

A wonderful lesson at any age is to help others whenever you can.  
The Lord tells us to use our gifts to serve one another and  
this is the perfect time to share what we can with those in need.  
This year as our giving project, we will be participating in  
Operation Christmas Child.

We are attaching information explaining how our Prairie Pals community can help Operation Christmas Child reach children across His creation and spread the love of Jesus. By filling shoe boxes with fun supplies, we will be making children's hearts smile. This is an easy family centered activity to get involved in that makes a big impact.

Please check our website or your KT Connect app for attachments with information explaining the what, how and when of this program. Let us know if you need a shoebox and label. We have some available at school on a first come first served basis. We are asking for all packaged shoe boxes to be returned to Prairie Pals no later than Monday, November 11 and Tuesday, November 12 (no late boxes can be accepted). We will transport the packaged shoe boxes to a collection center.

This is not a mandatory activity. If you do not wish to participate by packing a shoe box please feel free to participate by sending prayers for the program, the children and the boxes making their way around the globe. Thank you and God Bless.







## WHEN PACKING SHOEBOX GIFTS ...

Remember that your shoebox gift will be an expression of God's love to a child. It may be the only gift the child receives. So, plan to pack quality items that will last. Be sure to make them **FUN**, adding a "wow" item and new toys a child will love; **FULL**, with no empty space; and **PERSONALIZED**, so that each is unique, prayed over, and includes a note of encouragement.

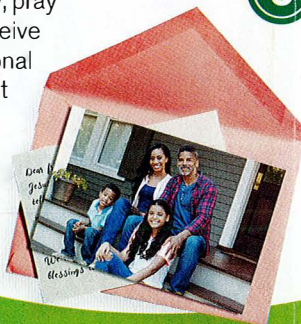
**1 SHOEBOX:** Get a standard-size shoebox to pack for a boy or girl. Need shoeboxes? Great preprinted shoeboxes are available on our website.



**2 "WOW" ITEM:** Select a quality "wow" toy such as a doll, soccer ball with pump, or stuffed animal to bless a child.

**3 OTHER GIFTS:** Pack full with other fun toys, personal care items, and school supplies.

**4 PRAY:** Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gift. Include a personal note and photo to delight the heart of a child.



**5 DONATE \$10 PER SHOEBOX:** A donation of \$10 per box is critical to cover shipping and other project costs. For easiest processing you can give online, or give by check using the attached postage-paid envelope. If you make your donation online using the Follow Your Box feature on the label in this brochure, you can also discover the destination of your shoebox!



**\$10**

**6 DROP OFF:** Take your shoebox gift to a local drop-off location during National Collection Week, Nov. 18-25. Visit our website to find one near you.



Through **Build a Shoebox Online**, you can send the Gospel to the ends of the earth without leaving home! Scan this QR code or visit [samaritanaspurse.org/buildonline](http://samaritanaspurse.org/buildonline) to get started.

## SHOEBOX GIFT IDEAS

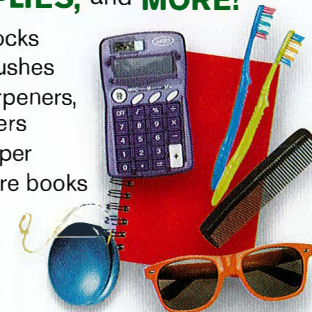


### "WOW" ITEM and TOYS

- Soccer ball with pump
- Dolls and stuffed animals
- Shoes ▪ Toy cars
- Jump ropes and yo-yos
- Toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries)

### PERSONAL CARE ITEMS, SCHOOL SUPPLIES, and MORE!

- Toothbrushes ▪ Socks
- Combs and hairbrushes
- Pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, and markers
- Notebooks and paper
- Coloring and picture books
- Solar calculators
- Sunglasses
- Flashlights



### **DO NOT INCLUDE**

candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; scary or war-related items; seeds; food; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items or glass containers; aerosol cans

Wondering if certain items are OK to pack? Use our gift suggestions tool:







Fernanda

# GOD'S PROVISION FOR CHILDREN IN NEED

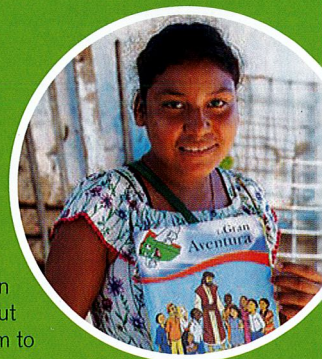
**M**any families in La Barra de Coyuca, a small town west of Acapulco, Mexico, lost practically everything they owned to Hurricane Otis this past year. Samaritan's Purse disaster relief teams responded to this region in partnership with area churches, including several from Mexico City, who tarped damaged roofs and provided access to clean water. Numerous local congregations have partnered with Operation Christmas Child for years, putting them in a unique position to offer the hope of Jesus Christ to suffering families.

A group of children from La Barra de Coyuca heard the Gospel and received shoebox gifts at a gymnasium. Its metal roof lay twisted on the ground from the powerful storm. A girl named Litsea, 11, who had prayed to receive Christ, learned to follow Him through The Greatest Journey discipleship lessons attended by dozens of the children.

In another town outside of Acapulco, the Category 5 hurricane had peeled away Fernanda's metal roof. Mud filled her one-room home and buried what she and her mother owned, including the 10-year-old's cherished notebooks and crayons. The shoebox gift Fernanda received contained toys, socks, and most meaningful to her—notebooks, colored paper, crayons, and pencils.

"I was excited because I wanted to draw many things, and a picture of how God took care of us during the storm," she said.

"Yes, they are small things," said Pastor Pedro Victorino, an Operation Christmas Child ministry partner, about shoebox items like these. "But to a child who has lost everything, they are a way of introducing them to the love of Jesus Christ."



Litsea



HOW TO PACK A SHOEBOX GIFT

# FUN, FULL & PERSONALIZED!



Gift-filled Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are delivered together with the Good News of Jesus Christ as expressions of God's immense love for a child. So, be sure to make them ...

**FUN:** Include a quality "wow" item (and other new toys) to delight the child. **FULL:** Add school supplies and personal care items to fill empty spaces. **PERSONALIZED:** Make sure every shoebox is unique and covered in prayer. Prayerfully packed shoebox gifts lead to evangelism, discipleship, and the multiplication of believers and churches around the world.

A donation of \$10 per shoebox is critical to help cover collecting, processing, shipping, and evangelism training and materials. Give online through Follow Your Box and discover the destination of your gift.

Find packing tips  
and ways to give:



“Shoebox gifts are  
like snowflakes—  
no two are alike!”

—Franklin Graham  
President, Samaritan's Purse

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# Build a Shoebox!

ONLINE



## Bless a Child Around the World Without Leaving Home

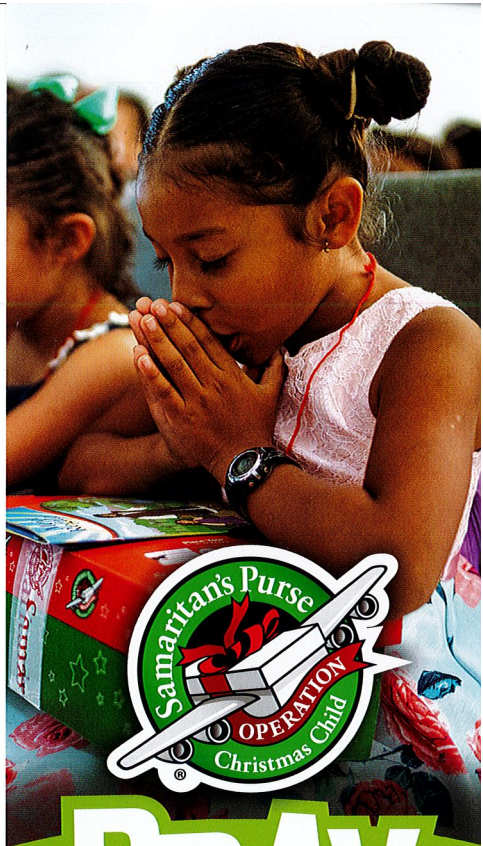
Build a Shoebox Online and help a boy or girl in the far reaches of the world hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ! Select fun items from our collection and personalize your gift with a letter and photo. We'll pack the gift for you and send it on its way for a suggested donation of \$25. As a result of gifts like yours, families are being reached, churches started, and communities transformed by the power of the Gospel.

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# PRAY WITH US!

“Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things.”

JEREMIAH 33:3

**SUNDAY | EPHESIANS 4:7**

Ask God to prepare the hearts of shoebox recipients to hear His Word and receive His love.

**MONDAY | COLOSSIANS 1:9-11**

Pray for local ministry partners in over 100 countries who distribute shoebox gifts and tell boys and girls about God's Greatest Gift, Jesus Christ.

**TUESDAY | 1 CHRONICLES 16:8-11**

Petition the Lord to open doors and hearts in hard-to-reach areas, where believers may face hardships for professing faith in Jesus.

**WEDNESDAY | MARK 12:29-31**

Pray that those who promote the project and collect shoebox gifts at drop-off locations will have opportunities to share the Gospel in their communities.

**THURSDAY | COLOSSIANS 3:17**

Pray for the thousands of volunteers and seasonal staff who process shoeboxes and assemble shoeboxes built online.

**FRIDAY | PSALM 105:1**

Pray that the boys and girls in The Greatest Journey follow-up evangelism and discipleship program will dedicate their lives to Christ and tell their family and friends about Him.

**SATURDAY | PROVERBS 22:6**

Lift up the local teachers of The Greatest Journey as they train the next generation of disciples.

To learn more, visit

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