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Shoe Box Labels

Cut out the appropriate label and tape it on top of your shoe box gift. If you need additional labels, make photocopies or download from www.samaritanaspurse.org.

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 Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse.
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the Power of a Simple Gift

"Operation Christmas Child is a great way to bring joy and the Good News of Jesus Christ to children in need of hope."

—Franklin Graham
 President, Samaritan's Purse

The Power of a Simple Gift

Raeorse was 14 years old when she received her first Christmas present. The Filipino teenager was overjoyed to get a shoe box containing a variety of school supplies—exactly what she needed for her course work. "It is exciting to know that people like you from the other parts of the world are concerned about our situation here," said Raeorse. "Even my parents were very happy because what I prayed for was granted."

Twelve-year-old Jenic received something even more valuable than the gifts inside his box. After enrolling in our follow-up discipleship program, he learned more about the real meaning of Christmas and accepted Jesus as his Savior.

"Before I came to know the Lord, I was very bad, disobedient to my parents, and caused much trouble to my brothers and sisters. When I came to know Him, I was changed. I learned to pray and thank Jesus. I am also not lying to my parents anymore," Jenic said.

Like Raeorse, Jenic lives in a poor community in the Philippines and his family struggles to make ends meet. Last year God provided an answer to one of his prayers when a line of electricity was connected to their house. With the addition of electric lights, Jenic spends more time in the evening studying.

"I believe that nothing is impossible to God. I believe Jesus loves me and poverty is not a hindrance to my dreams," he said. "Jesus is with me! He will guide me as I grow up."

For millions of children, Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes are tangible expressions of God's love and constant presence.

Whatever they may be facing—poverty, war, or disaster—these boys and girls are reassured that they have a heavenly Father who cares. And that's a gift that endures forever!

How to Pack a Shoe Box

- SHOE BOX**
Use an empty shoe box (standard size, please) or a small plastic container. You can wrap the box (lid separately), but wrapping is not required. Most important, pray for the child who will receive your gift.
- BOY OR GIRL?**
Determine whether your gift will be for a boy or a girl, and the child's age category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14. Use the appropriate boy/girl label from this brochure. Mark the correct age category on the label, and tape the label to the top of your box. If you need additional labels, make photocopies or download from our Web site.
- FILL WITH GIFTS**
Fill the box with a variety of gifts that will bring delight to a child. We've listed gift suggestions to help give you some ideas.
- INCLUDE YOUR DONATION**
Please donate **\$7** or more for each shoe box you prepare to help cover shipping and other project costs. You can use the donation envelope (attached) or you can give online through our EZ Give method. If you or your family are preparing more than one shoe box, please make one combined donation.
- DROP OFF**
Place a rubber band around each closed shoe box and drop off at the Collection Center nearest you during National Collection Week in mid-November.

FOR DROP OFF LOCATIONS AND DATES, call 1-800-353-5948, or visit www.samaritanaspurse.org.

You can also send your shoe box gift to:
Samaritan's Purse/Operation Christmas Child,
 801 Bamboo Road, Boone, NC 28607

Gift Suggestions

School Supplies: pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

Toys: small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Eich A Sketch®, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky®, etc.

Hygiene Items: toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth, etc.

Other: hard candy and lollipops (please double bag all candy), mints, gum, T-shirts, socks, ball caps, sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries)

A Personal Note: In a separate envelope, you may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. (If you include your name and address, the child may write back.)

DO NOT INCLUDE: Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; chocolate or food; out-of-date candy; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snowglobes or glass containers; aerosol cans