued)**

families and communities. Also, in case of emergency, the widow can call for help.

#### Use 2: Audio Bible & Teaching

Many of the widows struggle with reading due to both poor eyesight and lack of education. Being able to listen to an audio Bible on some type of device, in their own tribal language, would be ideal. With a cell phone which includes a speaker phone and a memory card, we can not only put the Bible in their native language and make it easy to navigate, but we

can also include teachings of various sorts to help them understand even more!

#### **Use 3: Bank Account**

In Kenya, pretty much every business can accept MPESA, in which your phone account basically acts like a bank account. In exchange for a tiny transaction fee, you can buy and sell just about anything. If one of our widows needs food, medical supplies, or anything else - we can transfer money to them at the touch of a button, from anywhere.



 $$196 \text{ each } \times 75 = $14,700 \text{ Total}$ 

## Milk-Goats for Widows

Most of you are already familiar with this ongoing program and other similar ones from other organizations. A milk-goat provides a lot of sustenance for a widow, with a very small ongoing cost. There is almost always something around in these rural settings that a goat will eat - which makes feeding them convenient and cheap. Besides the milk, the goats are able to have offspring - the first couple of which are given to other widows, expanding the reach of these gifts. Then, after that, additional goats can provide more milk or be sold or used for meat.



\$2,195 for a Rain Harvest System at a school \$3,215 for a Community Water Connection \$25,000 to Drill a New Water Well

# **Water Projects**

In Kenya, it is estimated that 25 million people do not have access to safe drinking water. The health risks are enormous. In addition, the amount of time many Kenyans spend every day just fetching unsafe water and boiling it that still might make them sick, is tremendous. Having dependable access to clean water nearby greatly improves the health in a community, and gives many poor people time back to devote towards education and other economic endeavors, which helps to lift everyone out of poverty.

# Nicaragua

### **Student Tuition**

In Nicaragua, access to education is minimal. Most schools don't have a single computer and very little access to learning skills like speaking English. If you know how and have access to a computer connected to the internet, and can speak fluent English, however, whole worlds of educational and economic opportunity open up. We have started a small school with two campuses that focuses on providing this kind of technical training

at CrossWay TecNica. Economic conditions are such that many families just can't afford the full ongoing tuition costs. We are convinced that the potential long-term impact of this investment in education will reap great rewards for the rest of the lives of these young people and benefit their entire community. In addition, they get to hear the Gospel on a repeated basis.







Daniela - 15



Eddy - 17

\$24 per month, \$288 per year x 50 = \$14,400 Total



#### \$12,000 for 12 blocks

## **Road Paving**

Our Laguna de Apoyo campus isn't directly connected to paved roads (shown in white on the map). The main road that runs through the community is a dirt road that turns to mud during the rainy season, which is about half of the year. We are working in cooperation with the community and the government to see if we can't get the main road through our neighborhood paved. This kind of one-time infrastructure improvement can have a lasting long-term impact on the entire community, including our school campus. We are hoping if we all work together we can improve things for the entire community for the long term.

# Nicaragua

# **Baldizon School Projects**



\$2,650 Rain Harvest Tank System \$2,150 Finish Pre-K Classroom \$7,950 Security/safety fence We would love to continue to give toward infrastructure improvements at the public schools that are near to our campus in the rural Laguna area. The bathroom project was a great success and we would love to continue to build on it. There is little access to clean water, which is troublesome both for drinking water and for proper sanitation. A rain harvest system would go a long way toward providing the school with more safe water security. This local school also has a pre-K classroom that is partially finished that we would love to help them with. And finally, there is a pretty steep drop off on one side, and thieves keep breaking in through their broken fence, so the community has asked us to consider helping with this project as well.

## **How to Give?**

If the Lord leads you to give towards any of these projects specifically, you can send a check to the following address and just put a description of the project you want us to put the money toward in the "memo" section of your check.

> CrossWay International P.O. Box 1784 Boerne, TX 78006

Or you can go to our website and click the "donate" button and there is a field that you can use to designate what project you would like to sponsor.

### www.gocrossway.org/2021wishlist

If you would like more information, we have some additional information on our website and/or feel free to contact us.

## **Praise Reports**

- Successful Hurricane Relief Outreach with 300+ people helped
- God's work continues even during global pandemic
- CrossWay TecNica enrollment is growing!

## **Prayer Requests**

- Health and safety of our international team
- Wisdom of timing regarding international travel
- That the gospel would be shared clearly, and more souls would respond in faith!

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