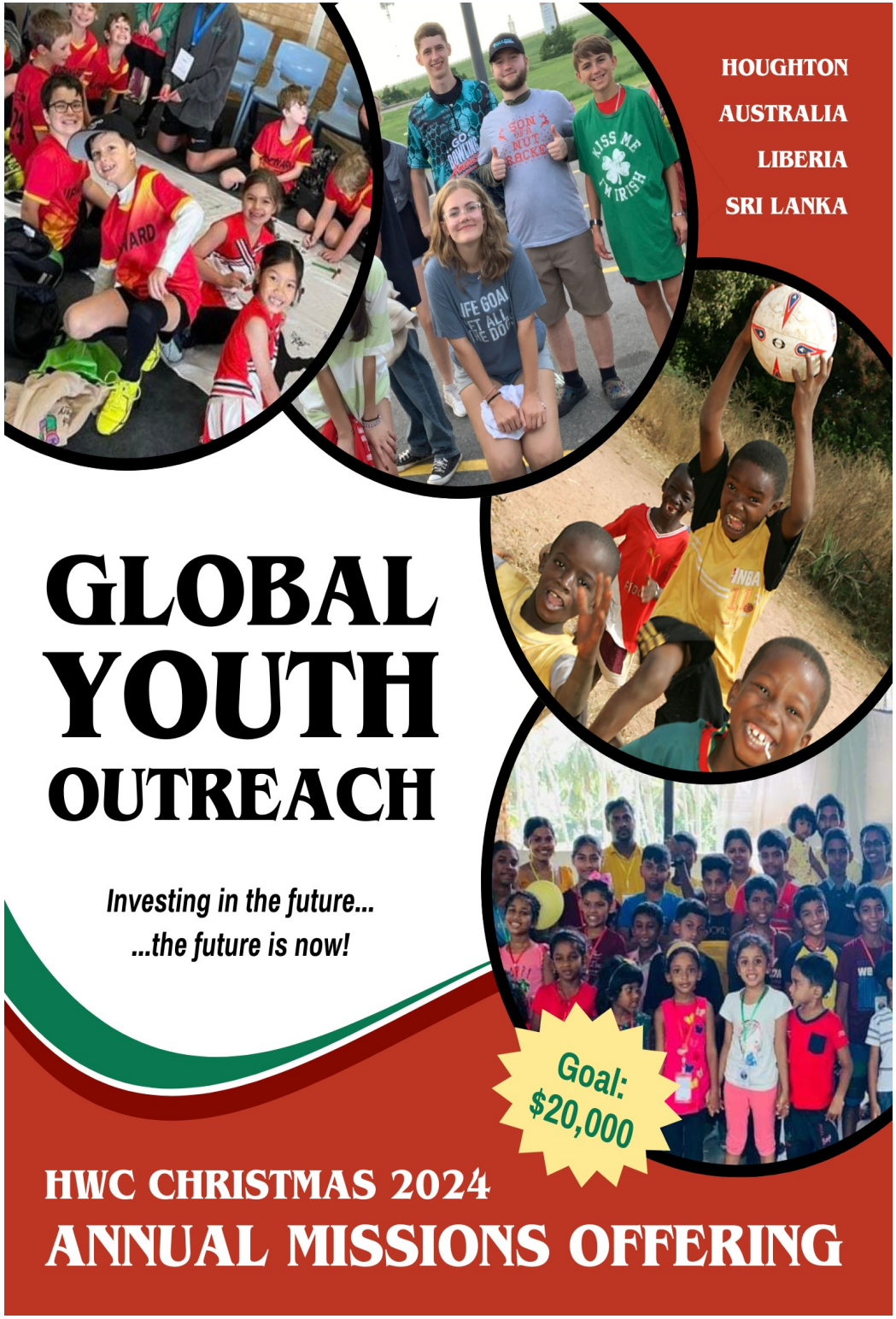

CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING 2024 FYI

GLOBAL YOUTH OUTREACH

A recent survey of our supported missionaries yielded three specific projects focusing on outreach to children and youth in 2025: Summer programs in **Perth, Australia** with Chris and Melissa George; a new nation-wide soccer and discipleship outreach to thousands of boys and girls with Jon Ortlip's Ambassador Football in **Liberia**; and expanded Camp and re-treat programs of Wesleyan Churches with Pastor Cedric Rodrigo in **Sri Lanka**.

- **PLUS:** Our own Houghton Wesleyan youth group will be sending 13 teens and 6 adults to Australia to be part of the outreach next summer. Our gifts will help provide funds for this.
- **Giving four ways:** Regular Offerings but earmarked "Christmas"; on-line giving marking the "Christmas Eve Offering" box; drop off at church office; in person on Christmas Eve.

AUSTRALIA

Western Australia is one of the most secular places on the planet! God is enabling Revs. Chris and Melissa George and the young congregations in Perth area to reach families through creative child and youth programs throughout the year and especially holidays. There will be sports and cheerleading camps, vacation Bible schools, and other avenues to evangelize and disciple children.

Summer of 2025, 13 Houghton teens and 6 adults will be part of this effort. Training and preparations have begun as our teens grow in faith while they reach out to others. Our gifts will help pave the way.

LIBERIA

HWC has supported Jon Ortlip and Ambassador Football programs for years, and it's exciting to see what God is doing in Africa with solid biblical teaching for boys and girls through church-centered soccer clubs. The premier program in Rwanda and Kenya reaches 13,000+ children from multiple denominations. As denominations are now on board in Liberia, training is underway with Wesleyan pastors and teachers in the lead. We aim to assist 6-8 local Wesleyan churches work with 100 kids each using colorful and carefully guided Bible workbooks and lessons for these Saturday sessions which, of course, include soccer. Our funding covers training, transport, materials, kits, equipment.

SRI LANKA

HWC has had a long relationship with Cedric and Sharlini Rodrigo, pioneer leaders of the Wesleyan movement in the challenging land of Sri Lanka. The key to the future is the growing outreach to youth eager to follow Christ in a very pluralistic and sometimes hostile society. Plans in 2025 are to expand into a national level camp for youth exclusively. We will assist with site rental, programming, and partial scholarships for campers. It's our privilege to make this dream come true.