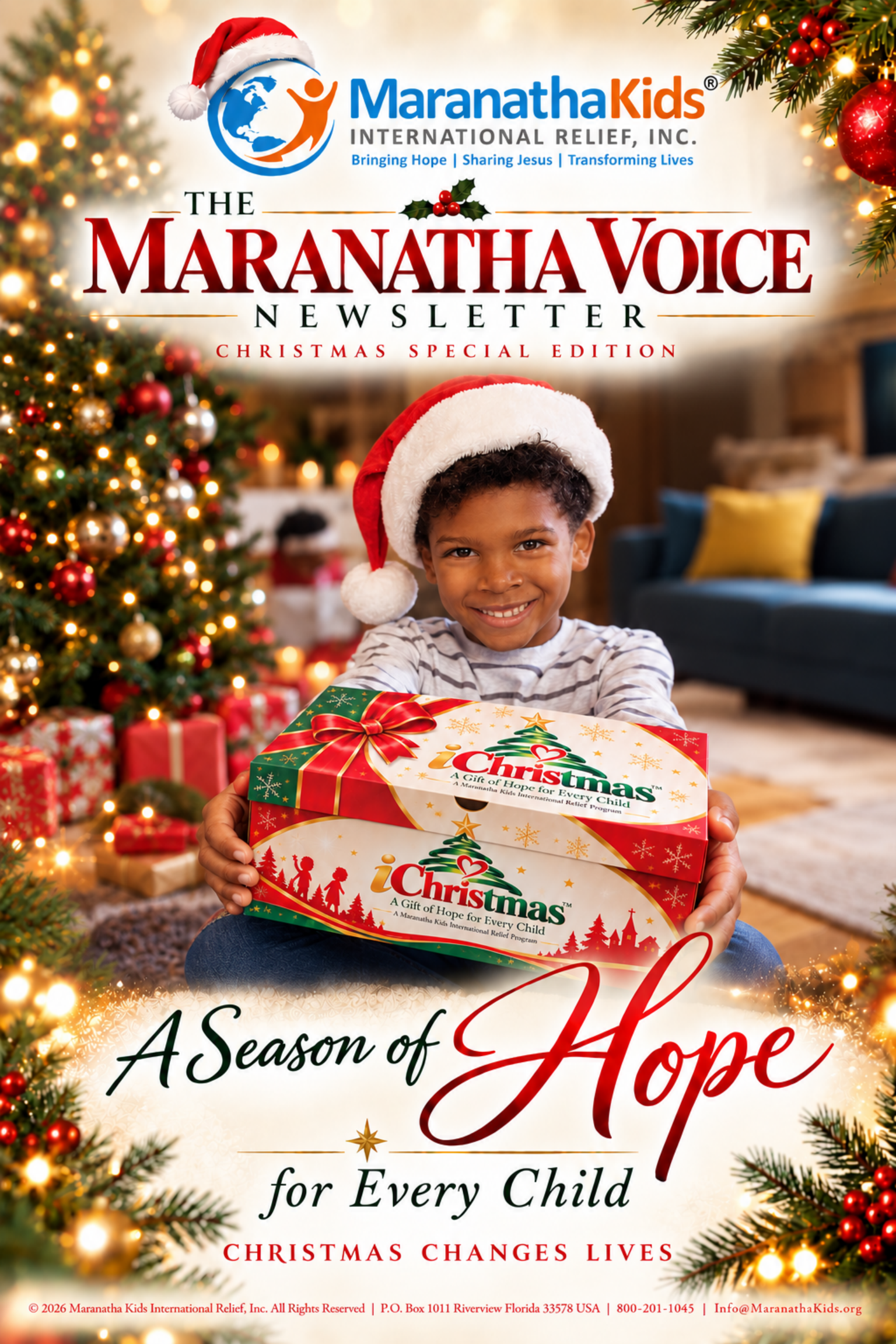
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NEWSLETTER

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL EDITION



A Season of Hope
for Every Child

CHRISTMAS CHANGES LIVES

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From the

President's Desk

The Power of a *Gift*

Dear Friends and Partners of Maranatha Kids International Relief,

As we enter this Christmas season, I want to express my deepest gratitude to everyone who has made the iChristmas™ program possible.

Working hand in hand with our iChristmas™ Department, we have been blessed to create a special Christmas experience for children around the world. Our goal is simple but powerful: to make sure every child receives a Christmas gift, but even more importantly, has the opportunity to know the love of Jesus Christ.

Through our Christmas gifts and Bible-based magazines, we are reaching children with a message of hope, faith, and the love of God. We believe that a gift can bring a smile for a moment, but the Word of God can change a life forever.

Last Christmas, hundreds of thousands of generous people opened their hearts and sent gifts to children in need. Your generosity made an incredible difference. Because of you, children who may have wondered if anyone remembered them discovered that they were loved, valued, and not forgotten.

As we look toward Christmas 2026, we are praying and preparing to reach even more children—across 23 countries in Africa, 13 countries in Latin America, and additional countries including Haiti and the United States of America.

This vision would not be possible without the dedication of our incredible volunteers and donors. To those who worked long hours, packed gifts, organized shipments, prepared materials, served children, prayed, and gave sacrificially—thank you. Your work is touching lives far beyond what you may ever see.

And to every donor who gave a gift last Christmas, we invite you to join us again in 2026. Together, we can continue bringing a gift of hope to every child while sharing the greatest gift of all—Jesus Christ.

May this Christmas remind us that when we work together, a simple act of generosity can become a powerful expression of God's love.

Thank you for standing with our children and for being part of the Maranatha Kids family.

With gratitude and Christmas blessings,

David Allen A.
President & Founder
Maranatha Kids International Relief, Inc.



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It's All About Jesus!

Discover how iChristmas shoebox gifts open hearts to the love of Jesus, help children grow in their faith, and inspire new believers and churches around the world.

iChristmas is a Christ-centered Christmas outreach program of Maranatha Kids International Relief, created to bring joy, hope, and the love of Jesus Christ to children in need through thoughtfully prepared Christmas shoebox gifts.

Each shoebox is more than a gift—it is a tangible expression of God's love, an opportunity to encourage a child, and a bridge to share the Gospel. Through iChristmas, families, churches, volunteers, sponsors, and supporters come together to bless children, strengthen communities, and help create opportunities for children to experience hope, dignity, and the love of Christ.

MORE THAN A GIFT.
A MESSAGE OF LOVE.
A GIFT OF HOPE.

iChristmas is a child-focused humanitarian initiative designed to mobilize volunteers and donors to ensure that every child in vulnerable circumstances receives a gift of hope. Beyond a physical present, the program aims to strengthen the emotional, social, and community well-being of the families we serve.



One box.
A tangible expression of God's love.

One child.
A life with eternal value.

One moment of joy.
A memory that can last a lifetime.

One opportunity to share God's love.
The Gospel that changes lives.



Our Mission is A Gift That Reflects God's Love

"And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward."
Matthew 10:42, ESV

***One** box. **One** child. **One** moment of joy. **One** opportunity to share God's love.*



Marino Rojas Jr.
EDITOR-DIRECTOR
The Maranatha Voice

FROM THE

Editor-Director's Desk

Dear Maranatha Kids Family,

What an incredible Christmas season it has been!

As the editorial and design team of *The Maranatha Voice*, we have had the privilege of witnessing the beautiful impact of *iChristmas*™ and seeing how children around the world were blessed—not only with wonderful gifts, but with something even greater: **the love, hope, and message of Jesus Christ.**

This year, the smiles on the faces of our children reminded us why this ministry matters so deeply. Every box represented someone's generosity, someone's sacrifice, and someone's desire to make a difference in the life of a child. For many of these children, the joy of receiving a Christmas gift became a moment they will remember for years to come.

To our great family of sponsors, donors, volunteers, churches, partners, and friends, we say THANK YOU!

Your generosity helped make this Christmas more than a celebration. It became a blessing for vulnerable and orphaned children who needed to know that they are **loved, remembered, and valued.**

As editors, writers, photographers, and designers, we are honored to tell these stories. Every photograph we select and every story we place on these pages represents a real child, a real smile, and a real expression of God's love.

We hope that as you read this special edition, you will feel what we experienced: the joy of children, the dedication of our volunteers, and the incredible generosity of people who chose to give.

From all of us on the Maranatha Voice editorial and design team, thank you for being part of this extraordinary journey.

You helped make this year more than a blessing.
You helped make Christmas a message of hope,
love, and faith for children who needed it most.

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With heartfelt gratitude,

Marino Rojas Jr.

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Editor-Director

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One Box. One Child.
A Greater Tomorrow.



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When a Gift Becomes *a Message of Hope*

There are moments in ministry that are difficult to put into words—moments when you realize that what you are doing is much bigger than a box, a gift, or a Christmas celebration. Our time in Kenya sharing iChristmas™ gifts with our children was one of those unforgettable experiences.

From the moment the first boxes arrived, there was an atmosphere of excitement and anticipation. The children could hardly contain their joy. For many of them, receiving a Christmas gift is not something they take for granted. It is a reminder that someone, somewhere, cared enough to think about them and make sure they were not forgotten.

As the iChristmas™ team began distributing the gifts, smiles appeared everywhere. Children gathered around, holding their packages with excitement, carefully looking at every detail before opening them. There was laughter, hugs, singing, and an overwhelming sense of gratitude. But what made the day even more meaningful was knowing that we were not only giving gifts—we were sharing the message of Jesus Christ and the hope found in Him through our Bible-based Christmas materials.

The gifts brought excitement, but the message of God's love brought something much deeper.

Our team spent a long day serving the children, moving from one activity to another, making sure that every child had an opportunity to receive a gift and experience the joy of Christmas. By the end of the day, everyone was tired—but something amazing happened.



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The Children *Were Not Tired.*

After hours of celebrating, opening gifts, laughing, and participating in the activities, they seemed to have discovered a completely new supply of energy. It was as if they had received **"new batteries."** Their smiles continued, their laughter continued, and their excitement seemed to grow rather than disappear.



While the children continued enjoying the day, our work behind the scenes was already moving forward.

Carmen was preparing the next shipment of iChristmas™ boxes.



While one group of children was celebrating in Kenya, another group of children was already waiting for us across the border in Uganda. Boxes were being organized, gifts were being prepared, and the next shipment was being assembled with the same purpose: to bring Christmas joy and, above all, the hope of Jesus to another child.

Watching Carmen prepare the next load was a beautiful reminder that this ministry never stops with one celebration. One shipment leads to another. One child leads us to another. One smile reminds us that there are thousands more waiting.

That is the heart of iChristmas™.

It is not simply about giving a present at Christmas. It is about reaching a child with love, dignity, compassion, and the Gospel. It is about telling a child, ***"You are important. You are loved. You have not been forgotten."***

As the sun began to set over Kenya, we could look back at a long day and see much more than tired feet and empty boxes. We saw children's faces filled with joy. We saw families grateful for the generosity of people who may live thousands of miles away. We saw volunteers giving their time and energy. And we saw the next shipment already being prepared for Uganda.

That is what makes this mission so special.

The work continues. The boxes continue moving. The gifts continue reaching children. And the message of Jesus continues to travel from one heart to another.

From Kenya to Uganda and beyond,
iChristmas™ is carrying a gift of hope for every child.



FROM OUR iCHRISTMAS™ OPERATIONS CENTER

Central Florida • A Message of Gratitude

As another iChristmas™ season comes to a close, we want to take a moment from our operations center here in Central Florida to say one simple word to everyone who has made this ministry possible:

THANK YOU!

Since 2010, when we first began with our "Boxes of Love for the Orphan," iChristmas™ has grown into a beautiful expression of compassion, generosity, and the love of Jesus Christ.

Through the years, we have been blessed to see this ministry touch the lives of countless children and families. But the blessing has never been only for those receiving the gifts. It has also been a blessing to our sponsors, churches, schools, volunteers, friends, partners, and administration, giving each of us the opportunity to be part of something greater than ourselves.

Every box represents a person who cared enough to give. Every gift represents a child who was remembered. Every smile reminds us that love can travel across borders and reach places we may never personally visit.

From our first boxes of love to the iChristmas™ program we have today, we are grateful for every person who has walked alongside us. Your generosity has helped make it possible for children among the most vulnerable to experience the joy of Christmas and, most importantly, to hear about the hope and love found in Jesus Christ.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE PART OF THE *i*CHRISTMAS™ FAMILY?

A gift of just **$25** can help us prepare and deliver a Christmas gift of hope to a child in need.

Together, we can continue making Christmas more than a gift. We can make it a message of hope.

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