



“ Every shoebox offers an opportunity to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with a hurting child. ”

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PRESIDENT, SAMARITAN'S PURSE



Operation Christmas Child at Watermark Church

(Please read this year's instructions!)

Operation Christmas Child is a great way to serve with your family and friends! But we're not simply giving gifts; Samaritan's Purse uses these boxes to build relationships, share Christ, and disciple kids in communities all over the world.

For more on that story, ways to disciple your own family, a chance to help process boxes before they're shipped, or other ways to serve, visit watermark.org/go. We're challenging every Watermark member not only to GIVE but also to GO serve, and you'll find plenty of "GO" opportunities on that site.

SHOEBOXES DUE BY DEC. 13TH!



Good News. Great Joy.

how to pack your shoebox:

1. GET A BOX

Use a sturdy plastic box or cardboard box (no larger than a normal shoebox). You can wrap and decorate the box if you'd like, but wrap box & lid separately. (Sturdy plastic boxes are great because kids can keep and use them!)

2. DECIDE WHO YOU'RE GIVING TO

Will this shoebox be for a boy or a girl? Then choose an age category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14.

3. FILL WITH GIFTS

- **TOYS!** Start with a central item for a child to cherish—like a doll, deflated ball with pump, or stuffed animal. Then other toys and items can fill around it.
- **SCHOOL SUPPLIES:** pencil, pen, crayons, notebook, coloring book, etc.
- **NON-LIQUID HYGIENE ITEMS:** toothbrushes, washcloths, bar of soap, comb, etc.
- **CLOTHING ACCESSORIES:** socks, hat, hair band, T-shirt, flip-flops, sunglasses, etc.
- **FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN,** other ideas include blankets, stickers, picture books, blocks, etc.
- **FOR OLDER CHILDREN,** other ideas include tape measures, sewing kits, solar calculators, rulers, scissors, plastic jewelry, deodorant, etc.

DO NOT INCLUDE used or damaged items; war-related toys like military figures, toy weapons, or camo design; seeds; chocolate or food; out-of-date hard candy; any liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items like snowglobes or glass containers; or aerosol cans.

4. WRITE A NOTE

We encourage you to include a note—and even make it personal by adding a photo of you, your group, or your family. If you include your name and address, the child may be able to write back. Place the note on top of the items in your box.

5. PRAY

Pray for the child who will receive this box, as well as for the ministry that will use it to build a relationship with a child and hopefully their whole family.

6. INCLUDE \$7 & PREPARE TO SHIP

Please place \$7 in your box to help cover shipping costs, or pay online at samaritanaspurse.org/occ. For multiple boxes, combine payments. (Write checks to Samaritan's Purse, with "OCC" in the memo line.)

Choose the appropriate label below, and tape it securely to the top of your box. (For additional labels, make copies or download a label sheet at watermark.org/go.)

Do not seal your box. Use ONE large rubber band if needed.

DROP OFF: We will be collecting boxes in the Watermark Town Center from Dec. 6 to 13. (No boxes after Dec. 13.)

7. FOLLOW YOUR BOX (or serve in other ways)

We're challenging every member not only to GIVE but also to GO! In fact, you can even help collect shoeboxes at Watermark or sort them at the local OCC Processing Center before they're shipped!

Find info on those and dozens of other ways to make an impact at watermark.org/go.

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Making the Most of Operation Christmas Child

Watermark has prepared several resources for your experience, and Samaritan's Purse has great online tools as well. Here are seven great ways to make the most of your shoebox efforts!

1. Use the Operation Christmas Child **Family Guide**
2. Throw a **Packing Party** for friends, community group members, neighbors, or officemates.
3. Explore the Operation Christmas Child **stories** on our Give & Go site
4. Please help us and OCC by reading this year's updated **instructions** (on the reverse).
5. Check out the many **videos** of kids getting boxes available from Samaritan's Purse
6. Volunteer at Watermark's **Give & Go Booth** to pass out info and receive OCC shoeboxes
7. Volunteer at the **OCC Processing Center** to help inspect boxes, prepare them for shipping, and send them on their way to kids across the world!

**Find info on any of this at watermark.org/go
(click on "Operation Christmas Child")**