

# 2016-2017 GIFT CATALOG



## LANTERN

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

In rural Bangladesh and India people often struggle to get a basic education. When there is significant illiteracy, building capacity in the community becomes more challenging. To learn how to read and write adults enroll in community literacy classes.

The gift of a lantern gives an adult literacy student light to use while they study after a long day of work.

For people like Advera, studying has been life-changing. Advera's family could not afford to send her to school, so she grew up without ever learning how to read or write.

Being married without knowing how to read and write was difficult for Advera. She could not put her signature on official documents or even follow simple instructions given by her doctor for medication.

Sometimes her money was stolen at the market because she could not read the prices and did not know the exact change she was owed. But what hurt her most was that she couldn't monitor the academic progress of her children in school.

When Advera heard that World Renew was planning an adult literacy class in her community she quickly signed up. After nine months she was able to slowly read and write. Now she can read her bible and posters around the community. She encourages other illiterate adults to join the class.

Your gift of a lantern to someone like Advera could be life-changing. Being able to study and learn how to read is essential for families trying to break the cycle of poverty.

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