

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD IS HERE!



We are excited to be participating again with **Operation Christmas Child** and we would love for **YOU** to be a part of it in some way!

Some of the children who receive a shoe box gift, it will be the only gift they receive during their childhood years. Many of these children live in war torn areas where they have already lost so much and this is an opportunity to minister to them and demonstrate the love of **Jesus**.

You have the opportunity to participate in a variety of different ways.

Empty shoe boxes will be available in the gym today for you to take home to fill yourselves and materials on how to pack a shoebox. You could do this as a family project or with each of your children. Consider filling a box in honor or in memory of someone. If you are unable to completely fill a shoe box please consider taking a box home to use as a prayer reminder and then as God enables you, put one or more items in the box and bring it back to our packing party and fill it up with items that will be made available.

If you cannot participate in filling and returning a shoe box, please come to the **packing party at 9 a.m. on November 11th** to pack other boxes from gifts and supplies that have been donated.

We would like to include a photo of everyone who participates in donating a shoe box gift so please include it along with your box. If you do not have a photo available, we will take photos at our packing party. Please also take a "Let's Be Friends" sheet and fill out and place in your box.

We are in need of donations of items from the shopping list located on the back side of this sheet. **Please bring your donations to the church by November 8th and place in the donation box in the foyer.**

Another way to help with this ministry is financial. If you can donate any amount of money to help cover additional gifts or shipping costs, that would also be very helpful.

Please pray for the children who will be receiving gifts, their families and the people who are involved in organizing and distributing them.

Please contact Lisa Erb in the church office at (847)-742-6818 or officegecelgin@gmail.com if you have any questions. Thank you for supporting this ministry.

FILLING A SHOEBOX

Determine the gender (boy or girl) and age category:

2-4 years old

5-9 years old

10-14 years old

Suggested items:

School supplies - scissors, pencils (sharpened along with a pencil sharpener), eraser, pencil case, crayons, markers, writing or drawing paper, coloring book, spiral bound notebook, watercolor paint set (dry paint), solar calculator, protractor, shape templates, tape, ruler, etc.

Personal Hygiene items - Tissues, deodorant (Solid), wash cloth, small towel, Band-Aids, brush, sunglasses, small draw string bag

Clothing - t-shirt, socks, underwear, caps, gloves, etc.

Toys for a boy – small cars/trucks, balls/Nerf balls, flash light with batteries, small stuffed toy, Lego's, yo-yo/wind-up toy, Slinky, baseball hat, etc.

Toys for a girl – small baby doll, stuffed animal, "Jacks", hair accessories, jump rope, stickers, toy jewelry set/small purse, etc.

Older girls - sewing kit (scissors, thread, needles, tape measure, etc), feminine products

Older boys - tool kit (screwdriver, tape measure, hammer, etc)

Please do not include the following: Army men, Pokemon, or any war related toy, Play-doh, food items, candy, toothpaste, anything liquid (hand sanitizers, shampoo, liquid soap, body wash, bubbles, glue, snow globes, etc), anything breakable, anything used or old, razors, money, or aerosol cans.



Items still needed for OCC packing party are:

Bars of Soap

Wash clothes

water bottles for drinking

pencil bags

calculators

socks

draw string bags

Please pick up these items to help pack our shoe boxes on Sunday, Nov. 11th at our packing party!