



Christmas Money Impact Report 2019



"It is Christmas every time you let God love others through you...yes, it is Christmas every time you smile at your brother and offer him your hand. - Mother Teresa"

Thank you for your 2019 Christmas donation.

We are delighted to share some of the wonderful Christmas celebrations from our sites.



Christmas is a time to pray and acknowledge God's Love



Kawambwa, Zambia:

"Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Christmas celebration," writes our Kawambwa site in their report. "We really want to acknowledge your love and presence in all that you did for us."

Both practical and a symbol of a Christmas tree, during Christmastime the children and staff planted fruit trees which will bear fruit to share with others.

"We planted trees to keep our environment healthy, green and clean," they explained. "In this small way, we contributed positively to creation." The site expressed how thankful they were to use some of their Christmas funds this way, ensuring that the donors remain a part of their site for years to come.

Christmas celebrations amongst the disabled and visually impaired students who call the school home brought huge smiles and warm hearts to everyone. A special meal, performances and joyful singing was a beautiful way to honour the Savior. The fellowship of all gathered to celebrate the infant of Bethlehem resonated with the friends, families and neighbors who also joined the festivities.



Charity begins at home

Ternopil, Ukraine:

December and January in Ukraine are filled with the most anticipated holidays – weeks of praying together, sharing gifts and gathering in celebrations to share music, dances and performances.

St. Nicholas Day on December 19th is one of most popular and much awaited celebrations by children because they get a small gift to honour the generous spirit of Saint Nicholas.



On this day, festive performances take place in many schools all over Ukraine with state authorities and charitable organizations contributing to the festivities. Special celebrations are held at orphanages and community centers with gifts given to thousands of less fortunate children.

Recognizing that charity begins at home, Christmas gift sharing has become a regular practice at our Ukrainian sponsor sites. With warm smiles and eyes sparkling with joy, the children prepared and delivered gifts to non-sponsored children, elders and the less fortunate in their communities. After, a warm and hearty Christmas celebration took place. “We have become a united large family through sponsorship,” writes the site in their thank you letter.

Celebrating the birth of our child Jesus



Asociacion de Sindrome de Down Cochabamba (ASDC), Bolivia:

Excitement filled the air as our ASDC team prepared their Christmas celebrations. Every year the children and their families look forward to upholding cherished traditions like worshiping baby Jesus in the manger with carols.

Older children participated in a cooking workshop where they prepared chocolate treats to be served at the party. The celebration was filled with laughter and music; children danced and played while the parents connected with each other. Having children with special needs can feel isolating and overwhelming but with support, caregivers can come together to uplift each other.

Before they left, each family received a package with some sweets and oatmeal to enjoy at home. “Even though it can seem like a small gesture, when we are given an opportunity to unite in prayer and give our blessings to God and be filled with the Holy Spirit it is a true blessing,” says the site in their report. “Thank you for your support of Chalice. Your support for young people and children with Down syndrome is appreciated. God bless you all.”

