



Dorchester Presbyterian Church *Alternative Gifts Market* **God's Gift Shop** *Christmas 2010*

Welcome to the 2010 catalog! If you are looking for meaningful gifts for your family, friends and colleagues, we hope you will find everything you need right here! The gifts you choose in the name of others will bring joy and hope many times over to families throughout the world. We hope that you will find the perfect gift for your loved ones.

Here's How It Works

God's Gift Shop is an alternative gift fair that allows you to buy Christmas gifts that truly honor the Christmas spirit. You can buy "items" from local and global missions that Dorchester is already involved with for your loved ones. For instance, if you have a father-in-law who is a contractor, you could buy a hammer for Habitat for Humanity in his honor. Odds are he doesn't need another hammer, but he would be glad for one to be given to Habitat to help build a home for a family in need. This year, let's try to focus our gift-giving on those who need it more than we do.

1. Pull out this insert, read the catalog carefully and select gifts you would like to give in the name of family, friends and colleagues. Our catalog offers a wide selection of gifts, with both local and global options, so that you can find the right gift for each person. You may, of course, purchase gifts in your own name
2. Complete the God's Gift Shop Order Form, which will provide an accurate record for us as we receive your orders.
3. You may shop by placing your order with a check in the offering plate any Sunday or by dropping off your order in the church office up until December 19th. Orders received in the church office before noon on Thursday will be processed and be available for pick up after worship the Sunday immediately followings.
4. Gift Cards with envelopes are available for you to give to persons in whose name you have purchased gift items. Card inserts to explain each gift will be included also. For example, the insert accompanying the purchase of sheep from Heifer Project International will explain how the gift will be used to improve the lives of families who live in the area.

LOCAL MISSIONS

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. ~1 Peter 4:10

Crisis Ministries Shelter

Each night, there are 2000 homeless residents in the Tri-county area, but only 315 available beds at shelters. Crisis Ministries provides over half of those beds. The mission of Crisis Ministries is to meet the immediate needs of those who are hungry and homeless, to break the cycles of hunger and homelessness, and to encourage others to do the same. Five meals a day are prepared and served by volunteers. Some volunteers also offer prayers, Bible studies, musical performances and other ministry practices to participating guests.

Bible	\$ 5	Baby diapers and wipes	\$ 20
School supplies for children	\$ 10	Ten lunches in the Soup Kitchen	\$ 25
Assorted toiletries, underwear and socks	\$ 15	One night's shelter for a family	\$ 100
Two standard size bed pillows	\$ 15		

HELP of Summerville

Founded in 1975, HELP of Summerville provides emergency help with food, clothing, utility bills, rent and necessary medical prescriptions. The majority of the requests for assistance come from the Department of Social Services, Trident United Way and Salvation Army. HELP fills a unique role in the community as it provides immediate help when other agencies are not able to respond as quickly.

Perishable Groceries	\$ 20	Hotel for a family for one night	\$ 65
Prescription medicine	\$ 25	Bus tickets	\$ 75
Work boots for one worker	\$ 30	Electric bill assistance	\$ 75
Clothes for fire victims – 3 outfits	\$ 50		

Dorchester County Habitat for Humanity

Dorchester's Habitat for Humanity was founded in 1993 with many of our church members deeply involved in the initial organization. Habitat's Mission is to work in partnership with God and people everywhere, from all walks of life, to develop communities with God's people in need by building and renovating houses, so that there are decent houses in decent communities in which God's people can live and grow into all that God intended. Habitat is a non-profit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry. Houses are built for low-income people, combining volunteer work and "sweat equity" put in by the homeowner families. The houses are built under trained supervisors and sold at no profit.

Box of nails	\$ 5	One Square of Shingles	\$ 35	Window	\$100
Hammer	\$ 15	Ceiling fan	\$ 50	Sink	\$125
T-square	\$ 25	Aluminum ladder	\$ 80	Front door	\$175

Dorchester County Department of Social Services

DSS serves the county providing many services, including aid for families of dependent children and emergency services for neglected and abused children. Children in crisis situations are evaluated and placed with emergency foster families. They are often in need of basic clothing and supplies as they have left most of their belongings behind.

Pajamas for one child	\$ 15	Gift Card	\$ 20
School supplies	\$ 10	School clothes	\$ 25
School shoes	\$ 20	Ethnic hair care needs	\$ 30
Snacks/meals for a month for children waiting at office	\$ 50	Birthday celebration for a foster child	\$ 50

The Palmetto House

Located in Summerville, this facility offers temporary housing for homeless families and individuals for up to 30 days. Palmetto House provides residents with an address, phone number, laundry facilities, locker space, showers, food, and clothing. DPC has assisted the shelter in a variety of ways including providing canned goods, renovating the facility, and beautifying the grounds.

Paper products for a meal	\$15	Laundry Supplies for a family	\$30
Pillows for a family	\$20	Towels for a family of four	\$40

Ronald McDonald House

The Ronald McDonald House is a home away from home for families of seriously ill children who are being treated in nearby hospitals. The RMH provides an inexpensive and comfortable place to stay for these families. Very often younger siblings have to stay at RMH with the parents. These families are often separated from their normal support systems during a time of great crisis. DPC prepares and delivers meals and offers fellowship once a month to the Ronald McDonald House in downtown Charleston.

One Family for One Night	\$ 48.99	Welcome Box (toiletries, books, toys)	\$ 29
Set of Towels	\$ 20	Blanket	\$ 15

My Sister's House

My Sisters' House is a safe haven for battered and abused women and their children. While at the shelter, these women receive counseling and legal advice to aid them in getting their lives back together. Upon leaving the facility, the women receive items they will need to start life over on their own.

Dishcloths, dish towels, potholders	\$ 15	Silverware set for eight	\$ 40
Cooking Utensils	\$ 20	Pots and Pans	\$ 50
Small & large glassware set for eight	\$ 25	Dish set for eight	\$ 60

GLOBAL MISSIONS

What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? ~Micah 6:8

Heifer Project International

Since 1944, Heifer has reached out in friendship and assistance to 125 countries, helping millions of people overcome their dire situations and start a path to a brighter future. By providing animals or seedlings, you allow women and men around the world to help themselves- to have better lives, to feed and school their children, and to provide shelter from the storms of poverty and hunger.

Share of a Goat	\$10	Share of a Heifer	\$50	Tree Seedlings	\$60
Flock of Chicks	\$20	Trio of Rabbits	\$60	Sheep	\$120
Honey Bees	\$30				

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Disasters, whether natural or human-caused, can devastate a community. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance organizes volunteers who are willing to give their time and energy to help those who have suffered from a disaster. They provide housing and supplies for those volunteers as well. They also support Young Adult Volunteers to help lead the groups of volunteers who come to help with relief work.

Building supplies for rebuilding	\$ 75	Support a Young Adult Volunteer for one week	\$ 55
Tools for rebuilding	\$ 50	Cleaning supplies for clean-up	\$ 25

Hearts with Haiti

Some years ago, Dorchester became involved in a service and outreach program in Haiti centering around three closely related children's homes. St. Joseph's home for boys was founded in 1985 to provide a safe haven for homeless street boys abandoned by their families. In the mid 1990's the boys undertook a project of mercy by agreeing to take over an orphanage for disabled children naming it Wings of Hope. In 2000 several previous residents of St. Joseph's continued the outreach work by building a home for street children in Jacmel known as Trinity House.

One day of physical therapy for a child at Wings of Hope	\$5	School supplies for one child at Trinity House	\$15
One month of piano lessons for one child at St. Joseph's	\$10	One month of art classes for a child at St. Joseph's	\$20
One week of meals at Trinity House community school	\$10	Medicine for children at Wings of Hope	\$50

Haiti Rural Cooperatives Program - Women's Micro-Finance Project

Through relationships we have formed at St. Joseph's, members of Dorchester have connected with Smith "Papy" Joseph, the director of the Rural Cooperatives Program in Haiti. This newest project will create a pool of available funds from which **women** who have no means of employment take out loans of \$100 to begin their own businesses that will provide income to support their families as well as help the economy of the entire community. The initial pool of funds is repaid by the borrowers & continues to be available over a long period of time to other women in the community.

¼ Micro-Finance Loan Unit	\$25	½ Micro-Finance Loan Unit	\$50	One Micro-Finance Loan Unit	\$100
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Water Missions International

One-fifth of the world's population has no access to safe drinking water. Each day, 25,000 people die from cholera, typhoid and dysentery and other diseases caused by microorganisms in the water they drink. This non-profit organization is dedicated to meeting water and spiritual needs for people of all nations and ethnic groups. Their mission is to provide 100 million people throughout the developing world the gift of clean safe water and the opportunity to hear the "Living Water" message. Their transportable Living Water Treatment system provides a continuous supply of clean safe drinking waters for communities of up to 3,000 people.

A year's supply of safe drinking water for 3 people	\$10	A year's supply of safe drinking water for a family	\$25
Prevent Sickness with safe water containers	\$25	Replenish hope and safe water after disaster	\$75
A year's supply of safe drinking water for a class	\$100		

***Thank you for taking the time to read through the God's Gift Shop Catalog.
We hope you found a way to show God's love through your Christmas
shopping this year.***

***Jesus said, "For I was hungry and you gave me food,
I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink ,..
I was naked and you gave me clothing ...
Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one
of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."
~ Matthew 25: 35-40***

