

Thank Offering ^{•2008}

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Overview of Projects Funded

Since 1888, Presbyterian women have funded aid programs through the Thank Offering. That year, Eliza Clokey challenged members of the Women's General Missionary Society to give one dollar above each member's usual contribution as a "thank offering to her Lord." After more than a century, her vision continues. The Thank Offering supports programs that relieve pain, provide clean water, alleviate homelessness, provide educational opportunities and lift up the lives of women and children throughout the world.

This year, we continue that tradition by supporting 28 projects chosen from the 139 requests received. The \$516,239.50 contributed to the 2007 Thank Offering will fund 13 projects in the United States and 15 projects internationally. At least 40 percent of the offering is designated for health ministries.

In 2008, the Thank Offering will provide

- education and job training for people with hearing impairments in Syria
- mobilization and educational programs dedicated to the treatment and prevention of malnutrition in children in Malawi
- equipment for a bakery and restaurant project that will employ widows in Congo
- workshops on conflict resolution skills and diversity awareness in New York
- opportunities for spiritual growth for mothers of special needs children in Illinois
- care for people who are terminally ill in Virginia
- health and cancer screenings for minority women in Alabama
- books for children in West Virginia
- leadership development and job skills training in India
- facilities and education to lower the rate of mother-infant deaths in Ghana
- services to homeless people in Tennessee
- enhanced quality of life for veterans with disabilities in North Carolina
- medicine boxes to hospitals in Malawi and Congo
- internet resources and an expanded radio ministry in Florida for South Asian immigrants
- care for the elderly and their families in Israel/Palestine
- education and public health programs that will empower Maasai people to improve their quality of life
- equipment to expand fair trade coffee production and employment in Mexico
- assistance with basic needs and housing for seasonal migrant workers in Minnesota
- job training for impoverished women living in poverty in the Dominican Republic

Through the gifts of the Thank Offering, Presbyterian Women offers hope to the world, confident in God's steadfast love for all humankind. We give as we are blessed, offering mercy to others as God is merciful to us.

For more information about the Thank Offering, call 888/728-7228, ext. 5387, or visit www.pcusa.org/pw/thank.