

#### DEAR FRIENDS,

2021 was a year filled with challenges for many worldwide. For those who live in dire poverty, a catastrophe—or a pandemic—can have devastating long-term effects.

Thankfully, we can change lives together! The causes you'll read about inside this catalog have been carefully vetted and proven to address complex global issues, while meeting your gift-giving needs.

We are a grassroots organization, and we appreciate all you do to help us achieve our mission. There are many ways to engage with us and make a difference (see pages F-K). Whether you host a gift market that raises money for causes you care about, or start a new meaningful tradition with your family (see page G), your gifts bring justice, dignity, and peace to a troubled world.

If you know someone who would enjoy receiving this gift catalog, give us a call and let us know where to send it!

Thank you for gifting with us and inspiring others to do the same.



Prayerfully onward,

Surinder Kaur **Executive Director** 

AGI's Commitment: We commit 90% of each donated dollar is designated to the Causes as described on these pages.

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#### WHAT IS AN

### Alternative Gift?

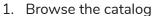
An alternative gift is a charitable donation designated in honor of someone else. Gift recipients receive a description of the gift made in their name. The gift options in this catalog, offered through partnership with carefully selected nonprofit organizations, create sustainable change and impact lives around the world.

Sample gift. See back page for more greeting card options.

**TIP:** The pages can be used as gift inserts! Simply cut off the donation levels listed at the bottom of the page, then place inside an envelope or card. Alternative Gifts International A Gift of fruit trees and supplies Slash-and-burn farming in Central America has degraded the soil that many rely on to feed their familles. To boost fertility, some farmers use harsh With support from Sustainable Harvest International Field Trainers, Karen Meza—a farmer in San Benito, Hondurns—has chosen a different path. Karen learned about composting natural and organic soil additives, pest control, and building agor-forestry systems through this YOU MAKE THE WORLD BETTER BY By implementing new techniques, she can offer a diverse range of healthy food and restore the soil for generations to come. Your gift can help struggling farmers like Karen to improve their livelihood and

#### How to Order a Gift:





- 2. Select your Cause(s)
- 3. Choose a greeting card (see back page)
- 4. Tell us where to mail the gift!



Order online: alternativegifts.org

Wichita, KS 67201

Order by phone:

800.842.2243

Order by mail:

P.O. Box 3810

\$2 - send card & insert to yourself

\$3 - send inscribed card to recipient



#### **CAUSES**

Valid 7/1/22 - 6/30/23



#### **HUNGER RELIEF**

- 1. Healthy Harvests Belize, Honduras, Panama
- 2. Community Food Gardens Haiti
- 3. Relief for Refugees Hungary



#### **ENVIRONMENT**

- 4. Waste Not, Want Not Bolivia
- 5. Nurturing Native Lands Tribal Lands, USA



#### **EDUCATION**

- 6. Literacy and Libraries Ethiopia
- 7. Equal Access to Education Egypt
- 8. Scholarships for Students Haiti



#### **HEALTH & WELL-BEING**

- 9. Healthcare is a Human Right Myanmar/Burma
- 10. Mobility Matters DR Congo
- 11. Teddy Bears for Trauma Therapy USA
- 12. Framing Their Future India



#### **ERADICATE POVERTY**

- 13. Clean Water for Communities South Sudan
- 14. Help the Hungry and Homeless USA



#### **EMPOWER WOMEN**

- 15. Indigenous Female Farmers Nepal
- 16. Midwives and Mothers Haiti



#### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

- 17. Pedaling Out of Poverty Namibia, Zambia, Tanzania
- 18. Tailors in Training India

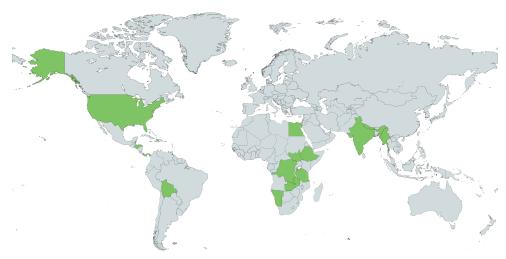




- 19. Emergency Relief Fund Global
- 20. Boost an Underfunded Cause Global
- 21. Support Our Mission Global

#### **CAUSE LOCATIONS**

AGI partners with proven organizations operating in communities worldwide. For over 34 years, our impact has stretched around the globe. Highlighted below are the 17 nations this catalog serves.



#### **GIVING OCCASIONS**

Alternative Gifts are perfect for any occasion when you would normally give a gift. Common gifting opportunities include:

- Birthdays
- **Anniversaries**
- Graduations
- Christmas
- Weddings
- Births
- Eid
- Diwali
- Retirements
- Father's Dav
- Mother's Day
- Engagements
- Valentine's Day
- Bat and Bar Mitzvahs
- Client or corporate gifts

Interested in receiving **Alternative Gifts?** 

Select a meaningful gift (or more than one) to add to your gift registry or event invitation!

## HEALTHY HARVESTS BELIZE, HONDURAS, PANAMA



## **COMMUNITY FOOD GARDENS**HAIT























Slash-and-burn farming in Central America has degraded the soil that many rely on to feed their families. To boost fertility, some farmers use harsh chemicals.

With support from Sustainable Harvest International Field Trainers, Karen Meza—a farmer in San Benito, Honduras—has chosen a different path. Karen learned about composting, natural and organic soil additives, pest control, and building agro-forestry systems through this program.

By implementing new techniques, she can offer a diverse range of healthy food and restore the soil for generations to come. Your gift can help struggling farmers like Karen to improve their livelihood and community.

\$825
Half acre of trees

\$05 Tree nursery and 1 yr. of maintenance \$28
Supplies
for composting

Bigue is one of the driest rural areas in Haiti. Despite the lack of rain, people in Bigue are primarily involved in agricultural activities. Local agronomists and community members chose to tackle the lack of garden yields in a collective effort.

The Quixote Center partnered with the community to create a tree nursery using local materials, including cast-off wood and palm fronds. A team of agronomists teach the community how to maintain the nursery, including land preparation and water conservation techniques. Your gift can help more communities in Haiti grow thriving gardens.

\$868
Agricultural supplies (1 yr.)

\$55 Plants 50 trees

\$28 Plants 25 trees

















Millions of Ukrainians have been displaced by war with Russia. As of June 1st, 2022, the UN Refugee Agency reported that 698,420 refugees have entered Hungary. Many of these refugees are from the area of Ukraine close to Hungary and speak Hungarian. Most need shelter, food, clothing and employment.

The Hungarian Evangelical Fellowship (HEF) maintains schools along the Ukrainian border. On the first day of the war, the HEF provided temporary shelter in these schools. The refugees eventually reached Budapest, the largest city in Hungary. There, the HEF provided accommodations, meals, medical care, and employment support for up to 120 refugees each day. Some have received services since the beginning of the war, while others leave after a few days. The HEF also helps them navigate the social-support system of Hungary and find employment.

Meals & lodging for a family (1 month)

Meals & lodging for a family (1 day)

Meals & lodging for a refugee (1 day)

Suggested gift amounts. Any donation is appreciated.







Mano a Mano collects usable medical supplies and equipment, which would otherwise be discarded in local landfills, and ships them to Bolivia. Results of this program include reduced maternal and infant mortality in marginalized communities as well as mobility for people living with disabilities. The availability of adequate supplies also makes it possible to retain staff.

Gustavo. (pictured above) with his mother Maira, recently received a free wheelchair. Maira shared that she searched for years to find a wheelchair to fit Gustavo:

"I have been working so hard to find something. This beautiful wheelchair for me is a blessing because my son is going to be more comfortable; this wheelchair is perfect."

5k lbs of medical supplies

1 wheelchair

Medical supplies (\$160 value)



## 5 NURTURING NATIVE LANDS TRIBAL LANDS, USA





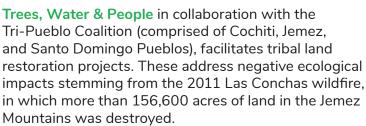












James Calabaza, his uncle and younger cousin, agreed that planting trees on ancestral homelands of Santo Domingo Pueblo last year meant connecting their spirits and honoring loved ones lost to the Covid-19 pandemic. The Calabazas are proud to have three generations of stewards engaged in tree planting! Your gift provides the necessary seedlings and tools to restore valuable indigenous land.

\$1,650
Reforestation project
for 1 Tribal community

\$165
Restores 3 acres
of Tribal land

\$83
Seedlings and tools for 1-day project

Suggested gift amounts. Any donation is appreciated.



In response to school closures and Covid-19 constraints, Ethiopia Reads launched a successful online literacy and reading program in Amharic. This accompanies their mobile library program by using digital media channels like Facebook, YouTube and Telegram. The content includes reading tips, information on Ethiopia Reads projects, and videos of public figures reading storybooks in local languages to children. Celebrities also share their experience on the power of books to motivate families to read together at home.

Through these programs, including three Donkey Mobile Libraries in Hawassa, Horse Powered Libraries in various rural locations, Children's Reading Festivals, and online resources, children can achieve genuine literacy. Your gift offers an opportunity for children to dream big and keep learning.

\$963
Stocks a mobile library

\$**8**7

\$20 30 books





## **EQUAL ACCESS**

















Few opportunities exist for people with disabilities in many parts of the world. Rasha, an orphan living with a disability in Alexandria, Egypt, knows all too well how it feels to have the odds stacked against you. But that feeling went away after she was transferred from an orphanage to Fairhaven, a school supported by our partner organization Hands Along the Nile **Development Services.** There, youth with special needs receive individualized education and rehabilitation to improve their motor, cognitive, self-care, language, and speech skills.

After moving to study and live at the Fairhaven group home, Rasha blossomed into a happier and more confident person. Your support provides equal opportunity for students with disabilities to access a quality education and be self-sufficient.

1 semester of education

1 month of food

1 month of transportation to school

Suggested gift amounts. Any donation is appreciated.







Wilfood Marseille grew up a member of a poor farming family in a remote mountain village in Haiti. His parents were determined to send him to a school supported by the Haiti Education Foundation, since they were unable to attend school themselves.

After high school, Wilfood's parents urged him to continue his studies. Today, he is a doctor at a small medical clinic in the same village where he attended school in his youth, giving back to the community he grew up in. Other students deserve the same chance to reach their full potential. Your gift will open a world of possibilities for children in rural Haiti through the power of education.

Education for a classroom (1 vr.)

Education for a student (1 yr.)

School supplies for 1 student



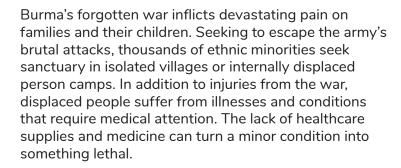


#### **MOBILITY MATTERS**









Burma Humanitarian Mission (BHM) trains traveling medic teams and offers supplies for life-saving care. Your gift supports backpack medics who treat various conditions ranging from malaria, dysentery, infections, landmine injuries and post-partum complications.

**\$187** Medical supplies for 6 months

Amoxicillin for 6 months for 6 months

A complex surgery

A pair of leg braces

Straps for a leg brace





Only 50% of the children in the Democratic Republic of Congo can attend primary school due to abject poverty. The percentage is significantly lower among children that are physically handicapped. Because damages misconceptions persist in society regarding their capabilities, they are often abused, neglected, and ostracized.

StandProud helps children with disabilities attain maximum mobility and dignity through the crafting of simple orthopedic leg braces and teaching the children how to use them; significantly improving their health and well-being. Providing leg braces for a child helps prevent them from being strategically discriminated against, offering hope and greater opportunities for their future!

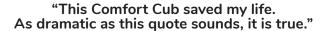
#### **TEDDY BEARS FOR** TRAUMA THERAPY UNITED STATES



## THEIR FUTURE







When Rachael lost her second child after birth, she became so depressed she didn't want to live anymore. After receiving a Comfort Cub from another mother who had lost a child, it gave her hope that she too could survive. She and her first-born child took turns sleeping with the Comfort Cub, and it gave them hope to carry on.

The Comfort Cub is a therapeutic, weighted teddy bear that is clinically proven to reduce the manifestations of grief, helping to heal a broken heart and calm the body after trauma. Your gift helps provide comfort for those who have experienced trauma.

\$4,300 100 Comfort Cubs and support

A Comfort Cub

25 trauma survivor kits



A child's eyesight enables them to interact with the world, to read, and to learn. Experts say 80% of all learning is visual. Millions of poor children in developing countries don't have access to adequate eye care or glasses. And as children grow, their eyes change. New problems can appear, or small problems can get worse—which can even lead to blindness. To avoid this, children need regular eye care.

Trees for Life is joining hands with hospitals in India to provide ongoing eye care for school-aged children. After their exam, they will receive eyeglasses or other treatments as needed. Your gift provides a new frame for their future.

Exams & glasses

for 20 children

Exams and glasses for 5 children

An eye exam and pair of glasses



## CLEAN WATER FOR COMMUNITIES SOUTH SUDAN



#### **HELP THE HUNGRY** AND HOMELESS UNITED STATES





















South Sudan became independent from Sudan in 2011 after fighting the longest and deadliest civil war in Africa. The war caused displacement on a large scale, forcing millions to live in horrific conditions as a result. In addition to tribal conflicts, climate changes also negatively impact villagers when they experience dry seasons (lasting up to six months). Furthermore, a lack of access to media outlets, rampant rumors, and widespread illiteracy, makes hygiene education a challenge.

Water for South Sudan directly addresses the evolving needs of communities by drilling new wells, repairing old wells, providing hygiene training, and building latrines. Your gift will help villagers maintain good health and thrive.

Hygiene training for 1 village

1 water pump

Hygiene supplies for 1 village

As inflation rises, U.S. families are feeling the pressure more than ever. Job loss and other financial hardships cause additional burdens that can leave families in desperate need of assistance.

Homelessness and food insecurity can happen to any of us, and children suffer the most. Approximately 1 in 5 homeless individuals is a child; which impacts their growth and ability to learn.

Alternative Gifts International addresses these challenges by stocking food pantries, and providing bedding and hygiene supplies to homeless shelters. Your gift will supply basic human needs for vulnerable American families.

Stocks a pantry or shelter

Groceries for a family (1 wk.)

Shelter supplies for 1 night

#### **INDIGENOUS** FEMALE FARMERS



## MIDWIVES AND MOTHERS



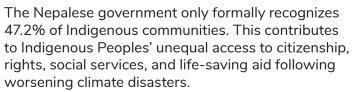












MADRE partners with National Indigenous Women Forum to advance the rights and leadership of Indigenous women and girls.

This program provides the tools and skills necessary to maintain a sustainable and flourishing farm. It improves Indigenous communities' economic security, enabling women to send their children to school, cover household expenses, and strengthen their voices to advocate for their rights and improve community conditions.

A workshop on sustainable agriculture practices

Farming equipment and materials

Organic seeds for women farmers

Suggested gift amounts. Any donation is appreciated.









With limited resources, finances, and fear of poor care in hospitals, many women in La Plaine, Haiti deliver their babies at home. Most of these deliveries are by self-taught midwives (or family members), who lack sterile supplies to ensure a safe and healthy birth.

Partners in Development works to educate local midwives and equip them with the tools they need to perform safe deliveries. The midwives monitor each pregnancy for complications. When a pregnancy is high-risk, they develop a plan to ensure the mother gets the proper care she needs. Each midwife receives safe birthing kits monthly. Your gift helps reduce infant and maternal mortality rates.

Emergency room delivery

Training for 1 midwife

1 birthing kit

## PEDALING OUT OF POVERTY NAMIBIA, ZAMBIA, TANZANIA



#### **TAILORS IN** TRAINING













Something as simple as a bike is life-changing for rural villagers in Africa. Imagine walking for hours to get even the most basic necessities. A six-mile walk to a clinic to get critical medication takes two hours each way. On a bike, it only takes 15 minutes!

Bicycles for Humanity (B4H) seeks to change the world by delivering 1,600-2,000 bikes to community-based bike shops in Africa each year. The profits from the bike shops remain in the local communities. B4H also focuses on female empowerment; two of the bike shops are led and fully staffed by women.

Your gift to this cause helps African villagers improve their quality of life as individuals, while building their local economy.

\$2,500 Shipping container

Sends 3 bicycles









Many women in India have the drive to succeed but lack the skills and tools to do so. They have nobody who will invest in their future.

You can be the one who sets them on a path to success.

With tailoring training and her own sewing machine from India Partners, a woman's status in the home is elevated as she provides increased income. Her family eats better, dresses better, and the children are more likely to succeed in school. Research shows that when you empower a woman you impact both her family and the community around her.

Your investment in training and equipping a woman to sew, will bring hope and a new prosperity to her home.

Tuition and a sewing machine 1 sewing machine

1 month of sewing tuition

filled with bikes

#### **EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND**



#### **BOOST AN UNDER-**FUNDED CAUSE GLOBAL





War, famine, wildfires, hurricanes, volcanic eruptions, floods—such disasters wreak havoc around the world each year, threatening lives and communities. Alternative Gifts International partners with trusted, vetted, nonprofit organizations to actively assist in disaster response. This funding aids in mobilizing skilled labor, sending medical supplies, providing food, and more.

Last year, AGI partnered with International Relief Teams and raised nearly \$5,000 to assist families displaced by the war in Ukraine. As a result, families who had lost everything received food, water, shelter, and other critical supplies. Your gift to this program alleviates suffering caused by unexpected disasters that disrupt lives around the world.

1 shipment of emergency supplies

Medical supplies & necessities

1 share of emergency aid



Every cause in this catalog deserves an equal chance to grow and flourish. However, some projects do not receive as much support.

Alternative Gifts International's Where Needed Most fund helps us increase our impact and change more lives.

Last year one of the causes which fell short in funding was #24 - "\$1 Saves 40 Lives" in Burma. Without a funding boost from this cause, only 157.137 doses of medicine would have been provided for refugees. With the boost, we were able to provide 270,000 doses of medicine.

This is just one example of how your gift to this program will make a substantial impact in the lives of many!

10 shares to boost a Cause

2 shares to boost a Cause

1 share to boost a Cause

## SUPPORT OUR MISSION GLOBAL



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#### "What can we do differently that would help people in need around the world?"

- Harriet Prichard, AGI Founder

In 1980, Harriet (then a director of Children's Ministries) wanted to create a new, non-commercial way to give authentic gifts at Christmas.

The response was the birth of Alternative Gifts International and the beginning of a catalog which would transform how people gift for special occasions.

This meaningful way to gift was designed by Harriet to improve lives on every continent. To this day, the model she created has inspired many other organizations to develop similar alternative gift market programs.

\$500 Spreads the alternative gift model \$100 Grows the gift market program

\$25
Supports AGI's mission



Harriet's "Alternative Gift" model allows people to give a gift of dignity; a hand up to those who are suffering so that they may work toward self-suffiency.

When Harriet organized the first gift market, children and adults sold relief and self-development goods and animals for communities in developing nations. Cards were inscribed with the gifts purchased and sent to friends and relatives to inform them that an alternative gift was given in their honor.

Today, we have many helpers volunteering to achieve the mission, but to continue the mission, we need your help. Our dedicated supporters are essential to help us deliver relief and support to the poorest of the poor. Alternative gifts go beyond just the moment you give.

You can inspire a loved one by giving in their honor, or go even further by organizing a gift market in your community! Friends, neighbors, church groups, coworkers, sororities and fraternities—anyone can join us in improving the world, one gift at a time.

## WHAT IS AN Alternative Gift MARKET?

An **Alternative Gift Market** is a fundraiser that supports Causes from this catalog and your community.

Local markets are often held in community spaces and feature booths where donors can support Causes in a fair-style event. Shoppers receive handmade ornaments created by market volunteers, and paper gift inserts (describing the donation) that can be sent inside a selected greeting card.



#### Unite, Engage and Do Good

If you are interested in coordinating a market, AGI staff and seasoned volunteers are available to guide you. Our Gift Market packet will walk you through how to host a market from beginning to end. After coordinating an Alternative Gift Market, you may nominate a local food pantry or homeless shelter to receive a grant from AGI. Keep reading on **Page G** how a family inspired change with their Alternative Gift Market!

#### Inspire Change in Your Family



Last December, Mary Waterbury and her grandsons—Cullen, Liam, Ryan and John—held the 17th annual "5 Guys for AGI" gift market. Before the pandemic, their fundraiser was a curbside hot chocolate sale for Causes in our catalog. Fortunately, COVID didn't stop them; they made a bigger impact. Their 2021 gift market was an online crowdfunding page in which they successfully raised \$1,211, exceeding their goal of \$800! Additionally, the nomination for their favorite local food bank was accepted, resulting in a \$2,000 grant from AGI.

It only takes one *inspired* person to inspire a family, church, or community. The boys have agreed to continue the tradition with their own families in the future.

"I like to pick projects that support the environment, like planting trees and water purification." - Cullen

"People always seem to be happy to see us and to contribute." - Liam

"I was very surprised when we even got to the 5th year. I remember when we first started, it was just a little table with a few kids running around with their grandma trying to settle them down. Now it's not just a table, it's a mini part of AGI!" - John

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## CREATE YOUR ONLINE FUNDRAISER

Our crowdfund tool allows you to create an online fundraiser to raise money for the Causes you believe in and invite others to join you in giving. In just a few minutes, you can create a fundraising page and begin changing the world!



There are just 3 simple steps:



#### 1. Choose Your Causes

Read about the Causes in this catalog or by visiting the AGI website, then select which one(s) you want to fundraise for.



#### 2. Create Your Page

Start your personal or organization's crowdfund at: alternativegifts.org/giving/crowdfunding



#### 3. Invite People To Support Your Fundraiser

Promote your crowdfund page by sharing the link through social media, email, and text messages. A free social media marketing guide is available on the Market Resources page on the AGI website.

#### **GIFT CARDS**

Gift cards are a great way to celebrate or show appreciation! They are an excellent option for birthdays, holidays, anniversaries, special occasions, or to say "thank you".

Looking for pro-social client and employee gifts? Call 1.800.842.2243 to personalize alternative gift cards for your business!

Alternative gift cards allow your gift recipient to choose which project(s) or cause(s) they are most passionate about.

Go green and reduce paper waste by sending an e-Gift Card! Order online at alternativegifts.org/giving/gift-cards



 → alternativegifts.org

#### **INCREASE YOUR IMPACT!**

#### **Recurring Giving**



Increase your impact through sustainable year-round giving! By enrolling in weekly, monthly, or quarterly giving, you make a tangible difference for the causes you care about.

You select the amount you wish to give and can change or cancel the gift at any time.

Causes currently available for recurring support: 14, 19, 20 & 21.

To sign up for recurring giving, visit: alternativegifts.org/giving/gifting/causes

#### Volunteering

Contribute to the mission and work of AGI by giving of your time, skills, and experience.

Whether your passion lies in creating content, public speaking, organizing, strategizing, or some other area—AGI has a way for you to volunteer!



You can volunteer once, on a regular basis, or even apply to be a member of the board of directors.

To find out what opportunities are available, email: volunteer@alternativegifts.org

#### **Employer Gift Matching**



Many companies will match employee charitable gift contributions and team fundraisers.

Your gift or crowdfund campaign can have DOUBLE the impact when your company agrees to match the donation!

Request a matching gift form from your Human Resources department, complete your portion of the form, and mail it to:

Alternative Gifts International P.O. Box 3810 Wichita, KS 67201

#### **Planned Giving**

Create a legacy in your lifetime and beyond...

You can give a bequest, leave a charitable gift annuity, name AGI as a beneficiary of your retirement account, or consider another form of planned giving.



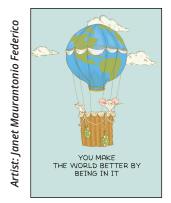
Consult your attorney or financial advisor to contribute to the endowment of AGI and provide renewable support for the future.

We're here to help: aqi@alternativeqifts.org

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#### **GREETING CARDS**

Choose a beautiful greeting card to hold your gift insert. View more options online at: alternativegifts.org/giving/gifting/cards



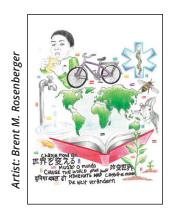
A21. You Make the World Better

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**A5. Simple Gifts** 

...but it comes from my heart. This gift has been sent in your honor from someone who truly cares about the world.



A19. Change the World

A Simple Gift = Change



A20. African Grace

"If you find it in your heart to care for someone else, you will have succeeded."

- Maya Angelou

#### SEND ANY CARD AS AN E-CARD!

E-gifts are FREE to send with any donation amount. Select "Send By Email" when you add a greeting card to your gift.



A4. Blossoms

This gift is but a seed - a flower's tiny start. May it so bloom and flourish as to blossom in your heart.



A1. Leaves

One touch of nature makes the whole world kin.

- William Shakespeare



A16. Peace Blank inside



A17. Peace
Blank inside



H18. Glory to the New Born King

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## **OUR MISSION**

AGI is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a mission to inspire donors the option to designate charitable gifts through carefullysupport for humanitarian and environmental Causes. We offer selected agencies in the name of their relatives, friends and associates.

# **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

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