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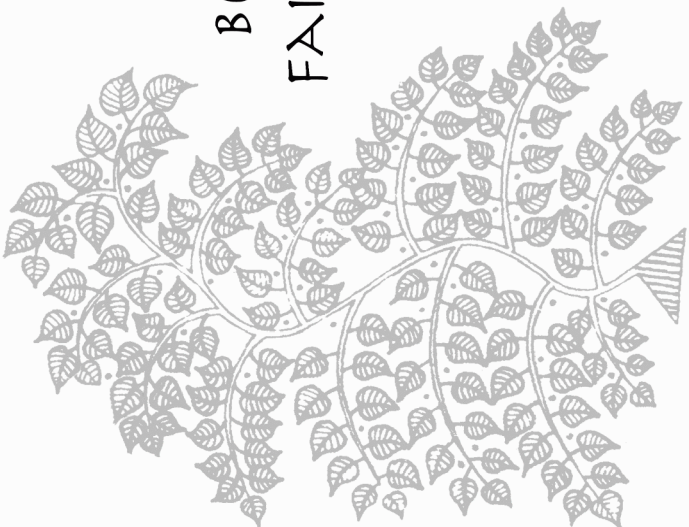
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OUR MISSION

We create opportunities for artisans
in developing countries
to earn income by bringing their products
and stories to our markets through
long-term, fair trading relationships.



ABOUT THE ARTISANS

The Presbyterian Handicraft Centre, known as Prescraft, is based in northwest Cameroon. Men and women artisans produce traditional West African handicrafts, working at three rural production centers and earning a good income based on piece work. Some artisans combine handicraft production at home with farming or trading. They use the money raised from craft sales to pay for clothing, health care and housing, as well as their children's education. Prescraft provides employment for close to 130 artisans, as well as some 260 home-based artisans. Prescraft goals include encouraging self-reliance, minimizing rural exodus to cities and preserving indigenous arts and crafts. Ten Thousand Villages has purchased products from Prescraft since 1985.



ABOUT YOUR HANDCRAFTED TREASURE

Cameroon Cross

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Cameroonian crosses from West Africa, in an assortment of fascinating designs. Handcrafted in lost wax bronze, one of the first known methods of working with molten metal. The artisan sculpts wax, then coats it with clay and allows it to dry. Molten bronze is poured into the mold, melting the wax and allowing liquid bronze to fill the shape. After the metal cools, the artisan breaks the clay, revealing a one-of-a-kind figure. Each sculpture is created individually; each is unique.



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