

## Media Release

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### From peddles to possibilities

The gift of kindness becomes more pronounced during the Christmas season, reminding us of the power of community and the joy found in spreading love and generosity.

By purchasing a Gift for Change from Jesuit Mission Australia, you can spread love and empower vulnerable people to break themselves out of the cycle of poverty.

A Gift for Change allows you to replace a traditional present with the gift of nourishment, independence, education and empowerment to directly support vulnerable people around the world.

A \$50 gift could fund a bicycle to help a young child in Cambodia to receive a quality education.

In Cambodia, poverty and extremely poor access to education mean just one in four young people finish school. Many children do not have the opportunity to study beyond primary school level.

*"Together we can help these children this Christmas by gifting them a pathway out of poverty and access to a brighter future. A bicycle literally helps a child gain access to education – from peddles to possibilities,"* said Helen Forde, CEO of Jesuit Mission.

Armed with education, these impressive young men and women go on to use their education to empower their own families, communities and contribute to the new future of Cambodian society.

Currently 90% of Cambodians who live in poverty come from rural areas. While these families value education, the burden of poverty and vastly inadequate education infrastructure – the result of decades of war and conflict – means there are many barriers to sending their children to school.

Here the Jesuits are standing in solidarity and sparking hope in the lives of these families, and empowering them to break the cycle of poverty.

With a range of Gifts for Change available, this Christmas you could help give a child access to a quality education, provide medical kits for people fleeing conflict in Myanmar or help start a chicken farm.

A Gift for Change can be personalised and you can choose to receive a physical card, or e-card to share with your loved one this Christmas.



Gifts for Change can be purchased online at [jesuitmission.org.au/Christmas](http://jesuitmission.org.au/Christmas) or call 02 8918 4109. You will receive a tax-deductible receipt and help transform the lives of others while completing your meaningful shopping this Christmas.

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*Gifts for Change  
postal cards*

**Supporting Links:**

Gifts for Change

<https://jesuitmission.org.au/christmas>

**About Jesuit Mission Australia**

Jesuit Mission Australia works in over 10 countries across Asia and Africa to uphold the innate dignity of people living with the effects of poverty, especially the most marginalised and vulnerable.

Funds from our supporters:

- Break cycles of poverty through teaching and education
- Protect the health of communities by providing medical care and programs that improve access to clean water and toilets
- Develop independent, sustainable communities through livelihood training and income-generating projects
- Provide vulnerable individuals with pastoral care, social inclusion and advocacy
- Support refugees in crisis
- Enable effective disaster response and relief.