



Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international relief organization. Our mission is to provide local partners around the world with shoeboxes filled with small toys, hygiene items, and school supplies as a means of reaching out to children in their own communities with the Good News of Jesus Christ. We ship these simple gifts outside the United States to children affected by war, poverty, natural disaster, famine, and disease.

The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to provide local churches who are our ministry partners around the world with shoebox gifts as a way to reach children in their communities. For many children, this is the first gift they will ever receive. More important than the items inside the shoebox, the gifts are an opportunity to share God's love – and the Good News of Jesus Christ – with children in need.

Build a Shoebox Online is a convenient way to pack your Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift right from home. Choose from our selections of toys and other fun items to include in your gift. Then, personalize it by adding your own letter and photo. For a suggested donation of \$25 per gift, we'll pack everything for you and send it on its way with the message of God's love for a boy or girl in need around the world.

Through Operation Christmas Child, Samaritan's Purse is sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with millions of boys and girls in more than 100 countries each year. Many of these children have never before received a present or heard the true meaning of Christmas – until they open a gift-filled shoebox from a person like you. Some people are not able to give the \$10 per shoebox we request for shipping and related costs. By adopting a shoebox, you can partner with them to deliver the Gospel and help "*bring salvation to the ends of the earth*" (Acts 13:47, ESV).

For more helpful information, please go to the Gaddis website, www.gaddischurch.org and click on the "Missions" page ([MISSIONS - GADDIS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH \(gaddischurch.org\)](http://www.gaddischurch.org)). If you do not wish to pack a shoebox but would like to donate, you may go to [Donate to Operation Christmas Child \(samaritanspurse.org\)](http://www.samaritanspurse.org)