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The Story Behind the CONTEMPORARY Christmas Hymn

“Breath of Heaven (Mary’s Song)”

Written by Amy Grant and Chris Eaton

First Verse:

*I have traveled many moonless nights
Cold and weary with a Babe inside
And I wonder what I've done
Holy Father you have come
And chosen me now to carry your son*

Chorus:

*Breath of Heaven, hold me together
Be forever near me, Breath of Heaven
Breath of Heaven, lighten my darkness
Pour over me your holiness, for you are holy
Breath of Heaven*

Most people know the above version of this song as sung by award-winning Christian artist **Amy Grant**. But did you know that these weren't the original lyrics? This song, as it was originally written under the title “Breath of Heaven”, was composed in 1991 by **Chris Eaton**, a good friend of Amy's and a member of her touring band. When Chris showed the lyrics he wrote to Amy, she was especially drawn to the words of the chorus, but the verses to his original version had nothing to do with Christmas.

Around that time, Amy was looking for different songs to put together for a holiday album so she asked Chris's permission to write different verses and add it to his beautiful chorus for her next album. He agreed, and as soon as her tour ended that year, she went directly to her studio to record it. Amy was pregnant with her third child by then and believes that had much to do with her inspiration to recreate the song looking through the eyes of Mary, which is why this particular version's title has the words “Mary's Song” after it. This song ultimately became a part of her 1992 *Home for Christmas* album.

The lyrics to Chris Eaton's original version were meant to help people heal from life's troubles and lead them to Christ. You'll find it on his album *Wonderful World* (1995) and you can also listen to the original version of it on YouTube...it's very good, too!

Written by Anita Souder

<https://www.songfacts.com/facts/amy-grant/breath-of-heaven-marys-song>
<https://genius.com/Chris-eaton-breath-of-heaven-lyrics>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BYC0fdqZl8w>



A special THANK YOU to everyone
who participated in our
GIVING TUESDAY Fundraiser!!



****See Flyer Insert for Exciting News****



COMPLETED PROJECT UPDATES



Bible Seminary in the DR Receives New Laptop

Photo by Toa Heffner on Pexels

ACTS Beyond [Project 669] Many churches in the Dominican Republic are led by pastors who have not had the opportunity to receive formal seminary training. To meet this need, the **Santiago Theological Seminary** developed a creative program which allows students to successfully balance life, family, ministry, and educational demands, combining face-to-face teaching with video and allowing students to have access to library and on-line resources to help in their studies. MPF completed this laptop project in the fall of 2020 and the seminary used the grant funds to purchase a new **16-inch Apple MacBook Pro**.



"Your laptop donation has provided the technological platform that our seminary needed to record our classes and use media software to edit our videos. Before having this new laptop, we had an unreliable one that kept on crashing. We are able to maintain our records safely with this new laptop. This donation is helping us keep our seminary going for years to come. Thank you so much!"

- Rev. Aris Sanchez, General Director of Santiago Theological Seminary

4x4 Truck Fills Need in Deaf Ministry in Central Africa

Photo by Raha Insabi on Unplash

Christian Mission for the Deaf [Project 679] Caring for the spiritual, educational, social, and professional welfare of deaf children and youth in Chad isn't always easy work, but since its establishment in 1995, CMD has played a major role in transforming the lives of deaf people.

Last year **Pastor Beosso, Director of CMD's deaf school in Chad**, told us about a truck need that they had been praying about for a long time. Even though the pandemic slowed things down when schools closed for many months, they turned that into an opportunity to construct new, fired-brick concrete buildings, replacing the old ones that were made with mud-bricks.

This **Toyota Hilux 4x4 truck** was last year's **Giving Tuesday** project. CMD recently shared these photos of the grateful children along with a thank you. Unknown to us at the time, they were given an opportunity to receive food packages to distribute to church members in their area but had no way of picking them up...**until they heard their truck project was completed!**



Deaf students say "Thank You!"

The truck has arrived at [the] very moment when our ministry was in dire need. What a mighty God we serve! Our schools' deaf pupils and students, when seeing the truck, they sang: "No more trekking! No more trekking!" The arrival of the truck has lessened the burden of school, church, and parents of deaf pupil's daily expense challenges. [So] thankful to MPF for this generous donation!" - Pastor Beosso, CMD-Chad



Truck used for food distribution

20 Projects Completed in 2021 so far!

- 676 REFUGE FOR THE POOR (Cambodia) - Ministry van
- 678 ANANIAS HOUSE (North Africa) - Ministry van
- 680 INT'L COOPERATING MINISTRIES (Africa) - Hotspot Program
- 681 CHRISTIAN AID MISSION (Peru) - Three-wheeled Vehicle
- 682 INDOPARTNERS AGENCY (South Asia) - Laptop Computer
- 683 EMPOWER HOPE (Kenya) - 8 Sewing Machines; 8 Laptops
- 684 CHILD EVANGELISM FELLOWSHIP (Romania) - Used car
- 685 BOLD HOPE (Haiti) - Six refurbished laptops
- 686 TRANS WORLD RADIO (Cambodia) - Studio equipment
- 687 ORPHANETWORK (Nicaragua) - Eating utensils, tools, & fishing nets

- 688 CHRISTIAN WORLD OUTREACH (Zimbabwe) - Ministry van
- 689 CHRISTIAN MISSION FOR THE DEAF (Nigeria) - Framework, cinderblocks, & roofing
- 690 UIM-AVIATION (Mexico) - Tools for safety & maintenance
- 691 THUNDERZOLL, INC. (India) - Ten bunkbeds
- 692 HOPE'S PROMISE (North Vietnam) - Start-up house costs
- 693 AVANT Ministries (Guatemala) - Five new computers
- 694 SAT-7 (Cyprus & the MENA Region) - Editing Computer
- 695 RISHAMA INTERNATIONAL (Nigeria) - Concrete safety wall
- 696 MISSION EURASIA (Siberia, Russia) - Snowmobile, tent, & sled
- 697 ONE COLLECTIVE (Albania) - Portable hearing equipment

CURRENT PROJECTS

~ The projects listed below are dependent on the financial support of God's people ~

698 **CHARIOTS FOR HOPE (KENYA)** <http://www.chariotsforhope.org/childrens-homes/mukaa/>

Project Cost: **\$9,438**

Chariots for Hope runs six children's homes and two baby homes in Southern Kenya. At the *Mukaa Children's Home*, there is an immediate need for **renovations to staff housing**. Two on-campus homes are deteriorating and will eventually be unfit to live in.

The home's manager, **Amos**, and his family live in a house that has developed vertical cracks along the building (see photo on right) and whose front room needs to be redone before it breaks off from the rest of the house. The assistant manager's house currently has only a single room, with no separate kitchen. The renovation will give her and her family a living room, kitchen, and bathroom!



699 **HORIZONS INTERNATIONAL (LEBANON)** <https://www.horizonsinternational.org/>

Project Cost: **\$7,409**

This non-denominational Christian organization has been evangelizing, discipling, and training Christians from Islamic backgrounds for over 30 years. A church that was planted in Beirut has experienced steady growth for several years, so in 2020, they moved to a new place of worship to accommodate their growing membership. Since then they have been using a borrowed **sound system**. This project will provide them with their own equipment to not only benefit in-person worship but enable high-quality online broadcasts of their Kurdish Christian services—they have over 15,000 followers on FaceBook!



It's not too late to support this ministry...Share with a friend!



700 **CLC MINISTRIES (PERU)** <https://clcusa.org/>

Balance to fund: **\$4,297**

The Christian church in Peru has grown rapidly since the 1990s; unfortunately, Christian literature is still unavailable in large areas of this nation. CLC took over management of three Christian bookstores from another ministry eight years ago but found they were unable to open the other five stores due to feasibility. A **bookmobile** will fill the gap in Christian literature in these areas.

The Quechua, along with about 50 other indigenous people groups, will benefit from this new book service. CLC plans to use the funds provided by MPF to purchase a **Toyota Haice cargo van** for the bookmobile.

* **Note:** The total cost of purchasing this van is \$14,290. Funds from a previous CLC project for \$9,993 were never used and are being allocated to this one.



701 **FAITH COMES BY HEARING (ASIA)** <https://www.faithcomesbyhearing.com/what-we-do/gospel-films>

Project Cost: **\$10,000**

Faith Comes By Hearing has a goal to record and provide God's Word in every language by the year 2033. A ministry partner of theirs in South Asia has been faithfully implementing Bible listening programs and is eager to incorporate gospel films into their evangelism, discipleship, and church planting strategy. They need audio-visual players called **Acclaimers** to show the film in churches, homes, and neighborhoods where access is available. MPF will help by raising funds for **50 Gospel Film Projector Sets** at a cost of \$50 each, which includes an Acclaimer, speaker, screen, and case.



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Tirrim is a ministry of Africa Inland Mission that operates a Christian boarding school, water ministry, and other outreach to nomadic people groups of Northern Kenya. The Rendille are a people with no permanent home, whose identity is tied to their animals and whose survival depends on the availability of water and grass to feed them. Tirrim offers an excellent Biblical education, from kindergarten through high school, for children from both Christian and Muslim backgrounds.

This project will supply the school with solar batteries and security lights. The solar batteries they currently own have stopped working and most of their office equipment will not run without electricity, so they have been traveling long distances to neighboring towns just to print documents and school exams.



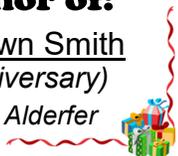
CEF is an international, interdenominational mission with the primary purpose of evangelizing children. In 2020, over 250,000 children were reached with the Gospel in Romania, with many having accessed CEF's online programs .

The **Costea family** are new workers to CEF-Romania and serve in an area with open doors for evangelism where they train volunteer teachers and take the Gospel to schools and kindergartens, holding weekly Good News Clubs. They are currently using a vehicle in poor condition and in need of extensive repairs. Please help us raise funds to purchase this family a good, reliable second-hand vehicle to aid them in their children's ministry.



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"...and they shall call His name Immanuel,"
which is translated, "God with us."

-Matthew 1:23 NKJV

"God, in order that we might meet Him,
narrowed Himself down into JESUS."

-Rev. Dale H. Aukerman



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