

# 2016-2017 GIFT CATALOG



## FFS FARM STARTER PACK

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

Over the years farmers in Tanzania have been planting crops and not taking time to replenish the nutrients in their soil. Without nutrients the soil has become infertile and farmers have not been able to grow enough food to feed their families.

To help farmers learn how to build healthy soil, World Renew has started Farmer Field Schools (FFS). During their training farmers learn new techniques, such as using mulch, to add organic matter back into the soil.

Michael is an example of a diligent farmer who has struggled to make ends meet for his family. In addition to poverty Michael has faced many challenges with his disability. He lost his leg after stepping on a land mine. But despite these setbacks Michael has worked hard to bring improvements to his family's life.

Michael was selected to join a Farmer Field School (FFS) with 25 other farmers. After joining the FFS, Michael received several items including seeds, a hoe, and planting string from World Renew. FFS has taught Michael new techniques to improve his soil fertility and increase his crop yield.

Michael says World Renew is helping him to rise up from poverty and become a lead farmer in his community. "Planting crops in straight rows has made a big difference. My crops are healthier and they grow much stronger. My farm also looks very nice and people admire my fields," said Michael.

Providing a FFS in Tanzania with the tools they need to train farmers will help people like Michael feel God's love and the strength to break the cycle of poverty.

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