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FOOD PARCEL PROGRAM

## Hope shines through Hardships

Does hope shine through hardships in Ukraine?

A little girl can hardly walk due to a diet of mostly vodka. A man was demoted from being combine driver to scaring crows away from sunflowers after he became a believer. A pastor receives only 15-25 percent of the wages he earns at a coal mine.

But hope does shine through hardships! When an 80-year-old widow received a food parcel, she sang "God be with you till we meet again" as CAM staff left her house. (A few weeks before, a robber had stolen most of her belongings while she worked outside in the garden.) Another food parcel recipient, a young girl, sang a beautiful song about meeting her father in heaven. (Her father died in a farming

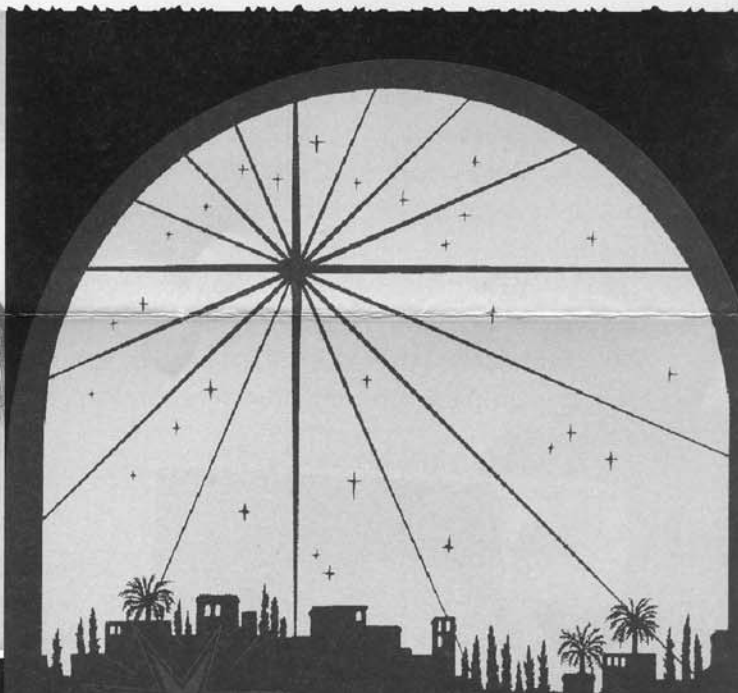
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## Bethlehem Christmas Project

*For most of you, Christmas in Bethlehem is a picture on a card, a carol sung in church, an image of a manger, and the birth of a child. But today Christmas in Bethlehem is harsh.*

-CAM contact in Israel

Many people in Bethlehem and other parts of the West Bank live in great need and struggle with despair and hopelessness. Tourism is down, and residents are unable to leave the area to find jobs elsewhere. Daily, people knock on our contacts' doors with requests for medicines, food, finances, and other necessities.

This Christmas CAM is responding to the needs with food parcels, care packages, and Christian literature. The food parcels include such items as rice, flour, milk, canned meat, oil, sugar, salt, tea, spices, *halawa* (a sesame

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Ruslan, the father of this Ukrainian family, told his children about the Christians far away who shared this Adopt-A-Family food parcel with them.



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accident.)

**Thank you, supporters, for making it possible for these poor people to rejoice at the arrival of their food parcel!**

Since 1982, the **Adopt-A-Family** (AAF) program has been helping poor Christian families in Romania. We began to ship to Moldova in the early 1990s and Ukraine in 2000. We give priority to large families.

CAM uses two methods of distributing food parcels. We give some families a parcel every month. For others, we work closely with local churches that decide on a month-by-month basis which families have the greatest needs.

Even with former Soviet bloc countries modernizing, needs are still great in Ukraine, Moldova, and Romania. We receive many requests for food parcels, and do not have enough AAF sponsorship commitments to fill all of them.



Little Nastia beams happily—her family's food parcel has arrived!

### Letters from Romania and Ukraine

I'm Stefi, and I'm Romanian. The reason I'm writing you is that I want to thank CAM and all the people behind this organization and all the donors.

I was born in a big family—we are ten children, I'm the seventh. We were very poor, and your reliefs were a HUGE help. We survived mostly because of the food and medicines you sent to us. The literature was also a big help and instructive.

Today I'm 25. God used you, as He used a lot of others, to feed me, to clothe me, and to give me Christian instruction. Now I'm in Canada, getting instruction and preparing to serve God and people who don't have His Word in their languages.

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My name is Helen. I live in Ukraine. My husband and I are members of the Christian Baptist Church. We have a daughter (11 years old).

Sponsored Ukrainian families received these items in their November 2008 food parcel.

1 gallon vegetable oil  
5 – 28 oz. cans chicken parts  
10 lbs. rice  
7.5 lbs. flour  
4 lbs. sugar  
5 lbs. beans  
3 lbs. pasta  
6 oz. yeast  
4 bars of soap  
1 toothbrush  
1 Russian *Seed of Truth*  
Christian family magazine

Total weight: 52 lbs.

Estimated retail value: \$78

I am a librarian by profession. My husband is a laborer. But we live in poverty, as many other Ukrainians.

We spend almost all our salaries on wood, electricity, and coal (we live in an old, small house with a stove). Since 1991, we have not been eating meat, for it is too expensive for us. Usually we use the fat of a pig for preparing a meal.

We know you may say, "How can they live in such a way in this modern European country?" But what I have written in this letter is true!


We are very grateful to our God and to you, because not long ago we got a can of chicken. It was your production.

Thank you very much for helping the poor. God will bless you and your families!

Would you like to help needy Christian families in Romania, Moldova, or Ukraine? If so, here are two ways:

- **Monthly sponsorship:** To sign up, see *Adopt-A-Family* on the enclosed sponsorship sheet. Two to three months after the parcel is delivered, you will receive the name of the family who received it.

- **One-time donation:** Note *Family Food Parcels for Romania, Moldova, and Ukraine* on the enclosed response coupon.



Want to make a year-end contribution to CAM but not sure to which program? Feel free to call our office to see which programs are most in need of funds, or specify your donation to *Where Needed Most*. See enclosed response coupon.

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seed sweet bar), and soap. Our staff will deliver most of the parcels to needy Christian homes and to widows in Bethlehem. The care packages will go to needy children—including those from Christian and Muslim families and to Bedouin children. The packages include a towel, toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, Q-tips, and comb. A Bible story book and/or other Christian literature will accompany each food parcel and care package.

Neveen, a young widow, seemed very sad when CAM staff visited her. Her husband was killed in a car accident several years ago and left her with three young boys. She works in a hospital kitchen, but earns only a very small salary. It is difficult for her to get childcare while she works, and she worries about what will happen with her children. Norma, another widow in Bethlehem, told us she thought she had paid her apartment water bill but the person who collected the dues was pocketing the money. Isa, in another home we visited, has had cancer for several years. He is crippled and unable to work to support his family.

This Christmas as you hear the words of "O Little Town of Bethlehem," please remember the tremendous needs in that part of the world. Almost two thousand years ago a Savior was born in a manger in their little town because there was no room in the inn. Please pray that the people in Bethlehem today would make room in their hearts for the Savior!

Would you like to help bring hope to needy people in the Bethlehem area by providing food parcels, care packages, and Christian literature? Please note **Bethlehem Christmas Project** on the enclosed response coupon. God bless you!



*Thank you, supporters!*

We, at CAM, praise God for you and the thousands of faithful supporters across the United States, Canada, and 20 other countries! Without your outpouring of love and generosity, this ministry could do nothing.


You may be praying for the work or supporting it financially. You may have volunteered your time on Disaster Response or International Crisis projects, at one of our warehouses or the meat cannery, or helped with various other projects. Whatever your part, we say **THANK YOU** and God bless you!

Seemingly God has materially blessed America beyond any other country on earth. What a privilege we have to, together, be involved in a small way to help those less fortunate around the world. What a blessing to bring the Gospel to the lost!

Your generosity and God's blessing make it possible to provide food, medicines, clothing, seeds, Bibles, Christian literature, and other aid to needy people. Please pray that God's spirit would speak to hearts and draw souls to Him.

*We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers; Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father.*

1 Thessalonians 1:2-3



## Administrator needed for Haiti school program

CAM needs a single man, preferably 25 or older, with school teaching experience to work with our Haiti school program. If you have an interest in education and are ready for a new challenge, please contact Dave King at the Ohio office: 330-893-2428.

## SAVE!

### Discount coupons enclosed!

Please note enclosed discount coupons to use with orders from our 2008 fall/winter TGS catalog (included with your November 6 newsletter).

NOTICE: Both November and December coupons are good until end of the year. One coupon per order. Thank you!

**See the enclosed flyer** for our newest books and CDs—great gifts for the upcoming holidays!

## FREE 2009 CAM calendars



To order calendars, please see the enclosed response coupon or call CAM's Ohio office (330-893-2428). Feel free to request extra calendars for relatives, friends, customers, and employees! It's a good way to introduce them to CAM's programs.