

***I wanted to share with you some fun ideas for using the Gifts for Life Catalog. I'd love to hear your ideas too!***

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1. Instead of going to dinner with friends, **have a potluck** and put the money you would have spent into a basket. Then, go through the catalog and choose various items as a group based on how much money you've collected.
2. Hold a **Game Night** and ask people to make a donation in order to participate. The group can then decide together how to "spend" the collected funds.
3. **"Get the Warden's Goat"** - raise enough money for a goat. Can also be used to get the priest's goat, the treasurer's, the auditor's, etc.
4. Instead of having an **office gift exchange**, pool your funds and choose something from the catalog together or give gifts to each person based on what they might enjoy learning about.
5. **Give gifts for Christmas in honor of the various interests of your friends and family:**
  - **For your child's teacher** - "Provide Food for the Littlest Scholars": establish school canteens that serve two meals a day for students (page 5) or Educate Children Orphaned by AIDS (page 11)
  - **For new parents or grandparents** - Postnatal Care and Care for Mom and Baby (pages 5 and 7)
  - **For your sweetie** - a gift of Bees and Honey (page 4)
  - **For an avid gardener** – Drought-Resistant Seeds and Farming Tools (page 4), Fruit Trees (page 8) or a Community Garden (page 9)
  - **For a farmer** – a Flock of Chickens, Ducks and Geese, Cows and Pigs (pages 2 and 3)
  - **For someone in the medical profession** - Vitamins and Medicine, Roving Health Clinics (page 7) or HIV/AIDS Prevention Education (page 10)
  - **For your friend with the sunny disposition** (or that grumpy relative!) - a Solar Energy System (page 9)
  - **In honor of a baptism** - a gift of Clean Water (page 6)
  - **For campers** - Mosquito Nets! (page 10)
  - **For your neighbor who loves to grill** - a Smokeless Stove (page 8)
  - **For a banker or accountant** (or your church treasurer) - Micro Credit Loans (pages 12 and 13)

There's probably something in the catalog for everyone on your Christmas list. Please share with your congregation—and remember, your gifts help heal a hurting world.

Faithfully,  
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