

# Operation Christmas Child



Mount Paran Christian School's high school Beta Club is sponsoring an Operation Christmas Child Shoebox collection, through Samaritan's Purse. Samaritan's Purse ministers to individuals in impoverished parts of the world. These Shoebox gifts are used by local churches in difficult places to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are commanded to share the Gospel to the ends of the earth, and by packing a shoebox, we are able to help fulfill the Great Commission (Matthew 28:16-20).

## How to Pack a Box

Choose a gender and age of a child: 2-4 years old, 5-9 years old, and 10-14 years old.

Choose a variety of items to pack such as:

- A "Wow" item such as a doll, soccer ball and pump, small bookbag, or clothing item
- Personal care items such as comb, toothbrush, washcloth, bar soap, mirror, flashlight with batteries, blankets, etc.
- School supplies such as small notebooks, pens, pencils, crayons, scissors, rulers, tape
- Clothing and accessories such as sunglasses, shirts, socks, flipflops, shoes, hairbows, bracelets
- Craft activities: watercolor paints, coloring books, puzzles, playdough, stickers
- Toys: foam ball, yo-yo, small frisbee, kite, plastic toys, toy figures
- A personal note: write a note to the person who will be receiving the box. Feel free to include a picture of your family if you wish.
- Cut out the label below, check the boxes for the child's age and gender, and tape it onto your box. You can also choose to print out a label so you can follow your box and see where it goes!  
<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/follow-your-box/>
- Do not tape your box closed. If your box is very full, please put a rubber band around it.

Do not include: Candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

For more ideas on gift suggestions, please visit: <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/what-goes-in-my-shoebox-suggestions/>

## What do I do with my box?

We will be collecting shoeboxes in the main office and Dozier Hall front office through **Friday, November 19**. Please send the boxes back to school with your student and have them drop the boxes off in these locations.

