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How a Goat Gives Kids a Brighter Future

At Emmanuel Primary School, 87% of the children have lost at least one of their parents. Half of the children have lost both. Orphaned children have experienced darkness in their past – but the Great Gift of a Goat can give them a brighter future.

Too many families in South Sudan have suffered because of war and then civil unrest. In Marial Baai, many fathers, sons and brothers went to fight and did not return. In South Sudan, having a male head of the house means status and participation in the community, as well as having a breadwinner. So, the women and children who are left struggle for a place in society as well as a way to support themselves.

Your Gift of a Goat can give a bright future, full of hope, to vulnerable children in Marial Baai.

Because of generous GMP supporters, Emmanuel Primary School have been able to provide goats to the caretakers of vulnerable children.

Breeding and selling goats (and their milk) provides valuable income for these households. Income that allows them to pay for the children's education! With three goats, this source of income can grow over many years.

"We have seen God's blessing in providing the three goats for each caretaker," one recipient said. "By next year each person will have five goats and in 10 years, how many goats we are going to have! They will multiply."

"If they stay with us for a long time, they will keep on producing and if they keep producing, we will get income from them. And that money will be used for the needs of the children."

This income can also pay for other critical education needs. Another person said, "I will also use it to support the child by maybe buying shoes and also medical treatment."

Many of these families didn't know if the children would ever be able to go

to school. But because Emmanuel was able to provide them with goats, they can!

"When our children were not at school, we lost hope [because] our husbands have died," one caretaker told us. "But when the school was started, we now don't feel that hopelessness. We have a future hope – that there is a future for their lives, and we believe that they will be great people in the future."

Sadly, there are many more vulnerable children in South Sudan and their caretakers also struggle to pay school fees. The Emmanuel Children's Program wants to help 10 other schools supply goats to vulnerable children's families. But they can't do this without your help!

The gift of a goat can give a vulnerable child a brighter future. Your Great Gift can give the resources their household needs to break the cycle of poverty. What an amazing gift that is to give!

www.gmp.org.au/GreatGifts

News & Events



Thank you!

Safe Water September 2021 Thank You

A big congratulations to all the challenge takers and donors who contributed to Safe Water September in 2021! Together we have raised more than \$150,000. We are grateful to everyone who continues to support the work of our partners in Zimbabwe, Vanuatu, and Bangladesh. Donations will remain open until November, so if you haven't had the chance and would like to donate, please head to www.safewaterseptember.org.au.



2021 Great Gifts Catalogue Online Now!

Your present can change someone's future. A practical gift in the present time can give a brighter future. Your Great Gift can change someone's 'present' and give them the resources to break the cycle of poverty. Your Great Gift can give hope and spiritual wellbeing found through a relationship with Jesus. Your Great Gift can stand with Indigenous Christian leaders and support their ministries. Now, that's real impact! Find out more or give a Great Gift today at www.greatgifts.org.au

International Day of the Girl Child – 11 October

www.un.org/en/observances/girl-child-day

International Day for the Eradication of Poverty – 17 October

www.un.org/en/observances/day-for-eradicating-poverty



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The Unifying Gift

We are in a strange season. Those of us who live in the Eastern States are in various forms of lockdown. Tasmania, South Australia, the Northern Territory and Western Australia are much less affected. In this second period of COVID-19 restrictions we have naturally become less sure.

Lockdowns have a way of undermining confidence and creating isolation. We sense this in Australia, and in our partners as they try to maintain their commitment to vital projects and ministries. We continue to track the impact of COVID-19 on our partners. In several settings, lockdowns continue with rules that are limiting. Ho Chi Minh City in Vietnam is in a strict lockdown, as are parts of the Philippines and Thailand. Other partners are more able to move around, albeit with limitations. In all of this unsettledness we have a constant reality in the unchanging environments.

God promises to be with us – 'even to the end of the age'. This promise is made real through the gift of God's Spirit and provides what we need – and more. It is a resource of grace, strength, encouragement and hope. The gift of God's presence helps us see beyond the immediate realities that limit us. It enables us to anticipate the future.

This promise is to 'us'. It is inclusive. It embraces all of us, no matter where we are, what we face, or the realities we live with. It is an all-encompassing and unifying gift and connects us as one body. We are people in community and held in the strength of this reality. It is our community life that enables us to share the burdens that are faced by others and in turn also sense our own burdens being shared.

These values are at the heart of what it means to deeply partner. It is to be in relationships and to experience community in what we do. As we invest in, explore and appreciate the experience of others, we achieve more than we can on our own.

A conclusion for GMP from this is that we need our partners. In some ways, more than they need us. We have a ministry, and a responsibility, that cannot be fulfilled without our partners. They rely on us and we on them. This is the dynamic of our relationships in faith and in ministry. It is the foundation for our work. This is so important in these times of uncertainty.

John Gilmore,
Executive Officer



SPOTLIGHT

50 Years Without Water

Mrs. Kufa has been living in her village for nearly 50 years. She lives with her husband and their four grandchildren. The Kufa's own children live and work on their own homesteads (a small holding of land). At each homestead, they farm their own vegetables to eat and to sell. And until last year, they did not have clean, safe water close to their homes.

Mrs. Kufa had to walk almost three kilometres to a nearby dam to collect water. Enough water for everyone in the family to drink. Enough water for them to wash up. Enough water for them to grow the crops they farm for food and money. So much water, carried by hand, every day for nearly 50 years...

But thankfully, just last year, the Showers of Blessings Trust came to her village and installed a borehole! Mrs. Kufa has a water source close to her home now, which gives clean, safe water to her and her grandchildren!

"The closeness of the water point... is good, as I am old," Mrs. Kufa said to us. "The water project is important as it has opened up other opportunities."

More people are able to grow vegetables at home. Previously, the distance from water made farming unsustainable for many people. They had to rely on vegetables grown by the people closer to the dam.

With more farming happening, people are able to earn more money selling their vegetables. This has allowed them to pay for essentials like clothes and blankets, medicine, and paying school fees for kids like Mrs. Kufa's grandchildren!

The increase in farming has also put more money into the community. Construction is booming, and more people, including Mrs. Kufa's children, have been able to build their own houses.

The borehole also helps with hygiene and sanitation. With water more easily accessible, people can keep clean and help prevent transmissible disease from spreading — including COVID-19.

"For grandchildren washing and bathing has become easier," Mrs. Kufa says. What a relief for her, that her grandchildren can grow up in a cleaner and safer place!

Left – Collecting water from a riverbed, Zimbabwe. Right – A borehole installed by Showers of Blessings, Zimbabwe. (These images do not feature Mrs. Kufa.)

Mrs. Kufa is hopeful for the future of their village. "The water project is important," she says. "It has opened up other opportunities to plan other things at household or village level."

There are many other women like Mrs. Kufa in Zimbabwe. They still carry heavy loads of water for kilometres every day. Struggling to get enough water for their families. Hoping that nobody will get sick if the water isn't clean enough.

Your help can change their lives. Your support of Safe Water September builds boreholes in Zimbabwe. You give life-changing safe water to people in desperate need! You are easing the burden of women like Mrs. Kufa, and giving their children and grandchildren a cleaner, safer future.

"Without water there is no change," Mrs. Kufa says. "We need to do more projects using water."

You can still donate to Safe Water September online at [SafeWaterSeptember.org.au](https://www.SafeWaterSeptember.org.au)



Left – Bill and Eileen Blackeby. Right – Blackebys in Central Market today

Celebrating a Legacy of Generosity From the EB Charitable Trust

For decades now, Global Mission Partners has been blessed by support from the EB Charitable Trust, founded by William Edward and Eileen Maude Blackeby. This year as the trust closes, we are so thankful to be among the charities chosen to receive a generous and life-changing donation.

This gift will make a huge impact on many of our projects. Khayelihle Children's Village (KCV) will be able to improve facilities, perform maintenance and buy new equipment. IMA will have more money to invest in new initiatives. COCOA can give more support to the areas that desperately need it the most.

William and Eileen's daughter Anne (who worked with GMP for many years!) shared with us about her parent's, and especially her father's history of faithful support.

"Our father was a very humble and generous man," Anne tells us. "As far as we know he regularly supported at least 27 charities plus gave donations to churches, schools and individuals. Most of dad's donations were given anonymously. That is why the trust name didn't include "Blackeby" and was called "The EB Trust".

William Edward Blackeby was born in 1909 to William Augustus Blackeby and Agnes Maude Blackeby. His father William Augustus, was a confectioner, making sweets from a factory in Adelaide and then selling his products in the Adelaide Central Market from 1906.

"When our father, William Edward (known as Bill) left school at the age of 15, he went to work for his father," Anne says. "The business later became W A Blackeby & Son. Prior to our grandfather's retirement he wrote to our father and mother, Eileen Maude Blackeby, offering the business to them."

"In this letter he wrote, 'I do not want you to do anything in business, just because your father did it, either in the way of donations or overweight sweets. I only want you to be upright and honest before God and man. Talk to God about your business, ask Him to manage it for you, as I have always done and He has never failed me. I have no fear that you will not know the same.'

"One day in 1981 when we children were together, our father said that he had helped us during our lives and as we were all reasonably well off, he intended to set up a Trust to give

money to charities. As a Christian, he had a heart for people especially for children, disadvantaged and those experiencing difficulties."

"After our father's death in 1997, we his children as Directors and Trustees of The Trust, have always endeavoured to honour his heart and intent for the distribution of the gifts. We have been blessed to be a blessing in enabling dad's legacy to continue to help others."

The EB Charitable Trust had a maximum of 40 years, and as such it is closing this year. Please join us in thanking Anne, Graham, Paul, Peter and Roger Blackeby for their dedicated work as Trustees to see out their parent's legacy. A legacy of love and compassion for people who truly need it. We are blessed to be able to celebrate the legacy of William and Eileen Blackeby by continuing the work they were so passionate about supporting.

If you would like to leave behind a legacy of love and compassion, please contact us (email info@gmp.org.au, visit www.gmp.org.au/get-involved/leave-a-bequest or ring 1800 467 222) to talk about how you can make a bequest part of your will.