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2025-2026



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THE BEST GIFT OF ALL



This winter, thanks to you, HOPE came to the children of Eurasia.

Children who experience war, poverty, or cruelty may not understand the reasons for their hardship. But they know how it makes them feel. Likewise, they know how it feels when they experience genuine kindness. And they want more of it.

That's why we put so much effort into our Gift of Hope program every year. Children need to experience the kindness of God. They need to know Him as their heavenly Father---the best father they could ever hope for.

So, each year we gather the mittens, socks, school supplies, sweets, and Bible resources that go into our Gift of Hope packages. We place them lovingly into their individual boxes. And we deliver them to families across Eurasia. A Gift of Hope always brings a smile to the face of a child—and the parents too. It's a time of joy in the midst of the cold winter.

Children can survive without a lot of things. But they can't live long without hope. That's why we call the packages we bring them **Gifts of Hope**. We want kids to know there is still good in the world; that life can be better than what they have known. That there is **hope**.

And those Gifts are making a big difference. This past year, we were able to bring smiles to more than **100,000** young faces with the Gifts of Hope your support made possible.

I hope you'll see how important your kindness is in the lives of these precious young ones—and that you'll feel inspired to keep bringing Gifts of Hope to a hopeless world.

THANK YOU!

Dr. Gordon Balfour
Executive Director, Mission Eurasia Canada



GIFT OF HOPE DISTRIBUTION 2025-2026

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead ...” – 1 Peter 1:3



386 churches throughout Eurasia joined us to deliver Gifts of Hope to children.

4,124 volunteers in **8 countries** helped to distribute Gift of Hope boxes.

172,030 Scripture pieces were distributed at **971 Gift of Hope events**.

321,312 people were reached—in addition to the children!

THANKS TO YOU, MISSION EURASIA REACHED
103,090 CHILDREN
WITH GIFTS OF HOPE IN 2025.

HOPE IN A TIME OF WAR IN UKRAINE

Now in the fourth year of intense fighting, the war in Ukraine continues to take a relentless toll in human lives. But despite the danger, brave believers are shining the light of Christ in this dark setting. This winter our teams distributed 75,000 Gifts of Hope in war-torn Ukraine. Here's an on-the-scene account of one event in the village of Myroliubivka:



★ Joy replaces sorrow when children receive Gifts of Hope.

"The meeting took place in the morning under a simple shelter. Tension was immediate, as a surveillance drone hovered over the village. Because of this, volunteers from Mission Eurasia worked quickly. The gift-giving, which would normally be calm and unhurried, became brief but meaningful. Children received Christmas gifts and children's Bibles without delay.

"Even with limited time, there was space for spiritual conversation and prayer. The children heard the story of Christmas and were invited to attend the weekly children's meeting, which is regularly attended by about 25 children.

"The children were joyful, opening and reopening their gifts. Displaced children carefully looked through the boxes, turned the colorful pages of the children's Bible, shared their impressions, and asked many questions."

Peace in the Midst of Chaos

The people of Myroliubivka, like countless others throughout Ukraine, do their best to carry on normal lives amidst the violence. And God is faithful to reveal his loving care to those who rely on Him—especially the children.

Oleksii Krek is just 11 years old, but he has already experienced the terror that war brings—as well as the comfort of God's presence.

Speaking wistfully of the home he had to leave, Oleksii said, "I miss my home, where fear made me stutter for two months." Now, he has a new perspective. On receiving his Gift of Hope, Oleksii

held a children's Bible in his hands for the first time and reflected on the changes he was experiencing: "Here, even though the front line is close, I feel peace in my heart when I'm with God and with other children."

Instead of fear or anger, Oleksii was now filled with gratitude. "Thank you," he said, "for this Christmas gift and for the Bible. This is the best Christmas gift I have ever received."

**"There is no fear in love,
but perfect love casts out fear."
– 1 John 4:18**



The Faith of a Child

Polina is only 12, but she has already seen too much grief. Three years ago, her family's home in Orikhiv was destroyed by a Russian missile. Now living as refugees in Zaporizhzhia, they recently attended a celebration where Polina received a Gift of Hope.

"Thank you so much for the gift," she said quietly. "It reminds me of how the wise men traveled a long way to bring gifts to Jesus."

Polina's experience has made her sad, but also strong in faith. Reflecting on her family's extraordinary journey, Polina says, "Jesus went through many difficulties, and God was with Him. I believe that God is with us too."

★ *Polina still sees God's hand in her family's trials.*

Hope for the Children of Fallen Soldiers

Children who experience war deserve special attention—especially those who have lost their parents in the fighting. On December 6, 2025, Mission Eurasia joined with other Christian groups in Kyiv to hold a special event for the children of fallen soldiers. Even as shelling continued around them, the children were presented with Gifts of Hope and children's Bibles. It was a touching and profound experience for everyone involved.

★ *Children who've lost parents in the fighting were comforted at this special event in Kyiv, Ukraine.*





Children of war find comfort in their new homes—thanks to compassionate people like you.

HEALING FOR CHILDREN TORN FROM THEIR HOMES

Along with death and destruction, the war in Ukraine has created a flood of refugees. Children, single mothers, grandmothers, and whole families have been uprooted from their homes—many finding refuge in Poland, Moldova, and western Ukraine.

The children will struggle with the effects of their trauma for years to come. But thanks to your help, many have also experienced comfort and healing through our Gift of Hope program.

A Family for Eva

Eva's family is from Odesa, near the front line of the war in Ukraine. While her mother was pregnant with another child, Eva's father committed suicide. The family was suddenly left without support in a war zone. That's when Mom decided to take the children and flee to Poland. They found comfort and safety at one of our partner churches there, which became their new family.

Little Eva received a Gift of Hope, which made her happy. In November 2025, Eva's mother was baptized, signifying the beginning of a new life—for her and their entire family.

After experiencing war and family tragedy, Eva received a Gift of Hope—and a new family.



A New Life, a New Purpose

Evgenia lived in Kharkiv with her husband and their five daughters. The city has been under constant attack from Russian forces, and their family was forced to flee, leaving everything dear to them.

After a harrowing journey, they found safety in Moldova. Evgenia began attending women's gatherings at the Caring Hands refugee assistance center there. Her daughters also attended several celebration events, and Evgenia felt inspired to join them.

After fleeing the war in Ukraine, Evgenia and her daughters found hope and joy with believers in Moldova.



Serving Refugees Wherever They Are

The Bukov family lived in Kramatorsk, where fighting was especially intense. Eventually, the danger was too much for this single mother and her three children. They joined the millions of others uprooted by the war and fled to the relative safety of Zhytomyr in central Ukraine. That's where Mission Eurasia's workers found them, bringing some Christmas joy to this displaced family.

One of the Bukov children enjoying a children's Bible and a snack.

Here's an on-the-scene report:

"A little before Christmas, volunteers from Mission Eurasia visited the Bukov family. They came to the house with Gift of Hope boxes and the Good News. The volunteers told the children about the birth of Jesus—about God's love that reaches even into the most distant and difficult situations. The children listened intently, as though a door to a world filled with hope had opened before them. "The boy, David, listened with particular fascination. His name became a wonderful opportunity for the volunteers to tell him about David, who defeated Goliath through faith. The boy smiled, as if sensing

that this story could one day be his own.

"When the children finally received the long-awaited gift boxes, their joy was pure and heartfelt. They especially loved that the gifts were the same for everyone and that no one was left out. Each child had their own wonderful set of presents and their own children's Bible. At the end, the volunteers prayed for the children. The little ones dove into their bright gift boxes while words of blessing rose above them—warm, kind, filled with love and faith."

SHARING CHRIST WHERE HE IS NOT KNOWN

Many of the children we reach have never heard the Good News of God's salvation. When they receive a Gift of Hope, they experience His love in a tangible way. That often leads to a genuine commitment to Christ for them and their families.

A Child's Joyful Discovery

Ali lives in Azerbaijan with his single mother and two sisters. Their life is hard, and their religious tradition does not encourage a relationship with Christ. But Ali and his mom attended a local celebration where he received a Gift of Hope. He was so exuberant, he spent the next week declaring his love for Jesus. Ali's mom was also moved to tears as she saw the joy on the children's faces.

“Peace, peace, to those far and near,” says the LORD. ‘And I will heal them.’” – Isaiah 57: 19 NIV



Receiving his Gift of Hope, Ali experienced God's love in a tangible way.

Finding Jesus in Mongolia

“My name is Erdeneshur, from the Sunduujaav family. I am 11 years old. I live in the Naranbulag District.



Erdeneshur encountered the God of love at a Gift of Hope celebration.

“Pastor Mendbayar from the Eternal Love Church told us that a program for children was being organized to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. After hearing this, my parents drove the three of us siblings from Naranbulag to Ulaangom to attend the program. The three of us had never taken part in such a wonderful celebration before, so it was truly amazing.

“I really liked my gift because I had never received such a nice gift before. When I opened it, the box was full of many beautiful things—my favorite snacks, school supplies, and lovely decorative toys. It was truly wonderful. My younger siblings were also very happy.

“The brothers and sisters from the church treated us kindly. I am very happy that I came with my parents to celebrate the birthday of Jesus Christ. Thank you to all the brothers and sisters who gave us such wonderful gifts today.”



★ Children of all backgrounds enjoy receiving a Gift of Hope.

Christ in Kazakhstan

The majority of Kazakhstan is a Muslim country, but the Good News of Christ is reaching people there through the Gift of Hope program. Elimdar, 13, attended a celebration with his mother and was deeply touched. Here's his personal account:

"I would like to sincerely and respectfully thank you for inviting me to the Gift of Hope celebration. For me, this was not just an invitation, but a sign of trust and recognition, which I accept with gratitude. I was happy to take part in the Christmas story quiz and to answer several questions correctly.

"Your attention and care are very important to me and to my family as a whole. What you did for us that evening was so touching that both my mother and I felt genuine warmth and care, and we will keep this in our hearts for a long time. Thank you."

Reaching Across Generations in Kyrgyzstan

The mountainous country of Kyrgyzstan sits between Kazakhstan to the north, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan to the west, and China to the south. Its population is 90 percent Muslim. But the light of Christ was shining brightly at our recent Gift of Hope celebration.

Aigerim, 8, came to the celebration with her grandmother and immediately joined in the fun, talking and laughing with the other kids.

Her grandmother was more reserved, watching quietly from the sidelines. But at one point, she approached one of the leaders and expressed her sincere gratitude. Seeing her granddaughter enjoy herself was heartwarming for her. This is one example of how the Gift of Hope program is reaching multiple generations.



★ Aigerim and her grandmother were both touched by the joy of Christmas.

PARTNERING WITH LOCAL CHURCH COMMUNITIES

In administering the Gift of Hope program, it is our privilege to work with local churches throughout Eurasia. Their zeal and dedicated service are a testimony to Christ's love—and the unity we have in His Spirit.



Receiving a Gift of Hope always brings a smile.

Here's a letter from a church leader in Poltava, western Ukraine:

"Greetings to you, dear partners from Mission Eurasia! "We sincerely thank God for you and for your faithfulness in ministry. Thanks to your support, we have already been able to distribute 200 Christmas gift boxes, bearing witness to children and adults alike that true Christmas begins with Christ.

"At the Church of Salvation, we held two Christmas worship services. The first was for people who have not yet come to know Christ—wives of servicemen, widows, and refugees who came together with their children.

"For them, it was an opportunity to hear the Good News and to receive Christmas gifts and Bibles from Mission Eurasia.

"The second service was held for the children of the Church of Salvation, as well as for many guests. In a festive atmosphere of joy and love, each child also received a Christmas gift as a reminder of God's care and the light of Christ's birth.

"It is a great blessing for us to share in ministry with you here in Poltava, united by one common goal—to bring the gospel and hope to those who need it most.

"We sincerely thank you, dear friends from Mission Eurasia. May the Lord richly bless you, strengthen you in your ministry, and fill you with His peace and joy."

Sharing the Love of Jesus in Central Asia

In Tashkent, Uzbekistan, the Yangi Hayat church held a special Christmas celebration, inviting many lower-income families from the surrounding areas. The event was deeply moving for all involved, and culminated in a special moment:

"At the end of the celebration, thanks to the support of Mission Eurasia, we were able to distribute gifts to the children as part of the Gift of Hope project. Through these gifts, we were able to express God's love and care for the children and their parents.

"After the event, during personal conversations, parents who had brought their children asked many questions about the birth of Jesus Christ. This gave us a wonderful opportunity to share the

essence of the gospel message and to give them New Testaments.

"On behalf of our church, we would like to thank Mission Eurasia and everyone who took part in this project for their support in providing gifts for the children and copies of Holy Scripture. This help became a great blessing for our church and for its outreach ministry."



Children in Tashkent, Uzbekistan were delighted to receive their Gifts of Hope.



★ In Zaporizhzhia, local youth joined to prepare Gifts of Hope in the shadow of war.

Ukrainian Youth Bring Christmas Joy to the War Zone

Zaporizhzhia is dangerously close to the front lines in the Ukraine war. But that didn't stop some brave youngsters from joining to serve their community this winter. At the Reimer Center, teens and others spent a joyous day working to prepare Gifts of Hope for the local children.

Here are some excerpts from a firsthand report: " ... On that day, everyone became part of something bigger ... The atmosphere immediately came alive. Everyone was talking, laughing, taking photos of one another, and cheerfully competing to see who could assemble a box the fastest.

"The teenagers were especially active in the process. They were not only packing gifts but also taking responsibility for helping the younger children ... At one point, Arina said to her friend Sergey, 'Can you imagine—someone will open this box, and it will be the best moment of their day!' Everyone nearby smiled.

"Moments like this are exactly why ministry is worth continuing, even when life around feels so difficult."

Teenagers in Mongolia Join to Help

The spirit of service is present wherever God's people gather in earnest. And it's contagious!

Here's a testimony from Pastor Sugaraa of Ilgeeltiin Church in Mongolia:

"I sincerely express my gratitude for the opportunity to serve together in this ministry for the third year. Our teenagers have been waiting for this outreach with great expectation. I am thankful to see our young people actively assembling gifts, distributing invitations, preparing the program, and serving visiting children with sincere hearts, while experiencing great joy themselves.

"While preparing the gifts, it was clear that they were filled with genuine love. Their hearts were warm with joy as they shared the gospel with the



★ Thanks to the youngsters who volunteered, 2,000 Mongolian children received Gifts of Hope.

children who were invited. Through this ministry, our teenagers have experienced the joy of the gospel, and we are also encouraged to see the visiting children gathering eagerly and showing interest in getting to know Jesus.

"As we reflected together, we concluded that there is a need to expand and further develop our evangelistic programs in the future. Emmanuel—God is with us."

COVERING EURASIA WITH GOD'S MESSAGE OF LOVE

Because of you, we've been able to reach hundreds of thousands of young people with God's love through our Gift of Hope program. Your impact has been felt across Eurasia, from Poland to Mongolia and beyond.

We can't express our appreciation enough. On behalf of our Mission Eurasia staff, volunteers, and all the children—thank you!



"We always thank God,
the Father of our
Lord Jesus Christ,
when we pray for you ..."
– (Col. 1:3)



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