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How Each Basket Makes a Difference

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The Heart Behind Each Basket

Each year, the Baskets of Love catalogue offers eight baskets that fill tangible gaps identified by our partners as they serve the communities they live in. Alongside some familiar baskets and projects, **we are excited to introduce two new baskets, the Basket of Joy and the Holistic Blessing Basket.** This special Link newsletter takes a closer look at the impact each Basket of Love is designed to make.



Basket of Chickens - Burkina Faso

In parts of Burkina Faso, Christians face persecution and social exclusion because of their faith. While social rejection isolates believers, restricted access to family resources and community farmlands directly impedes their ability to make ends meet.

Because of their reliance on their communities, ostracized Christian families may struggle to stand firm in their faith.

In partnership with the Voice of the Martyrs, families will receive support in two important ways: spiritual mentorship so they know they are not alone, and agricultural resources to help them regain economic independence.

Each Basket of Chickens meets the economic needs for new believers by providing livestock, feed, and training to help households start agricultural initiatives.

As families receive your gift, they receive the tools to earn a sustainable living without having to compromise their convictions.

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Basket of Food - Ghana

For many families in Lasivenu, rising food costs, unpredictable harvests, and seasonal income make it difficult to afford consistent, healthy meals.

As a result, many children are not receiving the nutrients they need. Left unaddressed, malnutrition leads to stunted growth, which impacts a child's academic performance, ongoing development, and overall wellbeing.

In response, International Needs Ghana identified 50 students who would benefit most from the Lasivenu Nutrition Intervention Program. Currently, the program has the capacity to provide 25 students with focused nutritional supports, consistent meals, and regular checkups.

A Basket of Food helps bridge this funding gap, ensuring more children will receive balanced meals, food hampers, and healthcare to grow strong.

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Basket of Protection - Bangladesh

Children who have been displaced from their families or leave their homes because of poverty or abuse often flee to the Kamlapur Railway station to live and work. Without safe support systems, children and youth struggle to go back to school.

To address this, the Kamlapur Drop-In Centre offers education, meals, healthcare, counselling, and skills training. At the centre, youth will have their basic needs met and find a sense of belonging.

Currently, 20 children attend the drop-in entre and receive training in Bangla, English, math, and life skills. 11 children call the Drop-In Centre home, living at the program's residence where they receive ongoing care and attend school.

One child impacted by the Kamlapur Drop-In Centre is 14-year-old Hasan who left school because of poverty and travelled to the Kamlapur railway station in search of work. After connecting with the Drop-In Centre, Hasan found safety, support, and renewed hope. Today, Hasan is learning, thriving, and dreaming of a brighter future.

By gifting a Basket of Protection, you help children like Hasan to grow and find belonging as they access meals, education, healthcare, counselling, and safe shelter.

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Bucket of Water - Burkina Faso

Communities across Burkina Faso struggle to access clean and reliable water. Many families rely on unsafe water for drinking, cooking, and hygiene, putting their health at risk. For children, time spent collecting water and contracting waterborne illnesses keep them from attending school.

This is why we are excited to see the transformation of communities like Ziasso, Lah, Mana, and Kona, where new boreholes and latrines have been installed with the help from donors at International Needs Canada.

Rwamba is an 11th-grade student at Bonne Nouvelle Private School, which received a new borehole and latrines in 2025. She shares,

"Unhygienic toilets without water often forced me to stay home, causing absences and distraction. Today, with the functional borehole and clean latrines, I use facilities safely and with dignity. This has boosted my health, attendance, and focus. Thank you to our donors. May God bless you abundantly!"

When you give a Bucket of Water, you help fund new water and sanitation projects, bringing clean water closer to communities in need.



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Basket of Education - Cambodia

Many children in Cambodia face barriers to education, including overcrowded classrooms and limited learning resources. Without additional support, many students struggle to stay engaged in school or receive the help they need to reach their full potential.

Through the Cambodia Group Sponsorship Program, children and youth receive after-school educational support in English, Khmer, and computer skills. Through nutritious meals, sports, and collaborative activities, the program also supports the students' ongoing development.

The impact of this program can be seen even among the youngest students. Parents Lon Soleng and his wife share that their kindergarten son, who once struggled to participate in class, is now more confident, eager to learn, and excited to go to school.

Through hands-on activities, games, and language learning, he has developed stronger communication, problem-solving, social skills, and responsibility.

When you give a Basket of Education, you provide children with educational training, resources, and nutritional support to help them succeed in school.

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Basket of Medical Care - Zambia

Families in Solwezi often face significant barriers to accessing healthcare, with many expectant mothers, children, and families walking up to 8 kilometres to reach the nearest health clinic.

This distance can delay access to maternal healthcare, emergency support, routine checkups, and other essential medical services, putting vulnerable patients at greater risk.

To address this need, our partners are working to construct a new medical clinic that will bring life-saving care closer to the Solwezi community in Zambia.

Once completed, the clinic will provide:

- maternal and child healthcare
- treatment for common illnesses and immunizations
- nutritional support
- emergency stabilization and laboratory services

We are excited to share that this project has already raised nearly half of the funding needed to begin construction.

With a Basket of Medical Care, you help make this clinic possible, bringing life-saving healthcare and essential equipment within reach for expectant mothers, children, and families who need it.

A New Basket of Love
Basket of Joy

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Christmas celebrations are one of the most anticipated events of the year. Children look forward to a fun-filled day of games, cultural food, dance, and time spent learning about the wonder of Jesus' birth. These experiences create lasting memories and remind children that God loves them and that He is with them through every circumstance.

Last year, Christmas celebrations at the Limuru Bible Club in Kenya brought joy to many children attending the program. Children participated in worship, games, dancing, and role-play scenes of the nativity. The celebration filled the day with laughter and smiles!

Phylis, who regularly participates in the program, summed up her experience simply: "I feel so loved."

Like the team in Kenya, many International Needs Schools recognize the value of Christmas celebrations. For children who are waiting to be sponsored, their families focus their time and limited resources on paying school fees, uniforms, and tuition to ensure their children can attend school. As a result, families cannot afford to celebrate Christmas at home.

To ensure every child can participate in Christmas festivities and encounter the hope found in Jesus' birth, our lead partners have invited us to present the Basket of Joy.



This special basket helps schools host Christmas celebrations where all students can celebrate this season together.

Gift a Basket of Joy and help more children experience the love and belonging at the heart of Christmas.

If you would also like to sponsor a child, please email **sponsorship@internationalneeds.ca** to begin your sponsorship journey with a child in need.



Expanding the Blessing
Holistic Blessing Basket

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In the past, our Global Blessing Basket provided communities with access to education, healthcare, nutrition, protection, and more. **The Holistic Blessing Basket carries forward that same spirit of comprehensive care, this time with a more targeted focus on the Survive and Thrive program in Paley, Guatemala.**

This program was designed to address challenges and gaps in maternal and child health in Paley, including malnutrition among pregnant and nursing mothers, chronic child malnutrition, and delayed development.

Together, these challenges can affect a child's growth during their earliest years of life, making it more difficult to grow strong and reach their full potential.





In response, the Survive and Thrive program provides children from birth to six years old with weekly sessions that strengthen language, cognitive, social, and fine motor skills through play-based learning.

At the same time, mothers attend practical nutrition workshops, where they learn to prepare healthy meals using locally available ingredients and gain a deeper understanding of how nutrition supports healthy child development.

By giving a Holistic Blessing Basket, your gift helps provide early childhood development, nutrition, education, and practical support for mothers and young children through the Survive and Thrive program.

Praise & Prayer Corner

Praise: We give praise for the safe travels and successful ministry trips of Malis and Martha, who came to Canada and shared stories of the impact of their work.

Prayer: Please pray for each of our partners as they continue serving their communities in this last stretch of 2026. Pray that as they meet tangible needs, many would also experience the joy and wonder of Jesus' birth this Christmas season.

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