

MISSION

Are you wondering what to
give as a gift for
Christmas this year?



Give someone
a gift of hope
this Christmas

An ideal meaningful gift for
someone special this Christmas is
a MAMI Gift Card: a gift that keeps on
giving for the entire year and beyond.



Make a
donation to
one of these
projects in
the Missions
supported
by the
Missionary
Oblates
of Mary
Immaculate.

At Christmas we
celebrate the greatest
gift of all, the birth of
Jesus Christ.

In the true spirit of
Christmas, your gift
can be a gift to those
less fortunate
– a gift of love.

The concept is simple: make a
recommended tax deductible
donation to one of our programs
and you will receive a Christmas
Gift Card, which explains that you
have purchased a gift card in place
of a gift, and give it to a loved one.

Chickens
\$10



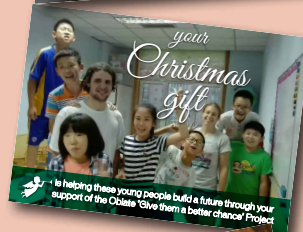
Education
\$15



Toolbox
\$20



China
\$25



Goat
\$30



Our Gift to You: Novena of Masses

**“The Word was made flesh
and lived among us”**

John 1:14

Christmas is a time of family
gathering and remembering.
The reality is that this
means it is a time of joy
and celebration; a time
strengthening relationships
and even healing.

Whatever you bring to this
feast of the Lord’s birth, we
Missionary Oblates of Mary
Immaculate want to support
you through this Christmas
Novena of Masses. It is our
way of thanking you again
for your support of our
missionary endeavours.

You are invited to place
your special intentions and
prayers of thanksgiving on
the other side of this note,
particularly the members of
your family that have gone
to God this year. Please send
the ‘cutout’ to the MAMI
office. All intentions will be
placed in the Camberwell
chapel where Masses will be
offered from 16th December
to Christmas Day.



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Our Gift to You: Novena of Masses

Dear Father,

Kindly include the following intentions in the Christmas Masses.

(Optional)

Name:

Address:

Please forward this to:

MAMI Office
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Partners in Mission

PIM Update



Jayden is currently working with our community in Mainland China.

I am absolutely loving this adventure so far. There are so many new challenges each and every day that make this experience so rewarding.

The children that I am teaching are some of the most diligent and hardworking kids I have seen for a long time. They are so friendly and amazing to work with, truly inspirational. I love seeing them develop, even in the short time I have been here, they are progressing surprisingly quickly and it is amazing to watch.

The people I am working with, such as Giovanni, Luc and Sunny are incredible people to work with and I am so grateful to have them as co-workers. They make life here so much more comfortable and enjoyable.

Jayden

From Maree Graham's report.

On Wednesday afternoon I was taken to Gu Ching where the Oblates with the help of donations and volunteers have set up a house in the area where migrants come in search of work and in need of assistance. Often living in appalling conditions, the house is a place of welcome, assistance and learning.

The joy of communicating new things and seeing the light in the eyes of the students when they "got it" made the challenge rewarding and worthwhile. There were many wonderful encounters with students who ranged from lower primary age to adults. One of these many encounters was with a fifteen year old girl. She had been so happy to report that she had received a high enough score at her present school exams to be accepted at the school she wanted to attend — no mean feat with the high scores needed in China to be accepted into the best schools. She had forgotten this was our last session as I was soon leaving to come home to Australia. When I reminded her a tear rolled down her cheek and she said "My feelings are confused". I began the lesson so that I would not cry. Halfway through the lesson she stopped and said, "confused" is not the right English word, "so sad" is. It was my turn to tear up.



Would you like to volunteer overseas?

The Partners in Mission, in conjunction with the Oblate Beijing community provide Australians with an opportunity to volunteer some of their time to serve those less fortunate in our overseas Oblate schools, kindergartens and centres. The volunteer experience is focused on the people we go to serve and may be the most rewarding experience of your life. Applications for 2017 are now open. For further information visit <http://www.oblates.com.au/MAMI/PartnersinMission> or email pims@oblates.com.au.



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