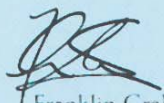




Dear Friend,

One of the first Bible verses that many of us learned as children is John 3:16. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life" (NKJV). That verse provides the inspiration behind Operation Christmas Child, the unique worldwide outreach of Samaritan's Purse. Each year, we share God's love with millions of poor, sick, and suffering children by hand-delivering shoe boxes filled with toys, school supplies, candy, and other gifts. These Christmas presents not only bring great joy to precious girls and boys, they also open hearts to hear about God's greatest gift—His Son, Jesus Christ. You can take part in this exciting project simply by following the instructions for filling a shoe box and by praying for the child who will receive your gift. With your help, we can bring the Good News of God's love to millions of hurting children and their families.


 Franklin Graham
 President
 Samaritan's Purse

Your Gift Goes A Long Way

How to pack your shoe box gift:

1. Find an empty shoe box. You can wrap it—lid separately—if you would like, but wrapping is not required.
 2. Decide whether your gift will be for a boy or a girl and the age category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14. Cut out the appropriate label from the back of this brochure, tape it on the top of your box, and mark the correct age category.
 3. Fill the box with a variety of gifts using the list to the right as a guide. 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. **IMPORTANT:** Please enclose a check for **\$5 or more** in the attached envelope to help cover shipping and other costs. **Please make checks payable to Samaritan's Purse, and note on the memo line that the gift is for Operation Christmas Child.** If you are packing more than one box, you can make one combined donation in a single envelope. **Place the envelope on top of the gift items inside your shoe box so it is clearly visible.** Then place a rubber band around your box and lid.
 5. Drop off your shoe box gift at the collection center nearest you. For locations and dates call **1-800-353-5949**, or visit us online at **www.samaritanspurse.org**
- OR
- Send your shoe box gift to:
 Samaritan's Purse
 Operation Christmas Child
 801 Bamboo Road
 P.O. Box 3000
 Boone, NC 28607

Suggested Gifts:

- ✓ 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, snowglobes, etc.

