



Seasons Gifts is a shop with a mission. Our goal is to offer unique gifts that bring joy and beauty to our lives, and the lives of others, by partnering with companies that promote fair trade, social responsibility and justice. We offer products from organizations in partnership with St. John's Lutheran Church and those who support other mission related endeavors. We make a special effort to avoid competing with local retailers. Our proceeds support Senior Seasons, a ministry for senior adults in our community of Salisbury, NC.

Shop with us. Shop with a mission.



Making Kids Kinder: One Toy at a Time

While others focus on making kids smarter, we are determined to make them kinder.



Open The Joy's Promise:

For every item purchased, we donate a toy designed specifically for hospitalized children, right here in America.



We partner with Spread The Joy 501(C3), to deliver activity kits to sick kids in need.

TWELVE STONE ART



Sharing God's Word one stone at a time

This unique marble is quarried in the mountains east of the ancient city of Ephesus, which played an important role in the history of Christianity, handcrafted and distressed by artisans here in the United States.

Our mission is to share God's Word one stone at a time; to bring comfort and encouragement to others and bring glory to His name.

10% of our gross sales go towards well-drilling to provide clean water in developing countries, and above all to share the tangible love of Jesus through Iris Global and Compassion International. We also donate the stone that we are unable to use to Habitat for Humanity.

The Story Behind Our Name

We're inspired by how Joshua used *twelve stones* as a memorial of God's love and faithfulness in Joshua 4:1-9.





A Better World in the Making Since 1949

Fighting global poverty through fair and ethical trade

One of the first fair trade organizations in the world, SERRV International began its mission by helping displaced European refugees trade their handcrafts for income after the Second World War. Since then, we've extended our reach to 24 countries worldwide, working to empower over 8,000 artisans and farmers every year by selling their beautiful handcrafts.

Our Mission Statement:

To empower small-scale global artisans and farmers through long-term trading partnerships, helping them build **sustainable employment, resources, rights, and a vision of hope** in their communities. We believe in:

Creating employment. SERRV works to provide employment opportunities to all artisans, regardless of gender, race, or religion. We also work to prevent child labor, instead making sure artisans' children stay in school and have brighter futures.

Paying fair wages. Artisans working with SERRV are paid fair wages in advance, to ensure they can support themselves and their families while they work.

Encouraging sustainable practices. SERRV cares about the planet, and encourages artisans to use sustainable crafting methods and recycled materials in their handcrafts. We also use recycled cardboard shreds to pack our products for safe shipping.

Supporting community development. SERRV provides loans and donations to help build workshops, fund healthcare and education initiatives, recover from natural disasters, and additional community improvement projects as needed.

Preserving traditional crafting techniques. SERRV employs artisans who utilize traditional crafting methods, patterns, and materials to create their handcrafts.





Every Basket Helps

African Market Baskets™ is a business focused on handcrafted Bolga baskets and the remarkable artisans who weave them. We work directly with artisans in Bolgatanga, Ghana and are wholeheartedly devoted to creating a positive experience for all involved. Proceeds from the sale of our baskets help to provide healthcare, education and financial support to over 1,000 African villagers and their children.

African Market Baskets owner and founder, Steve Karowe, formed a non-profit, Every Basket Helps™, to fund and guide our various humanitarian projects in Ghana. Whether it be signing up villagers for healthcare, providing school supplies and mosquito nets to those in need, or building a weaving center, all of our efforts aim to empower the weavers, their families, and the communities of Bolgatanga. African Market Baskets donates 10% of our profits to our non-profit, so indeed, every basket helps in a profound and impactful way.



Mosquito nets

School supplies

Health insurance for all villagers



Our Brand & Mission

The name Missions Pottery is purposeful. Through our profits, we support Christian missions in America and around the world. Everyone needs compassion and the kindness of a Savior. We place a small hole in our pottery pieces to remind us of the void that we have that can only be filled by Jesus Christ.

Missions Pottery began as a hobby and a stress reliever. Little did I know that God had plans that I didn't have. Because of the loss of friends and loved ones, I was looking for a way to relax, so I took a class and discovered just how much I enjoyed it. Through the loss of a job, I had much more free time and decided to use my time to serve the Lord. Through sermons at church and a lot of prayer, we went full time with the pottery shop and gallery.

Our goal is to create and sell high quality hand crafted goods to fund the spread of the Gospel. Through His blessing and leadership, we use our profits to spread the Gospel by sponsoring missionaries and faith based groups both nationally and world-wide.

Our pottery is made in Lexington, North Carolina.



MILKBARN.



Exile International + Milkbarn

Every purchase from Milkbarn directly helps Exile International and the children of war to heal their mind, body, and spirit. Our collaborative efforts allow these recovered children to become leaders of tomorrow in their local communities.



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HEALED CHILDREN SINCE 2008

1100

CHILDREN HELPED THIS YEAR

22

CARE PROGRAMS

12

YEARS OF IMPACT

From the beginning, our hearts longed to help others. We didn't know our path, we didn't know our calling, but we knew we wanted to be used. A simple prayer of "use me, use us" guided our day-to-day actions. In 2008 we heard of the brutal abuse of women and children in the Democratic Republic (DR) of the Congo; our hearts broke. Our finances limited our ability to help, but we gave what we could and we gave from our heart. We had found our purpose.

Fast forward to 2015 and our paths crossed with Exile International. Their work and their mission aligned with our mission. We knew many spoken and unspoken prayers led us to Exile International and a partnership began. By partnering with Exile International, we bring awareness to this extraordinary organization and we further our purpose of helping the women and children of the DR of the Congo. This very purpose guides us every day.

MY SAINT MY HERO.

WEARABLE BLESSINGS.

OUR MISSION

To create Wearable Blessings that empower global communities through meaningful work and remind us that we are **loved, blessed and protected.**

To change the world through love...one blessing at a time.

Wear One. Share One.



A COMPANY FOUNDED IN PRAYER

My Saint My Hero began with an inspiration to bring the stories of the saints to the youth as a reminder that we are all called to be saints. Saints were real people who walked this earth in union with Christ and miracles happened. Together we make God's love visible and our Wearable Blessings remind us of our true calling.

Our pieces come from communities around the globe and are infused with love and prayer. Each time you purchase a woven piece, you are empowering women through meaningful work.

My Saint My Hero creates Wearable Blessings that bring faith, hope and purpose into everyday life. The company was founded on the belief that God is real, prayer works, love heals and miracles happen. Throughout history we have been left with sacred symbols and tools (often referred to as sacramentals) that help us stay connected to all that is true, good and beautiful. We incorporate these tools into all of our pieces bringing the sacred to now, igniting the sacred and holy within each one of us.

EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES

Our bracelets are handwoven in Medjugorje, Bosnia and Herzegovina by artisans who pray as they tie each knot, infusing each piece with love and prayer. This meaningful work helps these artisans rise above poverty through the dignity of their beautiful trade.

Several of our pieces are hand beaded in Cambodia by girls and women rescued from human trafficking. Your purchase helps restore dignity and combat human trafficking through empowerment, advocacy and prevention programs

... one bracelet at a time.

A number of our Wearable Blessings are made by workers in Mexico. Because of you, they have the opportunity to earn a living and alleviate the daily struggle to make ends meet.

We are purpose-driven fashion infused with intention. May the light within you ignite the light in others.





Bunnies by the Bay



Giving Back Is Important to Us

Throughout our history as a company, we've learned again and again how a helping hand can make a huge difference in hard times. We are passionate about helping to create lasting change in our country and community and we have partnered with some wonderful organizations to help spread light and love.



Kaboom! Is working to achieve playspace equity. Ensuring all children have the space and ways to play, grow, thrive, and reach their full potential. On select days in July 2020 we are donating 20% of all proceeds to their efforts.



Worldwide Orphans delivers programs focused on attachment, early intervention, health care, sport and the arts to communities and orphanages in Bulgaria, Ethiopia, Haiti, Serbia and Vietnam. By addressing the needs of the whole child, Worldwide Orphans giving kids strong bodies and the coping, social and life skills they need to be happy and successful in the future. Our products have been used for their toy libraries, where the Element of Play Program as made in difference in countless lives of children.



The Children's Defense Fund Leave No Child Behind® mission is to ensure every child a Healthy Start, a Head Start, a Fair Start, a Safe Start and a Moral Start in life and successful passage to adulthood with the help of caring families and communities. In June 2020, we are donating 20% of all proceeds on given days to this wonderful organization.



Established over 40 years ago, Feed the Children is one of the leading anti-hunger organizations. We dare to envision a world where no child goes to bed hungry. To help create that world, we are dedicated to helping families and communities achieve stable lives and to reducing the need for help tomorrow—all while providing food and assistance to help them today.



No Kid Hungry is a national campaign run by Share Our Strength, a nonprofit working to solve problems of hunger and poverty in the United States and around the world. After 25 years of successfully investing in local nonprofits and helping find the best approaches to eradicating poverty and hunger, Share Our Strength launched No Kid Hungry in 2010.



JustNeem is a body care company based in Cary, NC, specializing in natural, premium Neem products for body and skin care. JustNeem is a Fair Trade, certified B-Corporation, which serves the greater good by using a holistic approach to business as a tool for positive change for solving social and environmental challenges.

Neem is a tree. Neem leaves, fruit, and Neem oil extracted from the seeds contain healing properties. For over 4000 years, women in India have relied upon Neem for flawless skin. It is used extensively in Ayurvedic medicine for many skin issues and daily skin care.

Seeds and Suds of Hope

Just Neem promotes and supports the livelihood of villagers in the Sahara Desert, Mauritania, West Africa by investing 10% of annual profit back into the Neem orchard. In addition to the orchard project, they provide soap making kits and workshops for women who live near the orchard. These kits and soap workshops are an invaluable resource for the women and their daughters that allow them to thrive independently and make a living on their own. Once they learn the soap making process, the Mauritanian women are able to produce and sell the soap to support themselves.

All-Natural Ingredients, Vegan-Friendly & Cruelty-Free

All of our products use effective & gentle plant-based formulas made with clean, green ingredients. Never poisoned with parabens, sulfates, toxins, or icky synthetics and never tested on animals.

Sustainably Sourced, Fair Trade & Supports Third World Economy

Our Neem is sourced directly from our orchard in West Africa, where we pay a living wage, follow sustainable farming practices, and support the local community.

Made in the USA

Our products are formulated, packaged, and shipped from our headquarters in Cary, NC.



Freddies' Crosses



Freddie Eller's "Cross Ministry" started in 2010, with one simple request from the pastor's wife to make a cross that would fit in your hand. It would be given to parents whose children were going off to college so they could hold on to it as they prayed for their children and their future. Freddie wasn't sure he could make something like that but the pastor said, "Jesus told me you could." So he went home, made a wooden design and drew up a pattern.

And from that original pattern, he has made over 400 crosses.

The crosses have been given to people who:

- participated in bible studies
- were sick or hospitalized
- used them in wedding bouquets
- paid the cross forward
- were trying to cope, like police officers working on difficult investigations
- were holding it when they walked into eternity

The crosses have gone across the United States and South America and have been given out at a conference in Nicaragua.

Because the crosses are made from wood, patients can hold them during MRI's, CT scans and during chemo.

From start to finish the five-step process takes four days. Each cross is hand sanded until it "feels right" to Freddie, which makes it unique, like no other.

Freddie says, "I enjoy making the crosses because it's my way of evangelizing and has become a ministry in itself. It's such a blessing to see the comfort it brings people as they are holding the cross and praying or just holding it to have something to cling to.

Woodworking started as a hobby and became a ministry with a mission.



Bee Cause

One small hive—that was the humble origin of Savannah Bee Company. Today, the one small hive concept is the very foundation on which our company’s mission and philosophy rests. We believe the noble honeybee is the perfect role model for a successful and sustainable company. Just like the honeybee, we strive to enhance and contribute to the community and environment from which we thrive. This hive mentality flows through every aspect of our company, from the sourcing of our raw materials to our educational outreach initiatives that now extend across the country.

Our founder and CEO created The Bee Cause Project is to ensure future generations are stewards of the natural environment who understand, engage, and are inspired by the wonder of honey bees while being empowered to take action through careers in STEM.

The objectives are to utilize bee learning centers to: reconnect youth and adults with the natural world, provide an engaging and unique tool for teaching STEM to students, empower students to act as bee ambassadors, and instill in youth the value of hard work, collective impact, and the importance every individual has in their community.

To date, the Bee Cause has provided hives for 3300 schools in 50 states and 4 countries that are a part of the Bee Cause community.





When I started eeBoo, I did not know what a gift it would be to be able to build a business and a family at the same time. Twenty-five years ago, I wanted to create a new paradigm for what it meant to be a working Mother. I refused to embrace the compromise of work versus family--I was determined to have it all in one place, one self-perpetuating organism. So I made my office in the basement of my house where I could be close to my kids and they could experience it, understand it, and help us with what we did. I never worried about what the business looked like to other people. I never tried to conceal that we had kids and dogs running and barking in the background or tried to stop my mother from walking into the office during a meeting. I embraced this early chaotic mix as my brand, and I was proud of it. My husband Saxton and I put in long hours and depended on the help of our neighbors, friends, families, and babysitters, and we never separated our life from our work. Raising three children in the same realm as running a home-based business clarified our values as parents. We wanted to encourage creative thinking, open-ended play, and meaningful communication in the products we developed. Telling stories with our children, finding interesting objects in nature, and working on crafty projects together informed and inspired what is now the eeBoo line.



A graphic for eeBoo's sustainability message. It features a green circular seal at the top left that says 'MADE FROM 90% RECYCLED GRAY BOARD' and 'VEGETABLE BASED INKS'. The eeBoo logo is in the center. Below it, the text 'Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.' is written in green. Under 'Reduce:', it says 'eeBoo never uses unnecessary packaging'. Under 'Reuse:', it says 'Our puzzles and games are printed on super thick recycled gray board, so once your family has mastered a game you can pass it on to someone else.' Under 'Recycle:', it says 'eeBoo uses 90% recycled gray board and vegetable based inks.' The graphic is decorated with colorful butterflies and flowers. At the bottom, there is a small URL: 'For more info, please contact us at eeBoo.com Ph: 212-223-0823'.

ELEGANT BABY

Founded in 1967, Elegant Baby is in its second generation of operation, led by the founder's son and first ever Elegant Baby model, Yates Hooper. For over fifty years, we have been creating luxury baby gifts & clothing that effortlessly blends tradition and trend.

Our core values are ones of integrity, social responsibility, corporate stewardship, sustainability, and respect for those who craft as well as sell our products, and those precious little ones that become the proud owners of our luxury baby gifts. Our goal is to provide the very best in quality, design, and craftsmanship, all at an affordable price.

Elegant Baby luxury baby gifts have been featured in People, USA Today, US magazine, Pregnancy & Newborn, and O: The Oprah Magazine as a top affordable luxury baby gift! Celebrities like Angelina Jolie, Jessica Simpson, Gwen Stefani and Tom Cruise give our products to their children, but so do every-day moms all across the country.



GIFT BOXED HEIRLOOM BIBLE



CHRISTENING HAND CROCHETED BABY BOOTIES



HEIRLOOM BABY BONNET



We make it our mission to encourage children everywhere to grow in virtue, build character and energize their passion for God—all while having fun!

Our story is built on the needs of gift givers, parents and those who influence children's lives: people who appreciate the power of wholesome, high-quality toys to inspire, educate and spark faith in children. As parents, we couldn't find what we were looking for in the toy marketplace, so we decided to get to work. And that is how the Wee Believers brand was born.

With every new product, we hold fast to our mission while following the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, who leads us on exciting new adventures each year.

Today, the Wee Believers Toy Company continues to bring purpose to play and to offer unique products that are child-tested and parent-approved. Our originality, craftsmanship, and thorough safety testing remain the foundation on which all of our toys are designed. Children deserve pure goodness during play—and providing that is our privilege



Chapel Hill Toffee

Mom's homemade toffee was always a special treat for Mark Graves growing up in his family home in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. In 2006, after years of perfecting her secret family recipe, Mark's mother, Karen Graves, decided to turn her favorite hobby into her own home-based business. That year, Chapel Hill Toffee made its retail debut at A Southern Season, a specialty foods market in the heart of Chapel Hill.

In 2008, Mark decided to join his mother in the kitchen and help her take her small business to the next level. Mark's wife, Christy Graves, a fellow Chapel Hill native, soon joined the team and in June of 2015, they welcomed their first son, Griff! Karen's oldest son, Scott, is now also on board as the newest member of the family business!

While Chapel Hill Toffee has quickly expanded, our toffee is still lovingly handcrafted in the place where it all began, "The Southern Part of Heaven".

We are proud to make a donation from the sale of every box of toffee to Dina's Dynasty Ovarian Cancer Fund.



Dina's Dynasty Ovarian Cancer Fund

Established in memory of Dina Bray, Christy's mom and Mark's mother-in-law. Dina was Chapel Hill Toffee's biggest cheerleader and most tireless volunteer. In May of 2017, Dina was diagnosed with ovarian cancer. Three weeks later, she passed away. In her memory, we give a portion of the sale of every box of toffee to the Dina's Dynasty Ovarian Cancer Fund.

Dina was a long time supporter and volunteer at UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center, and the fund in her name aims to support UNC Lineberger in developing a reliable screening method for ovarian cancer and providing outstanding care for ovarian cancer patients.



sigikid is a family owned company whose roots go way back – in fact, more than 150 years back! sigikid’s German parent company “H. Scharrer & Koch GmbH” was founded in 1856 in Bayreuth/ Bavaria. The name is a combination of the founder’s first name “Sigi” (short for Sigrid) and “kid” – Axel, the first child born into the Gottstein family. True to a traditional family business, Axel runs now the business in Germany, while his sister Eva Frecea and her husband Lucian handle business development in the Americas.

The Seasons Gifts buyers found this line in Berlin during St. John’s “Lands of Luther” trip to Germany in 2014. We were one of the first stores in America to carry this line as they started their US distribution.

Playfully Different

sigikid was founded backed by the belief that you're never too old to cuddle and play. In today's world, many of our daily interactions are quick-paced and short-lived. We often tend to forget one of the most important human attributes: the ability to play. At sigikid, we put all our focus on playing. Our products are designed to make children happier. To achieve this, we use the most important ingredients available: **Quality and Love!**

BEASTS

There are cute cuddle animals. And then there are the BEASTS: Quirky, funny designer plush! Our designers pay particular attention to the unique and high quality materials used to create the BEASTS. Each BEAST has its unique name and story printed on its tag in English, German and French. Designed in Germany and made in Romania.



He’s done enough roaring in his long, full life. Ever since his 110th birthday, Metusa Leo has taken on a softer tone and joined a legal practice as a mediator. Whether he’s dealing with feuding married couples, battling business partners or colleagues tearing each other to pieces – Metusa Leo knows how to arbitrate and his judgement carries weight. But in the evenings, after the day’s strife, he grows very tired and longs for love and affection. Then only one person can help him: YOU!



GLASS EYE STUDIO

Founded in 1978 in Seattle's famed Pike Place Market, Glass Eye Studio is one of the oldest and largest privately-owned hot shops in the country and served as a training ground for some of the most famed glass artists of the Pacific Northwest.

Now situated in the Ballard industrial maritime district, our studio has become a creative hotbed of master craftsmen, visiting artists, designers and a dog or three.



Art From Ashes

Glass Eye Studio can create beautiful glass objects with the ashes of your loved one. Each memorial is handmade in our Seattle studio, crafted with the utmost care and respect by our artisan team. We're mindful that the process of choosing how best to honor a loved one is an emotional undertaking. Please know that our intention is to create a positive experience, one that fosters healing, reflection and celebration.





Created exclusively for St. John's Lutheran Church

Ella B. Candles is a candle manufacturer that partners with retailers across the country to create personalized gifts and home fragrance products. Our candles are 100% pure soy, hand-poured in Charlotte, North Carolina.

The Seasons Gifts buyers selected 3 unique candles, each with its own scent, Bible verse and packaging.





Woman owned. Family run.

Today, Joy Susan is a leader in the vegan leather handbag markets. Vegan leather is fashion with a conscience. It's every bit as good as genuine leather, and once you try it, you'll never go back – and you won't be missing anything.

Our vegan leather bags are made of 100% pure polyurethane (PU), a synthetic material with no animal products or by-products whatsoever. It's a material we're experienced in working with, and out of many artificial leather options, polyurethane's rich texture and versatility give it the edge. Some vegan leathers, for example, incorporate fibrous hides in an attempt to simulate a more leather-like feel. At Joy Susan, we never do this – and we never have to, because with expert design and careful attention to details, it's difficult to tell our bags from genuine leather. We have created over 100 unique colors.





It was in 2005 that Charles Viancin created the brand which bears his name

Inspired by nature's breathtaking beauty, whether it was found in a solitary water lily or a glowing field of sunflowers, Charles Viancin designed a range of kitchen accessories that, to this day, is constantly expanding with new products released every year. Lids, bottle stoppers, drink markers, and more come in an astounding array of shapes, sizes, and colors and are all made from environment-friendly silicone.

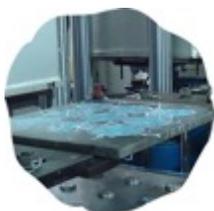
Their unique designs make them essential for containing kitchen messes, keeping food fresh, sealing in heat for hot foods, and keeping cold foods chilled. Durable and flexible, silicone is the perfect material for bringing Charles Viancin's ideas to life.

Based in the French Alps by Lake Annecy, CHARLES VIANCIN GROUP

patents Charles Viancin's designs and selects only the best partners for the manufacturing and distribution of its silicone kitchen accessories all over the world.



BPA-Free Silicone is the natural choice for manufacturing all CHARLES VIANCIN® products because it is durable, flexible and easy to clean. The silicone that we use in our products is non-toxic and can be used over and over again which not only guarantees a healthy kitchen but a healthy planet as well.



A single CHARLES VIANCIN® silicone lid will last longer than the hundreds of thousands of rolls of plastic wrap and aluminum foil that are wasted every year



OUR STORY

Our story begins with the simple question, what difference can we make in the world by sprinkling a bit of inspiration where we live, work and play? Excited to discover the answer, we started to dream up tangible ways to add unexpected delight to each day. Soon, our first pop-open cards were born —small window cards with thoughtful messages hidden inside.

These powerful little cards quickly made their way around the world. Astronauts carried them into space and submarine crews took them to the bottom of the ocean. They were handed out to courageous response teams at Ground Zero. And they were given to teachers, cancer patients, and anyone who could use a spark of inspiration. Wherever these little cards showed up, they uplifted spirits and warmed hearts.

Thirty years later, millions of our joyful messages have touched the lives of people around the globe and we've discovered that a bit of inspiration *can*, in fact, make a big difference! Through our products, we hope to create opportunities to sprinkle goodness around you—and make the world a little brighter.

Environmentally conscious

All of our gifts and books are printed with soy inks, and we also use FSC®-certified paper for every greeting card. Our greeting cards are all printed at a press that gets its energy from wind power.

Giving Back

Giving back to our community is an important part of our company values, and we support the efforts of various nonprofit organizations throughout the year. We've designated a portion of the profits from our Positively Green cards to benefit organizations working to protect the environment.





Started on a kitchen counter, Mr.Bird is now one of the largest seed block and bird seed gift manufacturers in the nation.

Birds are in Our Nature

We started Mr.Bird in 1996 when we owned an independent wild bird supply store in San Antonio, Texas. In helping our customers we could see a demand for a better way to feed birds; loose seed would often be wasted and suet would melt in our hot summers.

Also, for some reason, birds in our area just wouldn't eat suet. So our first seed and nut blocks were designed to train birds to come to the suet feeders, once the birds were used to the feeder they could then be switched to suet. Imagine our surprise when no one wanted to make the change to suet. Our blocks looked good, felt good, smelled good, and the birds went crazy for them. Why mess with messy suet?

