

The Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel. | Isaiah 7:14



As we approach the joyous season of Christmas, we are reminded of the profound spirit of generosity and compassion that defines this special time of the year. This Christmas season, I invite you to join us in an extraordinary initiative – the challenge to BE CHRISTMAS, just as God is with us, Immanuel. This generous giving mission seeks to embody the true essence of Christmas by spreading love, joy, and hope to those who are the front lines serving where we are not. It is an opportunity for us to come together as a community and make a meaningful impact on the lives of those who are on mission for Jesus.

The generous giving challenge to BE CHRISTMAS is a call to embrace the values that define the King and His Kingdom – self-giving love. Through your generous giving, we aim to support missions that provide essential resources to our mission partners where they are GOing for Jesus. Your gifts will help light up the lives of countless individuals, bringing the gospel to people in places that may be facing challenges and hardships. Together, let us be the embodiment of what it means to be with another, just as God is with us by sharing His love and grace through His provisions that flow through us.

This Christmas, let us go beyond the traditional festivities and gifts, and instead, let our generosity be a beacon of hope and His love as we celebrate Immanuel... God with us. Join us in the challenge to BE CHRISTMAS, and together, let's make Christmas truly special by giving to what will last!



Select where you will give from the BE Christmas giving list as a family or individually and fill out the form. Your BE Christmas giving can be given through Sunday, December 31st. Giving is easy and available online, by mail, or bring it to the office. Let's be generous like Jesus!

Love, *Pastor Steve*

GATHER WITH US

- 🎁 **Advent Sunday Gatherings**
10am on Dec 3 | Dec 10 | Dec 17 | Dec 24
With Us Message Series
- 🎁 **YpsiFree Christmas Meal**
Sunday, December 3 | 11:30am
- 🎁 **JOY Group Christmas Dinner**
Friday, December 8 | 2-4pm
- 🎁 **Parents' Night Out**
Friday, December 8 | 6-9pm
- 🎁 **College & Careers | Lights Before Christmas**
Saturday, December 9 | 4pm | Toledo Zoo
- 🎁 **Ladies' Christmas Gathering**
Friday, December 15 | 6-8:30pm
- 🎁 **Christmas Communion**
Sunday, December 24 | 10am
- 🎁 **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**
Sunday, December 24 | 6pm



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BE CHRISTMAS



2023
generous giving

live out love

BE CHRISTMAS 2023 GIFT

Asia (Brent Hoover)

1. A share in costs of LeaderTrek training for Chinese Men living in North America \$25.00
2. A share in Asian, African, and Middle Eastern leadership development \$50.00

Brazil (Dan & Hope Owsley)

3. A portion of the scholarship for Brazilian Free Methodist seminary students \$20.00
4. Contribution toward printing and distributing Free Methodist curriculum ("Raices") to be used throughout Latin America in Sunday school \$30.00
5. Contribution toward rent for the Manaus Church Plant led by FM refugees from Venezuela \$50.00

Colombia (Thad & Nikki Roller)

6. A share of education costs for their girls \$10.00
7. A share in the budget of the *Roots* curriculum used for teacher training events, curriculum development (including translation) and administration \$25.00
8. A share in Thad's travel budget for training church planters \$40.00

Creative Access (Keith & Julie Winslow)

9. A share of school tuition for a missionary child \$25.00
10. A share in the cost of yearly housing expense \$50.00
11. A share in the cost of materials for teacher training classes \$50.00

Creative Access Country | Pastor Training

12. A share in the cost of materials \$25.00
13. A share in the cost of materials \$50.00

Cru, MSU (Brian & Robin Langford)

14. Devotional & Bible study resources for students ... \$15.00
15. Devotional & Bible study resources for students ... \$30.00
16. Devotional & Bible study resources for students ... \$50.00

Cru, EMU (Scott & Robin Wyatt)

17. A share in providing dinner during Student Leader training times \$25.00
18. A share in registration cost, Winter Conference \$50.00
19. A share in costs for Spring Break Mission Trip \$100.00

Tenwek Hospital, Kenya (Russ & Beth White)

20. A share in the cost of open heart surgery \$25.00
21. A share in the cost of open heart surgery \$50.00
22. A share in the cost of medical equipment for the new cardiothoracic center \$75.00

Community Schools

23. Teacher & classroom support/appreciation \$15.00
24. Events \$15.00
26. Support for a single parent or grandparent \$25.00

Somerset Beach Campground

27. Cost of Bible for a youth camper \$5.00
28. Day of camp \$40.00
29. Day of overnight youth camp \$70.00
30. Week of resident camp \$335.00

Going Local & Global

31. Gift of support for a missions trip \$20.00
32. Gift of support for a missions trip \$50.00

Community Meal & Story

33. Support for a community meal \$20.00
34. Support for future Ypsi locations \$25.00

BE CHRISTMAS 2023

We will be accepting **BE CHRISTMAS** gifts now through Sunday, December 31.

Complete this form and submit it along with your payment:

By mail: 1800 Packard Rd | Ypsilanti, MI 48198

In Person: using the giving boxes

Bank Bill Pay: please put "Be Christmas Gift" in the memo

Online: ypsi.free.org/give

*In the **Fund** box select "Be Christmas Gift." Use the **Note** box to list gift numbers of the items if you would like to give to specific areas.*

Name _____

Phone _____

Gift Number # _____ # of Items _____

Total \$ _____

Gift # refers to the numbers (1-34) preceding the item(s) you choose.

PLEASE NOTE

Please do not bring actual items. Determine the amount you wish to designate for any of the above items. All items were requested by the missionaries/mission areas and are part of the YpsiFree mission budget. Individual donations cannot be tracked by item but will go to the designated field. (Excess funds for items requested will be applied where needed in that country/mission.)

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