

# 2016-2017 GIFT CATALOG



## BEES

### Here is a story of how this gift helps others

Communities in arid climates are facing decreasing soil fertility and unpredictable rainfall patterns. These changes are making it more challenging for farmers to make a living from their crops. To help make ends meet many families are learning new skills to generate additional income.

In areas of Uganda and Tanzania, beekeeping is a great way for families to earn additional income. People love to use beeswax and honey for food and medicine. Honey's growing popularity has made it a great business for families trying to grow their income.

In a Tanzanian community, members got together to form a beekeeping group. Many of them were already keeping bees but not seeing great results. To help them increase their production of honey, the group went through training to learn how to use manufactured hives. They learned how to make rectangular beehives and place them side by side on shelves in a bee shed. The traditional methods used logs to house beehives and did not produce as much honey.

One of the group members harvested 20 liters of honey. He sold his honey for about \$2.00 a liter and has earned over \$45.00. This progress has encouraged the group to increase their number of hives from 11 to 41. The group has already made 30 new beehives and will put them to use after building a new shed.

Your gift of a beehive, bee smoker, or protective clothing will help a beekeeper get their new business off the ground and help families find a way out of the overwhelming cycle of poverty.

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