

Thank you for your 2021 Christmas donation.

With the gifts you gave from our Christmas gift catalogue, we raised \$2,031,508.29 for our sites' greatest needs. These gifts are already improving the lives of the families and communities we serve.

We're delighted to share stories of how your gifts are blessing the children, elders, families and communities receiving them.

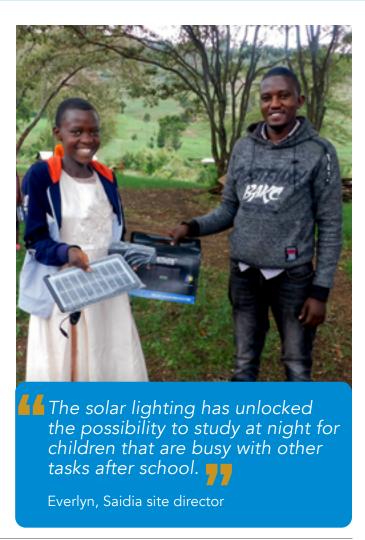


## Lighting up the night in Saidia

Solar lights are an eco-friendly solution to a pervasive challenge: studying after dark. Over the years, our Saidia sponsor site in Gilgil, Kenya has given away more than 400 solar lanterns to sponsored children in all levels of their education.

For children who lived in off-grid neighbourhoods, the lanterns have helped them achieve success in their studies and perform better on tests and exams. They can study later and longer, with much less eyestrain than candlelight.

This year, thanks to everyone who gave a gift through Chalice's gift catalogue, the site was able to give 30 more children the technology they need to complete their assignments once the sun has set. Each of the recipients this year are in grade six.



# Mariya's music soothes souls in Ukraine

"Her instrument is her best friend."

Mariya, known as Marichka to her mom, is passionate about music. She plays the bandura, a traditional Ukrainian folk instrument.

Marichka and her bandura are like one. They enjoy performing folk music. Every time Marichka plays, the gentle melody of the strings echoes the heritage of Ukrainian people.

Halyna, Mariya's mother

She desperately wanted one of her own, and it broke her mother Halyna's heart that she could not afford one.

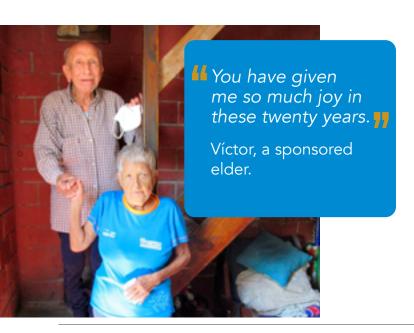
"All we could do was pray and ask God to show us the path to Marichka's dreams," Halyna writes. And He did, through Chalice's gift catalogue and the Ternopil sponsor site.

"He helped us through you. Thanks to your kindness, God has given Marichka a bandura."

Mariya's teacher helped her pick out her instrument. It has excellent sound. "Like any musician, Marichka treats her instrument with utmost care," Halyna writes.

"Marichka tells me that every time she finishes to play or takes a break, she kisses her bandura and thanks God for making this dream come true."

"We thank God for you and we ask for many blessings for you. May the Holy Mother and your Guardian Angel keep you safe."





### A special gift of sweet dreams

Víctor is a sponsored elder who lives with his wife, Margarita, near our Arica site in Chile. He and Margarita can care for themselves with complete independence. Victor has always been grateful to his Chalice sponsor, who has been a source of constant help since 2000!

In October, Víctor and Margarita were very saddened by the loss of their faithful dog "Pancho." That same week, the Arica site staff showed up on their doorstep to deliver a double-sized bed from Chalice's gift catalogue.

"When my dog Pancho died, I was very sad, praying, asking the Father for his soul, and, at that moment, somebody knocked on the door, and they gave us a beautiful, double-sized bed with a spring mattress.

"With my wife, we were so happy, and we felt that Pancho, from Heaven, was accompanying us. Thank you very much for this beautiful gift that will give us a peaceful and restful sleep. God bless you abundantly for your generosity."

# A nourishing gift for everyone

"Thank you very much Chalice for all the love and support towards our family, we could never return you the help you did to us."

Monomoti, president of the Gamsharu family circle, speaks not only of her own family, but her Chalice family in the Assam sponsor site in northern India.

"After the pandemic, it was hard for our husbands to find work and earn for the family," Monomoti describes, "and also we didn't get the necessary nutrition."

But thanks to everyone who gave a gift through Chalice's gift catalogue, each family received supplementary funds in their sponsorship accounts. Everyone chose to spend the gift on nutrition.

"Thank you, Chalice, for the help," said Dikita, a daughter of one of Gamsharu's members. "Now we can eat our meal happily, our family and also our neighbors are very happy about the great deed you have done for us."

"Dear sponsors thanks for all the sacrifices that you made," writes Sr. Bindu, Assam site director.

"We know that it takes a village to raise a child and the continued support of that village to help every child to grow healthy."

"Thanks to Chalice for becoming an agent of change in the life of the people of Assam."

Chalice Assam is ever grateful to God and Chalice for the blessings received through the gift catalogue [which] brought the feeling of joy and satisfaction to the hearts of the poor.

Sr. Bindu, Assam site director



#### Give a gift



Give your friend or loved one a special gift and improve the lives of the families and communities we serve.

