

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world through gift-filled shoe boxes and the Good News of God's love. This program of Samaritan's Purse provides an opportunity for people of all ages to be involved in a simple, hands-on missions project while focusing on the true meaning of Christmas—Jesus Christ, God's greatest gift. Along with shoe box gifts, millions of children are given Gospel booklets in their own language. In 2004, Samaritan's Purse collected over 7 million shoe box gifts worldwide and distributed them to children in 95 countries.



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### HOW TO PACK A SHOE BOX:

1. **Find An Empty Shoe Box.** *You can wrap it -- lid separately -- if you would like, but wrapping is not required.*
2. **Label Your Gift.** *Decide whether your gift will be for a boy or a girl and which age category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14. Cut out the appropriate label (see below), tape it on the top of your box, and mark the correct age category.*
3. **Fill The Box.** *Include new toys, school supplies, non-liquid hygiene items, and hard candy (see recommended items below). In a separate envelope you may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. If you include your name and address, the child may write back.*
4. **Include A Check.** *Using a separate envelope, please enclose a check for \$7 or more to help cover shipping and other costs. Make checks payable to Samaritan's Purse, and note on the memo line that the gift is for Operation Christmas Child. If you or your family are filling more than one shoe box, you may make one combined donation in a single envelope inside any one of your boxes.*
5. **Complete The Form Below.** *Please print clearly and use dark ink. Detach the completed form at the dotted line (below) and enclose along with your check. Seal the envelope and place it on top of the gift items inside your shoe box so it is clearly visible. If you are sending a note or photo to the child, use a separate envelope.*
6. **Close Your Box.** *Place a rubber band around your shoe box and lid.*
7. **Deliver Your Box.** *Bring your box to church by the due date!!*

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### RECOMMENDED ITEMS TO PACK:

- **Toys:** small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch A Sketch, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries, Slinky, etc.
- **School Supplies:** pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, coloring books, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, etc.
- **Hygiene Items:** toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth, etc.
- **Other:** hard candy, lollipops, mints, gum, sunglasses, flashlights (with extra batteries), ball caps, socks, t-shirts, toy jewelry, hair clips, watches, small picture books, etc.

### DO NOT INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- Used items
- War-related items: toy guns, knives, etc.
- Chocolate or perishable food items
- Liquids: shampoo, liquid soap, lotion, bubbles, etc.
- Medicines: vitamins, cough drops, ointment, etc.
- Breakable items: mirrors, china dolls, snow globes, etc.

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**IMPORTANT:**

Please complete the information, detach, and place on top of the gift items inside your shoe box so it is clearly visible.

All gifts are tax deductible to the full extent allowed by law. Samaritan's Purse does not provide receipts for the value of gift items included in a shoe box. For the purpose of obtaining a tax deduction, the value of a gift-filled shoe box should be determined by the donor.

I will pray for Operation Christmas Child.

Enclosed is \$7 or more for each shoe box to help with shipping and other expenses.

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. & Mrs.    Mr.    Mrs.    Miss.    Ms.    Dr.    Rev.    Child    Youth

Name or Organization:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Number & Street Address:  
\_\_\_\_\_

City  
\_\_\_\_\_

State:   Zip Code:  
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Mark the correct age category:			<b>BOY</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	2-4 Years Old			
<input type="checkbox"/>	5-9 Years Old			
<input type="checkbox"/>	10-14 Years Old			
Mark the correct age category:			<b>GIRL</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	2-4 Years Old			
<input type="checkbox"/>	5-9 Years Old			
<input type="checkbox"/>	10-14 Years Old			