

# OGHS Sharing Calendar—*Investing in Futures*

**God has blessed us in so many ways.** This calendar is designed to help us acknowledge our blessings but to also think about and pray for others. Each day highlights various situations and suggests a donation of coins or bills. Your household can decide what unit works best for you. It is easiest if you select one unit and use it throughout the days on the calendar. The sharing calendar works well with the OGHS coin box. To order additional coin boxes, call: 1-800-325-7061. Your gift will be an investment into the lives of those who need it most!

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>INVEST IN CHILDREN</b>	Children remain the poorest age group in America. Progress has been made, but too many children are still hungry  Give two units for each child in your family.	Good nutrition is a critical part of ensuring that all human beings can use their bodies and minds to live an active life and reach their full potential  Give one unit for each meal you've eaten today.	Substantial global progress has been made in reducing child deaths since 1990. The total number of under-5 deaths worldwide has dropped by 58%  Give two units in thanksgiving for the progress being made.	Can you really imagine Jesus saying, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these"  Jesus cares for children and so should we. Please give a generous donation today!	Children represent the future, and ensuring their healthy growth and development ought to be a prime concern of all societies  Give three units in honor of the children in your congregation.	Malnourished children have a higher risk of death from common childhood illness such as diarrhea, pneumonia, and malaria  Give one unit for each child under 5 in your extended family.	In the first 1,000 days, babies' brains form new connections at an astounding rate. With every nutritious meal, hug and kiss, you help build a baby's brain  Share one unit for each baby you kissed this week or three units if you were unable to kiss a child.
<b>INVEST IN CREATION</b>	Over one billion people do not have access to safe water and 2.4 billion have no access to decent sanitation  Give three units today.	Cars are harmful to the environment. Taking public transportation, walking, or riding a bike are good options that help the environment  Give one unit for each time you rode in a car today.	Plastic pollution is one of the biggest threats to worldwide ocean health. Skyrocketing plastic production and limited recycling are factors  Please give one unit, and commit to recycling and/or limiting use of plastic bottles.	Through wisdom, God founded the earth; by understanding God established the heavens  Give one unit for every bottle you threw away this week that still had water trapped inside of it.	Approximately 3 billion people lack access to clean-cooking solutions and are exposed to dangerous levels of air pollution  Give two units for every home-cooked meal you enjoyed today.	The proportion of people using drinking water from improved sources has been steadily improving  Give one unit for each faucet in your home.	Many poor villages still lack reliable electricity. The U.S. uses 22% of all electricity consumed in the world  Give one unit for each electrical appliance in your home.
<b>INVEST IN NEIGHBORS</b>	Immigration is an international hunger and poverty issue. Many undocumented immigrants are fleeing hunger, extreme poverty, and violence  Give two units to support lawful pathways to citizenship in the US.	About 40% of the world's population, mostly people in the poorest countries, risk contracting Malaria, which causes 300 million illness and 1 million deaths annually  Give one unit for every doctor you have.	\$10 can provide a thermal blanket for a refugee, or 1 mat to prevent them from sleeping on the cold ground  Give two units for every blanket on your bed.	Feel God's presence and joy through helping others for God loves a cheerful giver  Give the number of units you think would be pleasing to God.	The proportion of people living in extreme poverty is half of what it was in 1990. Yet 1.4 billion people still live on less than \$1.25 per day  Share a unit for each meal you have eaten in a restaurant in the past week.	Worldwide, over 100 million elementary school-aged children do not attend school  Give one unit for each year of formal education you have received.	The U.S. has significantly reduced the number of refugees it is admitting into our country  Give one unit for each person you know who came from another country. If you know more than 5 people from another country give 3 units.
<b>INVEST IN FUTURES</b>	<i>"We cannot rest until every child who lives in: poverty, a refugee camp, an isolated village, a fragile setting, or who has a disability has a chance to go to school"</i>  Alice Albright  Give two units today in thanks for your education.	Floods are the most widespread natural disaster aside from wildfires. 90% of all U.S. natural disasters declared involved flooding  Give two units if you live in a comfortable home that has never flooded.	Providing an education to girls and young women is one of the strongest ways to end cyclical poverty  Give one unit in thanksgiving as you name each girl and woman important in your life.	One plants, one waters, but only God gives the growth.  Share two units in thanksgiving for the ways God has blessed you so that you can bless others.	In 2018, wildfires burned 8.6 million acres in the United States. Many of the homes that were impacted were completely destroyed.  Give 1 unit for every smoke detector in your home.	For every \$1 invested in water and sanitation, an average of \$4 is returned in increased productivity  Give one unit for each time you washed your hands today.	Support disaster survivors. Become a UCC Disaster Recovery Volunteer. Help communities rebuild, visit <a href="http://ucc.org/disaster">ucc.org/disaster</a> for info  Share one unit if you have ever volunteered at a disaster site or two units if you have not.

Sources: Church World Service, Bread for the World, Children's Defense Fund, UNICEF (United Nation's Children's Fund), Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Oceanic Society, World Food Programme, World Health Organization, American Red Cross, the New York Times and the U.S. Census Bureau.