

The Gift of Mission at Christmas

Give the gift of a brighter future to children in our own community of Marin City and communities in Mexico, Ethiopia and South Africa. Each of our mission projects have a profound impact on the children they serve.



- Your Gifts make a difference!
- Bridge the Gap College Prep Marin City
- Children's Aids Art Programme South Africa
- Leon Scholarship Fund Leon, Mexico
- Tangible Hope Ethiopia

Children's Aids Art Programme, South Africa

CAAP serves abandoned, abused, neglected or orphaned children, many of whom have been affected by numerous diseases including HIV/AIDS, sickle cell anemia, alcohol fetal syndrome, tuberculosis, and chronic lung disease.

The Power of Art

Since 2002, over 2,500 children have benefited. Our programme allows them to express their emotions through various forms of creative art. The classes are always packed with enthusiastic, budding artists!

CAAP brings healing, confidence, education, and motor/visual skills to these children. CAAP also actively supports graduates of the program to move on to a higher education, with many now attending universities.



Students thrive in Leon

- The Leon Scholarship fund provides financial support for the children of Casa Hogar and NENEMI. These children study very hard with the dreams of going on to university or technical school.
- Casa Hogar supports and nurtures abandoned or high risk children that come from extreme poverty and abusive situations. They live in a safe and nurturing home with loving, caring adults, nutritious meals and intensive counseling.
- **Nenemi** is a school for Indigenous students in pre school and grades 1-8. While they are learning skills to function in a Spanish speaking society they are also learning about their own language and culture.



Bridge the Gap Celebrates 25 years

BTGCP is changing the Educational Outcomes and Lifetime Opportunities for Marin City Youth .

- Since 2012, **100%** of BTGCP students have graduated HS and matriculated to College
- In 2016 BTGCP started two collaborations to effect system wide change in the schools: **Marin City Math Challenge** and **Tam High School and College SUCCESS Collaborative**.
- **The College and Career Success** program supports 40 College Students on their pathway to graduation

Hope endures in Ethiopia

Tangible Hope empowers and protects young girls living in poverty in rural Ethiopia by advancing their rights through education, medical care and nutrition.

Tangible Hope Impact

- The girls are thriving, in good health and doing well academically and socially.
- Social norms of gender inequality are changing in the community
- The families have agreed to keep their girls in school instead of forcing them to work or marrying them off.



GOMAC's impact is Global, with projects here in Marin City, in Leon, Mexico, Cape Town, South Africa and Rural Ethiopia. Each Mission project uses Advocacy, Empowerment and Education so that all the children can make their hopes and dreams a reality. The children we support through your gifts are strong, resilient and full of potential and promise. They are hardworking and determined to overcome any obstacles.

This year GOMAC will touch almost 800 children globally through our four mission projects. This week we want to share an impact each Mission has had through Empowerment:

- Bridge the Gap College Prep in Marin City: In addition to continued academic progress and success, Bridge the Gap Tam High School students are more engaged than ever on campus. In 2019 Bridge the Gap Senior Jay Juan was Student Body President and BTGCP student Nancy was Freshman Class President!
- In the Childrens Aids Art Programme in Cape Town children with HIV/Aids and other serious illnesses are empowered to express themselves through an inspired art program. Creating their art gives them confidence and nurtures hopes and dreams for a brighter future.
- In Leon Mexico Middle School Indigenous Students education goes beyond the classroom and into their three gardens where they grow vegetables, fruits and herbs. The herbs are made into lotions, oils and teas to sell at the market and fairs. It is a fabulous hands-on learning experience and develops real life skills.
- In rural Ethiopia Tangible Hope empowers the poorest of poor girls through literacy. Because the families, especially the fathers can now see the value of these now literate girls, the social norms of gender discrimination are being changed for the better in the whole community.

Your gifts are so important to the continued success of our projects over the years. We'll continue to share the impacts each has had over the next few weeks Please join us during Fellowship and choose a Mission (or two or three or four) that speaks to your heart. Thank You!
