

BASIC ITEMS SUGGESTED FOR A SHOE BOX

PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

Band-Aids	Comb/Brush	Hair Accessories
Manicure Set	Small Blanket	Small New Testament Bible
Soap/Washcloth	Sunglasses	Toothbrush

REUSABLE CONTAINERS

Blunt Edged Utensils	Cup/Water Bottles	Small Plate/Bowl
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CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES

Flip Flops	Hats/Scarf/Mittens/Ball Caps	Leggings/Pants
Socks/Shoes	T-Shirts/Tops	Underwear

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Crayons/Markers	Pencil Boxes	Pencil Erasers
Pencil Sharpeners	Pencils/Pens	Small White Boards with Dry Erase Marker
Solar Calculator	Tape	Writing Paper

CRAFTS & ACTIVITIES

Coloring & Picture Books	Craft Beads & Bead String	Embroidery Kits
Material/Thread (Helps give a trade for girls)	Scissors & Sewing Kits	Small Back Packs/Purses
Stickers	Books for All Ages	Water Paints (No Liquid Paint)

TOYS

Cars/Trucks	Dolls	Flashlights with extra batteries (Some do not have electricity)
Jump Ropes	Rubber Balls/Softballs Sponge Balls	Small Action Figures (no guns & no military figures)
Small musical instrument/Harmonica Woodwind Recorder	Small Radio	Soccer Balls (deflate balls and add pump to the box)
Stuffed Animals	Toy Jewelry	Toys that light up (extra batteries)
Watches	Yo-Yo's	Jacks

PERSONAL NOTE & PICTURE

Include a personal note to the child and a photo of yourself, family and church. If you include your name and address, the child may be able to write back.

FYI

Just one pencil will allow a child to attend school. A sewing kit may save a 10-14 year old girl from a life of prostitution by giving her a means to support herself. Children treasure your photos and notes.

THE GREATEST GIFT OF ALL

When your boxes are delivered, every child will receive the booklet entitled, "The Greatest Gift of All." This booklet tells the story of Jesus Christ, His love and God's grace. It is written in the child's native language, making your gift a Gospel Opportunity-the gift of eternal life. In many countries, the child will also have the opportunity to attend a series of twelve lessons, a discipleship program provided by leaders in his or her community.

FOLLOW YOUR BOX

You can follow the destination of your shoe box by making your \$9 donation for shipping online at www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/follow-your-box/. When your box is distributed, Operation Christmas Child will send you an email with your box's destination.

ITEMS TO AVOID: Please avoid packing any item that might spill, break or is edible.

Although the integrity of every shoebox you pack and send to be distributed by Operation Christmas Child is a high priority, some items may be removed at the Processing Center for a variety of reasons. To insure the best use of your available funds, you may wish to review the list of inappropriate items.

SPILL

Please avoid any liquid. If the container breaks, the liquid may leak out and destroy the contents of your box, as well as others in the same shipping carton.

- * Bubbles
- * Liquid Filled Balls
- * Nail Polish
- * Glue
- * Liquid Paints
- * Shampoo & Conditioners
- * Hand Sanitizers
- * Lotions
- * Lip Gloss
- * Mouthwash

BREAK

Please avoid anything made of glass or porcelain. If some item breaks, sharp edges could hurt the child upon opening the box.

- * Cups, Plates & Water Bottles (only ones that are plastic)
- * Mirrors (not in compacts)
- * Glass vases and figurines
- * Porcelain Dolls
- * Snow Globes
- * Tea Sets

EDIBLE

Please avoid any food item including ALL CANDY AND TOOTHPASTE. If these items are found during cargo spot checks, going into foreign countries, huge fines may be imposed on OCC and the shoe box shipments may be held up for months at the docks. When in doubt just remember NO FOOD OF ANY KIND IS ALLOWED.

- * All Snacks
- * Nuts and Seeds
- * Medicines
- * Toothpaste
- * No Candy or Food of Any Kind
- * Vitamins

OTHER INAPPROPRIATE THINGS: These items are not to be put in the shoe box.

- * Aerosols
- * Pokeman
- * Used/Damaged Items
- * Harry Potter
- * Toy Guns
- * Knives
- * Toy Snakes
- * Military Figures
- * War toys