

International Outreach Bulletin- Winter 2011

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In this season of giving there are many ways to give back. Your gifts can be from fair trade artisans so you know the artisans are earning a living wage, your gift can support women who are victims of sexual slavery, or you can give that teacher, coworker, or coach an opportunity to give to the charity of their choice. You can also give yourself the gift of new shoes while giving someone abroad a new pair as well. Here are some ideas clubs can do:

1) Fair trade presents by **Ten Thousand Villages**

Fair trade provides under- and unemployed artisans with an opportunity to earn vital income and improve their quality of life by establishing a sustainable market for their handcrafted products. Ten Thousand Villages is a founding member of the WFTO - the World Fair Trade Organization, a global network of more than 350 fair trade organizations in 70 countries.

Ten Thousand Villages has spent more than 60 years cultivating long-term buying relationships in which artisans receive a fair price for their work and consumers have access to unique gifts, accessories and home decor from around the world. Go to their website to purchase gifts like jewelry, bath soaps, stationary, scarves, etc.

<http://www.tenthousandvillages.com/fair-trade/>

2) Join the Year of Giving Club to help trafficking survivors at **Made by Survivors**

Made By Survivors provides an economic alternative to slavery and exploitation for women and youth at high risk for being trafficked. They work with existing prevention programs providing education and jobs that help reduce or prevent slavery. Often a wage as little as a hundred dollars a year is enough to keep families from selling their daughters. Sadly, in some parts of the world, girls are not intrinsically valued. But when women become artisans, wage earners, and business-owners, their status is greatly enhanced in the community.

Made by Survivors partners with 13 anti-slavery organizations around the world, including Thailand, Cambodia, Nepal, India, Ukraine, Uganda, the Philippines, Tanzania, and the United States. Many of the partner agencies rescue and care for slavery survivors, giving them a safe place to live and providing them with support services.

Join the worldwide community of people who are standing up against modern slavery. The survivor-artisans have been rescued from slavery in brothels, quarries, farms, factories and private homes. Despite all that they have suffered, these young women are full of hope for the future. The mission of every Made By Survivors program is to give survivors the tools they need to make their dreams possible.

The Year of Giving Club is Made By Survivors' newest program - enabling supporters to help women build safe, slavery-proof lives, while enjoying and giving inspiring products Made By Survivors. Club members will receive a selection of beautiful Made By Survivors products 2-4 times a year, as well as special reports and stories from the programs and survivors, so you can see lives transformed and feel a personal connection to the people you are helping. A Level One membership is \$200.

<http://www.madebysurvivors.com/yearofgiving>

3) Buy **Gift of Giving** Charitable gift cards

The Gift of Giving charitable gift card is a perfect gift for any occasion and is universally appreciated. You purchase the gift card, you decide how you would like it delivered, and the recipient chooses a charity significant to them. You'll feel good giving a meaningful gift, and the recipient feels good by making a difference.

And together you will both make a difference in the lives of those who need it most! Give a gift that makes a difference and support International organizations such as Doctors Without Borders, World Wildlife Fund, and Books for Africa.

<http://www.thegiftofgiving.com/>

4) Junioresettes: Buy TOMS shoes

For every pair of TOMS shoes you purchase the company will donate a pair of shoes to a child in need. TOMS Shoes currently gives shoes to children in Argentina, South Africa, Ethiopia, and other countries. The shoe TOMS most frequently gives is a black, unisex canvas slip-on with a sturdy sole. Black shoes are required for school in many countries, and the sturdy sole allows children to run and play with their feet protected. The slip-on style works well, because when shoelaces break, many families cannot afford to replace them. TOMS Shoes Campus Clubs are groups of students who are working together to share the TOMS Shoes story and the One for One movement at their school. If there isn't a TOMS Club at your school, then TOMS will help you start one. Together, you can host campus events each semester to raise awareness about TOMS Shoes.

To buy a pair of TOMS shoes or for TOMS Shoes Campus Club information visit their website:

<http://www.toms.com/>