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Dear Genesis Church Family,

We are excited to invite you to participate in the 2022 Year-End Christmas Offering. As part of our general budget, Genesis joyfully gives 11% of our annual budget to support ministries both locally and abroad. This offering is an opportunity to celebrate God's blessings in our lives by offering an *extra* gift. This makes visible one of our shared values as a church: Open-handed generosity.

We know that many of you participate in a variety of giving initiatives during the holiday season and we celebrate the generosity of our church body! While not everyone will choose to participate, we want to make you aware of this opportunity and the great work that's being done. This year, we have prayerfully chosen to fund seven projects with a focus on valuing human life as every person has been created in the image of God. Each of these projects is an opportunity to honor human life by helping "the least of these."

We are excited to see where God leads our giving in these projects! Thank you for opening your heart to this opportunity and the impact that we can have together for the glory of Jesus Christ.

Sincerely,
Genesis Pastors, Elders, and Missions Deacons

Partner Ministry	2022 Special Project*	Goal
Orphan Helpers	Hire two full-time Christian teachers to go behind bars in Guatemala and support their ministry to juvenile offenders.	\$24,000
Young Lives	Provide ministry and training to teen moms in the greater Petoskey area.	\$10,000
Walking with Him 6 and other ministries	Make available Christ-centered transitional living for people coming out of addiction recovery programs in the Petoskey/Boyne City area.	\$10,000
Genesis Church	Offer respite and support for parents of children with special needs.	\$10,000
Pregnancy Care Center	Provide new computer technology to better reach and serve clients.	\$8,000
The Salvation Army's Pathway of Hope	Provide extensive coaching to help disadvantaged families with children break the cycle of poverty.	\$5,000
Boyne Area Free Clinic	Supply primary and urgent care to those who cannot afford it.	\$5,000

*More details are provided on the following page.

Total: \$72,000

FAQs

How can I give? You can give online at [genesispetoskey.com/give](https://www.genesispetoskey.com/give), mail your gift to the address below, or place your gift in the giving box at The Gathering.

How much should I give? Please prayerfully consider a sacrificial gift that will stretch your faith. The precise amount you give is between you and God. The issue is not equal giving but equal sacrifice.

How will the funds be divided? All donations can be directed to the "2022 Christmas Offering." We will distribute funds proportionally until all are fully funded. If we exceed our goal, Genesis will distribute additional funds to these ministries or similar projects.

2022 Year-End Giving Opportunities—More Details

	<p>Orphan Helpers works with youth in juvenile detention centers in Honduras and El Salvador, and has just been approved to begin work in Guatemala! Funds will allow Orphan Helpers to hire two local Guatemalan Christian teachers to go behind bars 40 hours/week, sharing the Gospel and teaching life skills to young people.</p>
	<p>Young Lives reaches teen moms by entering their world, modeling the unconditional love of Christ, and encouraging them to be the women and mothers God created them to be. Mature Christian women provide teen girls in crisis with encouragement, guidance, and support. The funds will support their outreach through 'club' meetings, camp, Bible study, and group outings.</p>
	<p>Christian Transitional Housing for Addiction Recovery: We work closely with several addiction recovery programs in the area and have established criteria for helping those who successfully complete treatment to transition to a Christ-centered halfway house in the area. Two hundred dollars pays half their first month's rent after which they are expected to be fully employed and self-supporting. This will allow us to assist 50 people this year.</p>
	<p>Support for Parents of Kids with Special Needs: Currently, Genesis has five families that are involved with the Young Life Ministry "Capernaum" which ministers to teens with special needs. We plan to launch a group that will meet for respite, mutual encouragement, and engagement. These funds will underwrite these events and other ways to serve the families.</p>
	<p>Pregnancy Care Center of Petoskey provides love, care, and practical assistance to those who are most vulnerable to the tragedy of abortion. They provide classes covering topics on pregnancy, parenting, life skills, and Bible studies. They also provide free ultrasounds that are crucial for abortion-minded clients as over 80% of them decide not to abort after seeing the baby on an ultrasound. Clients are shown the truth and transformation that a life with Christ has to offer. Funds would cover the cost of new computers that will help the center run the programs they need to reach and support clients.</p>
	<p>The Salvation Army's Pathway of Hope: This ministry helps families break the cycle of poverty through long-term, intentional coaching so they can overcome unemployment, unstable housing, and lack of education. The program teaches people responsibility and specific skills that lead to increased stability and, ultimately, self-sufficiency.</p>
	<p>Boyne Area Free Clinic: The clinic's mission is to provide healthcare, with respect and dignity, to underserved residents with the help of qualified medical volunteers and staff. Forty people are served each week with both primary and urgent care that they might otherwise go without.</p>

What happened in 2021?

As we look at the year-end giving opportunities for 2022, we also want to celebrate the generosity of the Genesis community in the 2021 giving campaign. Last year we asked for a total of \$60,795 for four projects. We received a total of \$124,642! Here is a recap of how those funds made an impact:

- **Ghana Christian Mission:** Medicine provided for seven clinics in rural Ghana.
- **Orphan Helpers Expansion:** Purchased a vehicle and computer equipment for use by the Schuitemas.
- **Multi-Cultural Church Plant:** Provided startup funds for a church plant in Grand Rapids that is reaching internationals.
- **Love Your Neighbor Coordinator:** Allowed us to hire Hannah Busch to support our relationship with local Kingdom Network Partners.
- **Boyne City Ready Fund:** Raised funds for the future building.