

2023: A Year of Wholehearted Giving

“Then the people rejoiced because they had given willingly, for with a whole heart they had offered freely to the Lord.”

1 Chronicles 29:9

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AS KING DAVID PREPARED to hand over his throne, he took the lead in a spectacular giving campaign to fund the temple building project earmarked for his son, Solomon. David understood how privileged he and his people were to be able to give as liberally as they did. With great humility, he acknowledged God as the source of their abundant possessions, and that it all, truly, belonged to Him. “Who am I,” he asked, “and what is my people, that we should be able thus to offer willingly? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you.” (1 Chronicles 29:14).

David goes on to say, “In the uprightness of my heart I have freely offered all these things, and now I have seen your people, who are present here, offering freely and joyously to you.” (1 Chronicles 29:17)

This attitude towards giving is startling: freely, joyously, whole-heartedly, and without ulterior motive or agenda. At CBWOQ, we receive your offerings with deep gratitude. These gifts do not belong to us – they belong to the Lord – and we steward them with much prayer.

As we look to the year ahead, here are some of the ways your gifts will be channelled.

Global Mission with CBM

Livestock for Widows in South Sudan Funding goal: \$15K

In this project, we will be supporting widows in South Sudan to improve their incomes and household assets. Thirty widows who have been identified as being particularly vulnerable are involved in this project. They are all returnees who had earlier been displaced from their homes during the civil war and had lost all their properties. The widows are provided with dairy cows for milk production for their households and for sale in local markets.

Children With a Future in Bolivia Funding goal: \$10K

This preventative program targets vulnerable children and youth who are at high risk of living on the streets and becoming involved in prostitution. The aim is to empower and strengthen these children and youth by helping them to discover their gifts. The children are challenged to make use of their abilities and to dream about their future while being supported in setting real goals. They are also provided with learning opportunities, nutritious meals, and medical assistance.



Widows



A boy being observed in the ophthalmology clinic