

## What Are the Items to Choose?

The other side of this flyer gives brief descriptions of each of our participating mission partners.

Items cover a wide range, such as: packs of diapers for \$30 at the Village of Hope or work gloves for \$12 at the Double R Ranch; towels for \$25 at Friendship Shelter; milk and cookies for \$7 at South County Outreach; farming tools for \$10 with PC(USA) Mission Agency; a 55 lb. bag of rice for very needy families in Tijuana with Dios Con Nosotros; a drum for healing trauma for \$30 with Bridges US; a \$25 5lb. box of nails with Habitat for Humanity; leadership training for underserved children in Belize (\$65 with PathLight International); scholarships in India (\$50 with Inspire International), and the Boys and Girls Club (\$35 or \$125).

## How Can I Be More involved in Mission Activity at Geneva?

The Missional Life Ministry Team (MLMT) highlights different ministry partners and mission issues by: brief presentations in worship services; after-service lunches; field trips; food drives and other activities. For more information, or to join the MLMT, contact one of the current team: John Pomery (Elder), Dave Lammert, Saul Bonilla, Gloria Newell, Judy Scott, Bob and Lori Weatherford, Nina Pomery, and Diane Smith.

## When Is the Market Open?

*In-person purchases* can be made on Sundays November 30, and December 7 and December 14 before or after the service at church in the courtyard.

*Online purchases* can be made during the period November 30 to December 14.

*Mailed in or in-person purchases* can also be made through the church office during hours when the office is open between December 1 and December 12.



## How Does It Work?

You can pick up an order form on Sundays, in the church office M-Th 9-4, F 9-1, order online, or mail in an order.

For online donations, use the URL: [genevapres.org/alternativegiftmarket](http://genevapres.org/alternativegiftmarket). Then check the “Shop Online” button and order directly.

If you make an order online, the card can be picked up at the church office when it is open, or you can request one card per item to be mailed to you. [Credit cards can be used for online or office purchases.]

# Alternative Gift MARKET 2025

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## What is the Alternative Gift Market?

40 items chosen by eleven of Geneva’s mission partners are available. You may pick and pay for any number of them as Christmas gifts in the name of a friend or relative (or simply because you feel called to support a particular ministry).

If you wish, you can receive a card for each item purchased, including an insert noting the donation and an envelope, to send to your friend or relative.

The Alternative Gift Market is an opportunity for Genevans to come together and, in the spirit of Christmas, show our compassion and generosity, encouraging our mission partners as they do important work to meet needs locally and globally – while learning more about our partners and those they serve.



## Meet Geneva's Mission Partners

**Boys & Girls Club, Via Iglesia** is one of three sites for the Boys and Girls Club of Capistrano Valley. It serves low-income families, providing after-school programs, tutoring, summer camps and more to build life skills and self-esteem.

**Bridges U.S.** does not directly minister to individuals but is an innovative Christian ministry that identifies valuable ministries and builds Christian communities outside the church throughout the U.S. by providing training in financial, fund-raising, managerial, and other areas, to enhance sustainability and effectiveness.

**Dios Con Nosotros** is our sister Presbyterian congregation in Tijuana. For 35 years it has created a vibrant, multi-generational presence in a low-income community while operating on a shoestring budget. The congregation has trips to people at the local dump and people waiting for extended periods of time for hospital treatment, bringing them food, blankets and other necessities.

**Friendship Shelter** is a local agency that not only provides a homeless shelter in Laguna Beach but also is very effective in helping people transition from homelessness to more secure housing and a stable and productive lifestyle.

**Habitat for Humanity of Orange County** works to provide affordable housing and the family stability that such a home can bring to those currently living in substandard accommodation. Habitat uses sweat equity, volunteer labor, and affordable mortgages to give people a hand up from housing insecurity.

**Inspire International** operates in India under difficult conditions. Its ministries include providing education to children in extremely poor and underserved remote rural communities. Inspire witnesses to Christian values with a wide range of programs, including adult literacy and supporting widows, who are often ostracized by their neighbors after the deaths of their husbands.

### **Orange County Rescue Missions & -- Village of Hope**

is a powerful Christian ministry located at the old Tustin airfield. Individuals struggling with addiction, homelessness, or other life trauma are offered a chance to join a supportive community that – with high success rate – helps them build a sense of self-worth, value, and community, allowing them to re-enter society in a productive capacity.

### **Orange County Rescue Mission -- Double R Ranch**

is a recent addition to the OC Rescue Mission, located along El Toro Road close

to the Saddleback Mountains. It creates a Christian live-in community where individuals learn job and life skills, and can appreciate the beauty of God's creation, the value of community, and their own self-worth.

**PathLight International** is a Christian ministry helping bright but disadvantaged young people attain education, support and guidance beyond the age of 13 in Belize – where public education ends for those who cannot afford to go further. This ministry allows students to realize their potential and gives them an avenue to escape a life of relative poverty.

**PC(USA) Mission Agency** provides a wide range of support, particularly for the disadvantaged, with an emphasis of creating sustainable communities via, for example, nurturing farming or fishing or funding community irrigation wells.

**South County Outreach** is a local organization best known for its food pantry in Lake Forest. It serves the growing number of food-insecure individuals in south Orange County, including many homeless and other low-income families (some in Laguna Woods), while also providing other services.

**Geneva also supports:** other ministries and groups locally, including our own Project Love and amongst our neighbors.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY IN CHRIST!**