

Bridgette's Story

Gift Catalogue & Activity Book

Hi! My name is Bridgette. I'm the Treasurer of the ABC* Mitaboni Orphans Youth Group. We're all orphans, but we take care of each other. We have many ideas on how to solve our problems. We are happy that you want to help us. You will learn more about how you can do this in your **Kids Care** Catalogue.

*Africa Brotherhood Church, a partner of CBM.



My dad left when I was nine years old. Mom couldn't afford to pay for food and my schooling so I went to live with my married sister. But she too had problems and so I came back here. I was sad until I joined this group. They were saving to buy bees to start selling honey, but when they heard that I needed school fees they helped me instead. This touched me very much. I'm in Gr.10 and want to become a nurse.

Did you know? In Africa, you are considered an orphan if you have lost one or both parents.

The ABCs for a better life. Help us send more orphans to school. **Uniform and school supplies \$30/child**
High school fees \$35/month

We started a garden. Some seedlings will grow into big fruit trees. Some will become trees to be used for firewood to cook. Some will be used to make things. But some will not be cut down to protect our environment. We sell our seedlings to earn money for food and school fees.

Richard is our project manager. We love him. He likes to hear our ideas and always encourages us. Guess what plant he is holding. It's an avocado plant. We grow avocados and mangoes, too!



Watch this gift grow. Give seeds and tools. **\$25**

We sell our seedlings for 15 cents each. It's hard to find a good-paying job. Many people just earn \$1 a day. It is very difficult to buy basic food like corn and rice - prices have really skyrocketed. Please pray with us about this.



...**"What shall we say the kingdom of God is like... It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest seed you plant in the ground. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all..."** (Mark 4:30-32)

We're learning a lot about God's love in our youth group. As we share his love with others - with our words and with our actions - this seed of love grows and grows. How can you share God's love with your friends?

Connect the dots

and watch your seeds grow

Winifred is 11 years old. She wrote a poem about AIDS*. She wants everyone to know more about this terrible disease that kills lots of people. Church workers teach us many things about health and how to prevent HIV and other diseases like malaria.



Prevention is the best medicine. Help us spread the news. HIV and AIDS awareness training (a day full of fun, games and a meal) **\$20/youth**

Did you know? Malaria is Africa's leading cause of death for children under 5 years old. It's carried by the mosquito. Using a mosquito net at night can easily protect you. **Mosquito nets for 10 people \$50**



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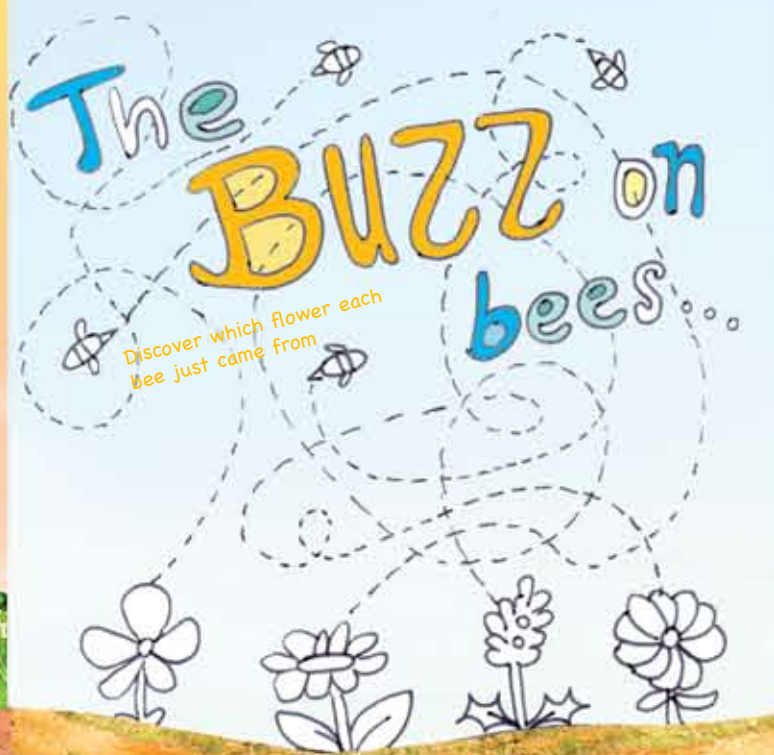
A little saving goes a long way!

Every Saturday our youth group meets. We each give 15 cents. When someone doesn't have enough, others help them pay. We have our own savings account. We use this money to buy food and other necessary things. We hope to save enough to start a new business. Top of our list is bee-keeping.



A really, really SWEET Gift. Help us start a bee-keeping business. Give a Beehive \$75

- A honey bee visits 2 million flowers and flies over 55,000 miles – more than once around the world – to gather 1 pound of honey.
- As bees buzz from flower to flower, they collect pollen and nectar and bring it back to the hive, where they tell other bees how and where to find the flowers by dancing.



4 Marvellous Reasons Why We Love Goats!
 Keeping a dairy goat provides nutritious milk to drink and to sell to earn some money. But goats also provide manure which we can use in our garden for stronger, healthier plants. We can even eat the meat or sell the goat in time of great need. **\$65**

Milk. Money. Manure. Meat.



Did you know? Goats will often have twins. That makes it a surprise, bonus gift!



We work in our garden after school and on Saturdays. We carry water in big, plastic jugs from the well up the hill. We plan to build a reservoir and pipe the water down to our garden. Drought is a big problem where we live.



Make a **BIG SPLASH** with this gift. Help us with our **water project. \$100**

1. Turn off the tap while brushing your teeth.
2. Keep water in the fridge instead of running the tap for cold drinking water.
3. Wash only full loads of dishes and laundry. Go to www.cbmin.org and look for more **Live It Out** ideas to take better care of our world!

How Does it work?

- Choose** Each item helps a child in need.
- Order** Fill out the Gift Catalogue order form. You can pay by cheque, credit card or online.
- Share** You will receive a free, unique gift card to send to your loved ones to let them know that you have made a meaningful gift in their name.
- Impact** Your donation directly assists children in need. Learn more at www.cbmin.org.



The ABC Mitaboni Orphans Youth Group is assisted by Guardians of Hope – church-based, self-help groups who feed, care and counsel families most impacted by HIV and AIDS. They are breaking the stigma of AIDS and helping people live positively. Should funds raised through this catalogue exceed the need of the Mitaboni group, your donation will go to a similar Guardians of Hope project.

CBM Kids Care Gift Catalogue Order Form 2008-2009

Gift	Cost	Quantity	Total
Uniform & School Supplies	\$30/child		
High School Fees	\$35/month		
Seeds & Tools	\$25		
HIV Awareness & Training	\$20/youth		
Mosquito Nets (10)	\$50		
Beehive	\$75		
Goat	\$65		
Water Project	\$100		
		Total	\$

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Gifts over \$50. You don't have to break the piggy bank! Why not form your own youth savings group and save up to buy one of these great gifts.