

Operation Christmas Child

Now more than ever, children need great joy! Your family can give boys and girls in need a tangible expression of God's love through a gift-filled shoebox packed using this Operation Christmas Child shoebox!

What is Operation Christmas Child? Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international relief organization. Their 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. Samaritan's Purse ships these simple gifts outside the United States to children affected by war, poverty, natural disaster, famine, and disease; and to children living on Native American reservations in the U.S.

How do I pack a shoebox? Everything you need to learn about how to pack a shoebox gift can be found on the attached adhesive label, shoebox, or at samaritanspurse.org/occ. That includes what items can be included, how to learn the destination of your shoebox gift, and much more!

Note: Do not activate your label but be sure to keep record of the alphanumeric tracking code on your specific label, and you can enter this into the look-up tool if you would like to search for the destination of your individual shoebox gift.

Am I required to donate \$9 along with my shoebox? Please keep in mind that \$9 per shoebox is a suggested donation which provides for the collection, processing, and shipping of shoebox gifts to more than 100 countries. Hope Lutheran Church has made one combined donation to cover your suggested donation however, if you would like to help offset our costs, please consider bringing cash money or check made out to "Hope Lutheran Church" to drop-off.

Where and when do I drop-off my gift-filled shoebox? Shoeboxes should be returned to your child's Sunday school classroom on **Sunday, November 15th**. Additional shoeboxes and labels can be acquired in the Hope Lutheran Kids Supply Office however, the \$9 donation will not be covered by Hope Lutheran Church.

Note: In this case, activate your label at samaritanspurse.org/activate.

For general questions about Operation Christmas Child please visit samaritanspurse.org/occ. For questions about Operation Christmas Child at Hope Lutheran Church please contact your child's Sunday school teacher or Director of Youth & Education, Alex Cargin.