



# Operation Christmas Child

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Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has delivered over 69 million shoe boxes to needy children all over the world. Through these shoe boxes, children are reminded of God's love and his plan and purpose for their lives. Since its inception, millions of children have come to faith in Christ through these simple shoe box gifts. Last year alone, 725,000 children came to faith in Christ through their follow-up discipleship program and received New Testament Bibles in their native language.

These shoe boxes aren't just about giving a gift to someone less fortunate than ourselves. It opens the door for missionaries and local churches to reach out to these children and give them the opportunity to hear the Gospel. Jesus teaches us that the greatest commandment is to love one another. These shoe boxes are a perfect demonstration of God's love for each of these children through the love of others when they receive these shoe boxes. Jesus also commands us to go into all nations and spread the Good News. These shoe box gifts accomplish that also. There are over 2.2 billion children in the world right now. Operation Christmas Child hopes to hand-deliver over eight million shoe boxes this December. These children, through receiving these shoe boxes and giving their lives to Christ, represent seeds planted for the church of the future. That is how vital this ministry is today.

Operation Christmas Child is a way for all of us to be missionaries and spread the love of God and the hope of salvation.