



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

A Project of Samaritan's Purse, Franklin Graham, President

2018. Greetings from your local Operation Christmas Child Drop Off Center Coordinator. Perhaps you already know about OCC, perhaps you are new to this project. OCC has been active since 1993; we are growing, and need your help to reach even more children to give the message of the Good News of Jesus. Simple gifts are packed in shoeboxes then delivered to hurting children around the world who likely have never received a present. Recipients of the boxes are invited to attend a 12 session discipleship program to learn more about the true meaning of Christmas and the Good News of God's love and salvation through His Son, Jesus Christ.

Under the leadership of Franklin Graham, more than 157 million gift-filled shoeboxes have been delivered to children through local churches and Christian groups. Each box is filled with gifts and Christian literature is included in a child's own language, so that children might come to know the true meaning of Christmas. Shoeboxes are a very personal way to let children know they are cared about and that God loves them. What child does not feel special and loved when a gift is given?

Last year 11 million boxes were collected; our processing center in Minnesota did 900,068; the UP collected 9,001; Bethany Baptist in Dollar Bay collected 955 boxes. Twelve churches in our immediate area participated. For every 100 boxes distributed, 16 children report decisions for Christ. Wonderful!

Would you like to be a part of this great story this year? Collection week of the shoeboxes is November 12-19, 2018, so time is important. Please contact me with questions, to arrange a meeting time, or receive printed materials and "Go" Boxes. Other resources, many free, can be ordered from Samaritanspurse.org/OCC. Ask me for a hand-out of recommendations from a missionary in the field. It will be great to make a connection with someone to contact, so please make sure this letter reaches the appropriate person. Best to let me know who your "go to" contact is.

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Collections are at Bethany Baptist Church, 49945 Main St., Dollar Bay, MI 49922

Monday November 12	4:00-7:00pm	Friday November 16	4:00-7:00pm
Tuesday November 13	4:00-7:00pm	Saturday November 17	12:00-5:00pm
Wednesday November 14	2:00-5:00pm	Sunday November 18	12:00-2:00pm
Thursday November 15	4:00-7:00pm	Monday November 19	7:00-9:00am

Appropriate items include school supplies, "WOW" toys (my favorite is a deflated soccer ball and air pump), hygiene items, clothing, personal items, and a photo/note from of the family giving the shoebox. Indicate gender and age (2-4, 5-9 or 10-14 years old). Labels will be provided. OCC encourages us to use a regular sturdy shoebox or plastic container. Special plastic boxes can be purchased online. One can also go online to build a shoebox with a choice of many appropriate items.

God Bless,

Judy