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## **Give the Gift of Education this Christmas**

This Christmas ABM is giving the gift of education to children in Kenya and the Philippines.

Fundraising Manager of ABM, Christopher Brooks said, "Christmas is a wonderful time to give to others but to give to children seems to bring that extra joy. This year ABM is ensuring we give hope and joy to children in our partner countries by having our appeal focus on two Christian Education projects."

"I encourage our supporters to consider a gift to ABM's Christmas Appeal to give the gift of education to children in Kenya and the Philippines," he said.

In Kenya, The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd children's ministry is a Christian Education program which builds young children's faith from ages 3 to 12.

In slum areas such as Kibera, which is located within the Archbishop's diocese in Nairobi, there is a great need to grow faith in the children.

This program is being well received by the children and their families but even more success is possible if the program continues to grow and strengthens the faith of even more children.

The Archbishop and the Bishops in Council recognise the program is encouraging and effective for the children and are hoping to spread it all across Kenya. The program has now been extended across other Dioceses in West Kenya.

In a recent report the church told ABM, "God is helping the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd to develop strongly in Kenya and nearby countries with about 25 centres either operational or planned. It is now developing in nine schools across Kenya and will provide nurture for children from Nursery to class eight."

The program is now being delivered in Anglican Churches in Kenya with some assistance also going to development of this ministry in Uganda and South Sudan and Burundi.

Across the world in the Philippines, the Evangelism and Christian education project provides much-needed training and education options for ordained and lay leaders.

The training leads lay leaders to a deeper participation and commitment to contribute to the ministry of the church in the broader society as a whole.

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The project also provides opportunities for ordained ministers to specialise in particular pastoral works such as counselling for the young people or conducting spiritual retreats.

The Episcopal Church in the Philippines has a Vision-Mission-Goal – “by the year 2018 we envision a vibrant and dynamic church of caring, witnessing and mission-oriented parishes.”

Continued support will help the Church reach 170,000 young members of the Episcopal Church in the Philippines and help leaders realise the vision of 2018.

Your support of ABM’s Christmas Appeal will help children learn the love of God. Please give generously at [www.abmission.org](http://www.abmission.org).

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Children in Sunday School in the Philippines.

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