



Impact Report 2020

# Christmas Gift Catalogue



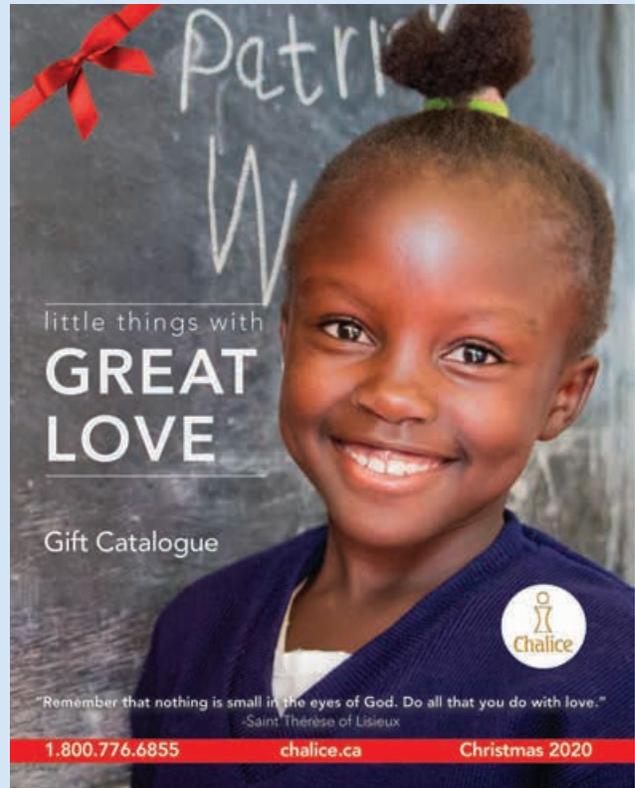
## Introduction

Dear \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your Christmas 2020 donation.

*Through your support, we sent more than \$ 1,918,471 for the sponsor sites to buy urgently-needed items used to improve the lives of the families and communities we serve.*

This Report recollects all the hope your gift has brought to children and families who have faced many challenges this year. We are delighted to share with you some of our favourite stories of how your generosity has brought joyful smiles to faces around the world.

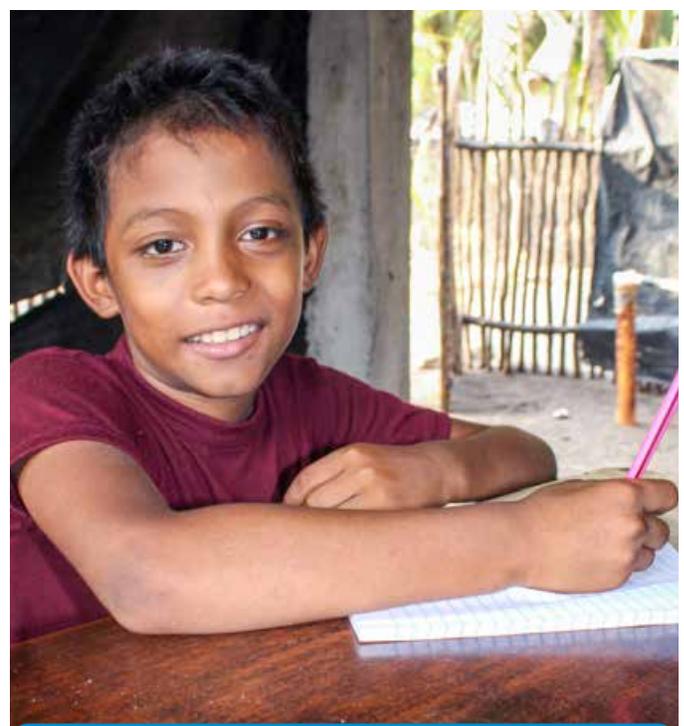


## Axel Excels in Guatemala

Axel is a very charismatic and studious child, currently living with his parents, Ana and Oscar. He is the big brother to two little sisters, Anyelín and Dulce Danaé.

*Oscar a hard-working fisherman "and an exemplary father for his three children" writes the Luis Amigo site staff.*

Despite the efforts of both parents to provide for their three children, health challenges have always left them without quite enough to make ends meet. In 2020, Axel was chosen by a kind Chalice sponsor, and he is excited to be able to stay in school. But he was going to need some extra school supplies. Thanks to everyone who gave a gift through the Chalice gift catalogue, Axel is well-equipped to carry on his studies.



“ God bless you and multiply blessings in your lives. ”

Axel, Luis Amigo Site in Guatemala

## Bernarda is Back in Business

Bernarda is a baker, a volunteer, and an angel to those in need near our Arica sponsor site in Chile. At 78 years old, she has been an active participant in her parish for 30 years, volunteering in the Soup Kitchen as a cook.

*“Chalice Family has given me many blessings because I have not felt alone. I love you very much. May God repay you for all the good you have done to me.”*

Bernarda, Arica Site in Chile

While she is a dedicated cook, she is a passionate pastry chef. She would sell cakes, pies, birthday treats and tarts to her neighbours and friends. This extra income was an urgent supplement to her pension, which is minimal.

*“Bernarda was very happy to be able to bring joy, and flavour, to so many people,” writes the Arica site staff.*

It was a sudden hardship for her when her oven broke down last year. Without her main tool, she had to find work outside of the home. She became a caregiver to an elderly couple, also cooking and cleaning for them. This work is demanding on Bernarda.

Thanks to every person who gave a gift through the Chalice gift catalogue, the Arica site staff was able to give Bernarda a brand new, six-burner stove and oven.

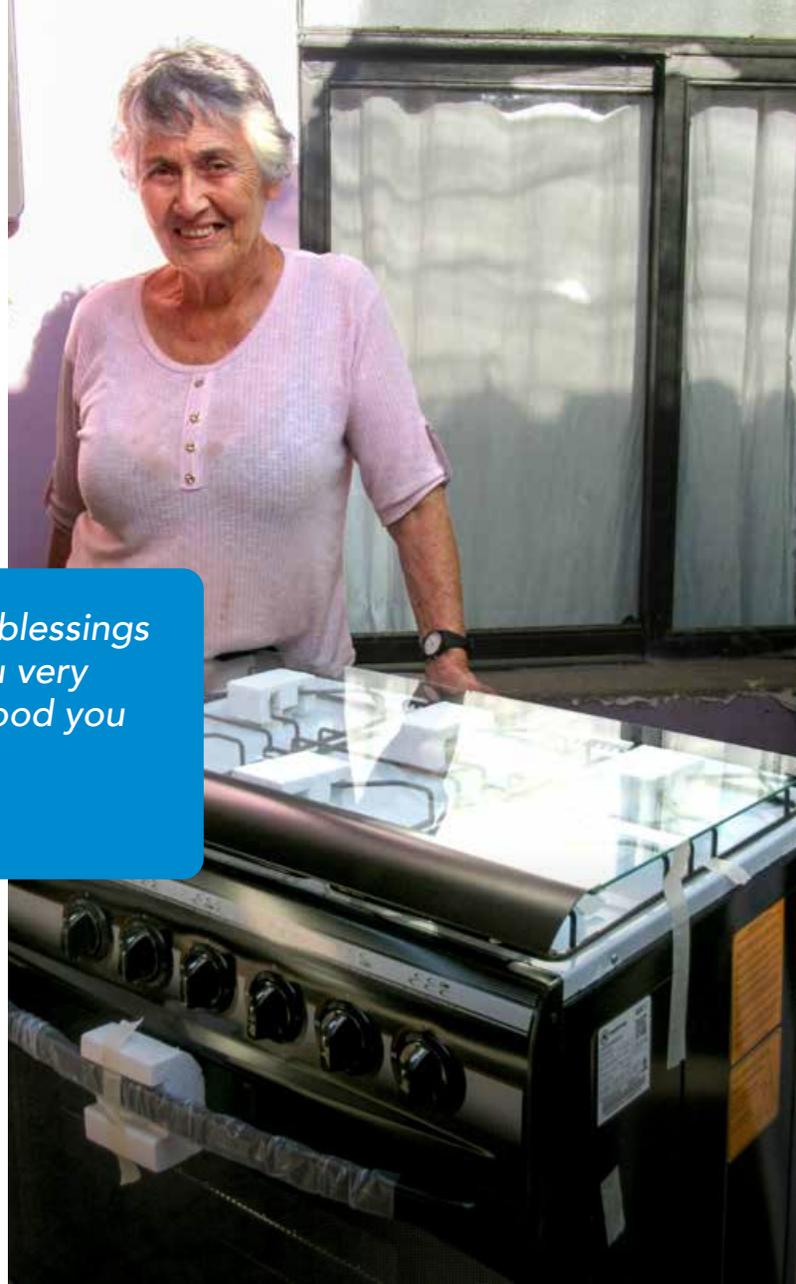
*“Seeing her happy face was a gift,” writes the staff.*

She is back in action baking pastries, and the site staff are helping her show off her products on social media to broaden her customer base.

## An adventure is the cure for homesickness

Chalice partners with the Good Shepherd Sisters in the province of Andhra Pradesh. Their communities suffered greatly in the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sr Maria Rose, the Managalagiri sponsor site director, described the pain she was seeing in the families.



*“People are being pushed to poverty. During this pandemic and lockdowns, the beneficiaries remained at home for months without a job and proper meal a day,” she writes. “Some lived on black tea and biscuits as they had no money.”*

She and her Sisters were grateful for the chance to bring good news to the families. Through the support of everyone who gave a gift through the Chalice gift catalogue, 551 families received funds specifically to buy urgently needed food.

The Sisters ensured that the most vulnerable families, such as those with many children, widows, and the elderly, received the money for food. 407 had sponsored children, and 144 did not. The families bought bulk amounts of staples, such as rice, flour, lentils, and oil.

*“Their happiness is seen in their smile,” says Sr Maria Rose. “Feeding the hungry during the pandemic is something to be marveled at and pleasing in the eyes of the Lord.”*



“ May the happy and grateful hearts of the families bring joy and peace to your spirit. May the Shepherd God continue to bless and protect you.”

Sr Maria Rose, Sponsor site director at Managalagiri in India

One of the families even told the Sisters that his little daughter was jumping for joy when she saw him bringing home the food, as they had been living day-to-day before that.

*“It is because of your generosity many hearts are filled with joy and gratitude,” says Sr Maria Rose.*

## Blessed by braille in Zambia

“ Everyone should learn to read and write.”

Students at Kawambwa Site in Zambia

Our Kawambwa sponsor site serves primary o children with visual impairments.

*“Several studies show that braille literacy is directly correlated with academic achievement and employment among the blind and visually impaired. Therefore, we need braille instruments to help us read just like the sighted can.”*

But tools for writing in braille are specialized and expensive, beyond the budget of the nonprofit school run by the Sisters of the Child Jesus.

Thanks to everyone who gave a gift through Chalice’s gift catalogue, the students now have braille instruments and the brailion paper they need.

*“These have put a bigger smile on all of us children who now have this access to learning and teaching material out of brailion paper,” the students write.*

*“We are more than grateful for this wonderful gift, the extensions of alms that we are blessed with. We promise to go far and actualize our dream that is so big in our lives.”*



## Give a gift



*Give your friend or loved one a special gift and improve the lives of the families and communities we serve.*