



WHAT IS OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The Samaritan's Purse project, Operation Christmas Child, collects shoebox gifts filled with fun toys, school supplies and hygiene items, and delivers them to children in need around the world to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way.

Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has collected and delivered more than 178 million shoebox gifts to children in more than 160 countries and territories. In 2020, more than 9 million shoebox gifts were collected worldwide, with more than 214,000 collected in Australia and New Zealand. Shoeboxes from Australia and New Zealand are delivered to countries such as Cambodia, Madagascar, Fiji and more.

Delivered into the hands of children through local churches, every shoebox gift is an opportunity to share about Jesus Christ and God's love. Since 2009, more than 26.5 million children who have received a shoebox gift have participated in The Greatest Journey – a 12 lesson discipleship program. Children learn from trained, local volunteers about what it means to follow Jesus and share their faith with friends and family.

GET INVOLVED

Each year, thousands of individuals, families, churches, schools and other groups fill empty shoeboxes with school supplies, hygiene items and toys, such as dolls or soccer balls. You can join the fun and start packing today! Once you have packed your shoeboxes, drop it off during our National Collection Month (1-31 October) at one of our drop-off locations across Australia and New Zealand.

To find your nearest drop-off location or helpful resources on how to pack a shoebox, what gifts to pack, how to discover the destination of your shoebox, and more, visit our website at operationchristmaschild.org.au.

After we collect your shoebox gifts, hundreds of volunteers help us prepare them for overseas shipment at processing centres across Australia and New Zealand. To volunteer with us, visit operationchristmaschild.org.au.

Introducing Pack a Shoebox Online! If you prefer the convenience of online shopping, you can still send a gift-filled shoebox by visiting operationchristmaschild.org.au.

