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2026 Christmas Day Offering Simplified Brief



Aim

To generate financial gifts to support the Safe Pathways for Children project in Indonesia.

Brief overview of the Christmas Day Offering

Throughout December, in the lead up to Christmas, we are once again collaborating with The Salvation Army International Development (SAID) to encourage our corps members to give generously to a project overseas. This year, the Christmas Day Offering will be supporting a project in Indonesia. You will see internal media, three emails and SMS, as well as videos featuring Commissioner Miriam Gluyas.

The Project: Safe Pathways for Children, Indonesia

This year's Christmas Day Offering invites us to share the light of Christmas by helping children in Indonesia find their way back to the love, security and belonging of family.

The Safe Pathways for Children project is working to help keep families together, including mothers and babies, and reunites children into safe, loving family environments. Rather than growing up in institutional care, more children are experiencing the stability, nurture and sense of belonging that every child deserves.

This project is creating lasting change that will extend well beyond childhood by addressing the causes of family separation. Through partnerships with local communities, churches and organisations, The Salvation Army is reflecting God's heart for children for generations to come by restoring dignity, helping families flourish and building resilient communities.

Together, we can share the light of Christmas with children in Indonesia. By standing alongside them, your congregation has the opportunity to reflect the love and hope that binds us all – love that is steady, generous and life-giving.

Communication channels

- Emails from Lieutenant-Colonel Paul Hateley: 1, 7, 17 and 21 December and 21 January 2027
- SMS from Lieutenant-Colonel Paul Hateley: 1, 7 and 21 December
- Videos from Commissioner Miriam Gluyas: sent via email and SMS on 1 and 21 December

Resources

- **Altar envelope** that incorporates giving coupon – delivered to corps mid-October
- **Two videos** from Commissioner Miriam Gluyas
- **Digital resources** – available for download from MySalvos Toolkit including:
    - PowerPoint slides: two different formats, also available as PDFs
    - Gift processing instructions for corps: including dates to respond
    - Information sheet: to help corps communicate the message
    - A4 poster: for use in corps to help raise awareness

Target:

$180,000

Your support is needed!

We seek your support of this critical project in the following ways:

1. **Distribute** the supplied envelopes
2. **Provide an opportunity** for soldiers, friends and visitors to your corps or mission expression to give an offering at your Christmas Day (or other Christmas) service
3. **Promote** this special offering in your public worship and via other media platforms (resources, including videos from Commissioner Miriam Gluyas, available in the MySalvos Toolkit from 19 November onwards)
4. **Pray** for this Christmas Day Offering and the Safe Pathways for Children project

Together, we are shining Jesus' light this Christmas, bringing hope that reaches far beyond the season.

Questions/queries

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Please note: If the project is oversubscribed, funds may be directed to related projects.