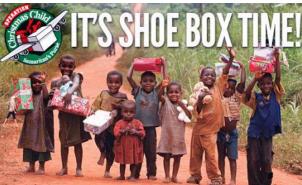
LAST DAY TO COLLECT FILLED BOXES WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH**

SOME HELPFUL TIPS

Use the red shoe box provided or an empty shoe box (standard size, please).

Determine whether your gift will be for a boy or a girl, and the child's age category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14. Use the label or print one online and tape the label to the top of your box.



Fill the box with a variety of gifts that will bring delight to a child. Use the gift ideas provided on the bottom of this page.

Please remember to enclose your \$7.00 donation to cover shipping cost but feel free to donate more if you like. Place payment in an envelope on top of your gifts INSIDE your box then place a rubber band around each closed shoebox.

If paying by check, make payable to Samaritan's Purse (note OCC on the memo). You may also pay online with a credit card by using <u>"Follow Your Box Donation"</u> option. Once paid you will be able to print your barcode label and adhere to the top of the box. This method will also allow you to track your box to see what country receives it. Here is the link to pay online <u>http://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/follow-your-box/</u>

GIFT IDEAS

"Wow" Item -Soccer ball with pump, Toys (puppets, trucks, etc.), Doll (baby, Barbie, etc.), Musical instrument, Outfit, Shoes

Toys: Include items that children will immediately embrace such as toy cars, yo-yos, jump ropes, balls, toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries), etc.

School Supplies: pens, pencils and sharpeners, crayons, markers, notebooks, paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

Non-liquid Hygiene Items: toothbrushes, bar soap, combs, washcloths, etc.

Accessories: plain colored or white T-shirts, socks, hats, sunglasses, hair clips, jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries), etc.

A Personal Note: 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 be able to write back.

PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE: Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; out-of-date candy; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

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For more information on OCC go to <u>http://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/</u>