



## **Shoe Box Time ~ 2020**

**It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas. This year we have a supply of Operation Christmas Child corrugated cardboard boxes available for your use. Starting Tuesday, October 13, you can pick up a box and literature about this worthwhile project by calling the church office.**

All gift boxes must be returned or delivered to St. Paul's by noon on **Sunday November 22, 2019**. For more information visit <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child>. Remember you can always pack a shoebox online by visiting the site (additional information below).

If you would like to assist in delivering the shoeboxes to a Drop Off Center on Sunday, November 23, 2020, please contact Gail Andrews.

- The Samaritan's Purse project Operation Christmas Child collects shoebox gifts—filled with fun toys, school supplies and hygiene items—and delivers them to children in need around the world to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way. For many of these children, the gift-filled shoebox is the first gift they have ever received.
- Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child, the world's largest Christmas project of its kind, has collected and delivered more than 178 million shoebox gifts to children in more than 150 countries and territories.

### **Process**

- Anyone can pack a shoebox. Individuals, families, churches and groups fill empty shoeboxes with school supplies, hygiene items and fun toys, such as dolls or soccer balls.
- During **National Collection Week (Nov. 16 – 23, 2020)**, Samaritan's Purse will collect the gift-filled shoeboxes at nearly 5,000 drop-off locations in all 50 states and Puerto Rico.
- Learn how to pack a shoebox, view gift suggestions, and get other information at [samaritanspurse.org/occ](https://www.samaritanspurse.org/occ).
- Participants can donate \$9 per shoebox gift online through Follow Your Box and receive a tracking label to discover its4 destination.

■ Participants who prefer the convenience of **online shopping** can browse **samaritanspurse.org/buildonline** to select gifts matched to a child's specific age and gender, then finish packing the virtual shoebox by adding a photo and personal note of encouragement. (Approximate cost = \$ 25.00)

■ Shoebox gifts are prepared for overseas shipment at eight major processing centers across the U.S.—Atlanta; Baltimore/Washington; Boone, North Carolina; Charlotte, North Carolina; Dallas/Fort Worth; Denver; Chicago; and Fullerton, California.

### GIFT IDEAS

**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, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

**HYGIENE ITEMS:** toothbrush, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth, etc.

**OTHER:** T-shirts, socks, ball caps; sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries)

**DO NOT INCLUDE:** **Candy; toothpaste;** used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.