

Operation Christmas Child

at FBC Allen

Christmas in July



How can I help reach children all over the world with a special box full of love and the best gift of all, the Gospel?

FOUR ways YOU can participate:

- 1 Pick up empty OCC shoeboxes outside of the Rotunda** on July 5, 12, 19 or 26 OR pack your own wrapped shoebox. Feel free to decorate the inside of the boxes, as well. It is wonderful to include personal notes and quality homemade items! Keep in mind that this is a present, and many of the children have never before received a gift like this.* Children only ever receive one OCC shoebox - make it special! Filled boxes should be returned on Sundays to the OCC table OR to the church office by July 31 at noon.

Use the pre-addressed envelope provided and mail in the suggested **\$9 per box** that helps cover the cost of the Bible story book "The Greatest Gift" and shipping/distributing. Make checks to *Samaritan's Purse* OR you may contribute online and print out a "Follow Your Box" shipping label to put on top of the box. You can see where your box is delivered on the OCC website: samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/follow-your-box/

and/or

- 2 Contribute specific items needed** to help complete the 300 boxes that the FBC Allen OCC team has already started packing. Here is a link to **Sign Up Genius** to see what items are needed: occgift.fbcallen.org

and/or

- 3 Pack an online shoebox** through the OCC website: samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/

and most importantly...

- 4 PRAY** for the child who will receive your gift. PRAY for the network of volunteers and pastors as they train, spiritually prepare, plan, and distribute millions of boxes!

**See back for gift ideas*

Ideal Box Items

Boxes are distributed by BOY/GIRL and age groups: 2-4 years old, 5-9 years old and 10-14 years old. Keep the age ranges in mind when shopping, as you will label your box with one of these ranges, not a specific age.

Hygiene - please try to include these

Toothbrush
Soap (Ivory is preferred)
Soap container - plastic box
Wash cloth
Stick deodorant - age 10-14
Comb OR brush
Girls: barrettes, scrunchies, headbands

School Supplies - necessary for many children to be able to attend school

Pencils (2) - age 5+
Pens (4) - age 5+ black, red, blue ink
Pencil bag
Big eraser
Notepad OR small spiral OR journal
Crayons OR markers OR colored pencils
Pencil sharpener - age 5+
Water color paints - age 2-4, age 5-9
Highlighters - age 5+
Glue sticks
Scissors

Toys - please try to include 2 small toys

Stickers/small ball/whistle/car or truck/
hacky sack/punch balloon/stuffed animal/
jump rope/marbles/jacks & ball/slinky/
binoculars/inflatable ball/glow stick/
tambourine/paddle ball/small Etch-A-
Sketch/playing cards/plastic tools/plastic
dinosaurs/Lego blocks

Clothing Item - 1 per box

shirt/socks/underwear/scarf/bandana/
hat/cap/shoes

WOW! Item - 1 per box

Girls: doll/purse/sewing kit/recorder
harmonica/nice bag or backpack
Boys: tools/fishing kit/medium to large
sports ball & pump/recorder/
harmonica/nice bag or backpack

Extra items that are great to include:

Small package of Kleenex
Melamine plate, bowl, cup
Plastic fork, knife, spoon (decent quality)
Sunglasses
Band-aids
Pipe cleaners / Craft items
Small flashlight/extra batteries - age 5+
Duct tape - small roll - age 5+
Plastic rain poncho - age 5+
Small trowel for planting - age 5+
Blank index cards - age 5+
Rubber bands - age 5+
Chapstick - age 5+
Compact mirror - girls age 5+
Paracord/twine - boys age 5+
Compass - boys age 10-14
Small solar calculator - age 10+
Sharpie markers - age 10-14
Nail clippers/file - age 10-14

For a full list: samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/frequently-asked-questions/#packing

Remember: no liquids, toothpaste, candy/food, seeds, camo/military toys