



Operation Christmas Child -2025

FABC Program Details

Dear FABC Family:

"He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation."

Mark 16:15 ((NIV))

So much more than a shoebox and items...

Operation Christmas Child is a simple, inexpensive and exciting way to help share the gospel of Jesus Christ in the many far away corners of the earth, For the past several years, FABC has been participating in this program and we want to expand it to do even more. See the facts below presented by Samaritan's Purse:

- Every shoebox is a Gospel Opportunity (GO Box) and includes, in addition to our donated items, a copy of the booklet "The Greatest Gift" which is the story of gospel in the recipient's language.
- Each shoebox will have an impact on a minimum of 10 people (family/friends of recipient)
- Once the GO Box is delivered to a child, he/she is invited to enroll in the 12-week class, The Greatest Journey, taught by trained adults in that same village/area. The 12- week class focuses on **Evangelism** (learning to share the gospel), **Discipleship** (making disciples of the children), and **Multiplication** (the child sharing the gospel with family and friends).
- Since 2009, 46+ million children have enrolled in the Greatest Journey Class with 23.5 million decisions for Christ and 1.5 million local Greatest Journey teachers trained.
- Worldwide shoebox distribution in 2024, included: 11.4 million boxes.
- FABC shoeboxes provided: 2021 – 254; 2022 – 403; 2023 – 504; and 2024 – 540.

Our goal for 2025 is 600 –continue reading to see how we can meet and exceed our goal

The Next Steps...

- Sunday School classes are invited to participate by collecting certain items. By classes collecting a particular item, we are more likely to meet our goal, of ~~500~~ fully-packed shoeboxes rather than having many of some items and not enough of other items. Teachers, please identify a person in your class who would help keep track of what your class collects and can work along side of the Project Coordinator to make the project a success. We hope each class collects as many items as possible.

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- If your class would like to participate but members do not want to shop, we can get individuals to do the shopping for you.
- SS Classes, church groups and individuals can also donate to help with the Outreach Cost which includes shipping the shoebox, training local people to teach the Greatest Journey Classes and other expenses. Please donate for as many shoeboxes as possible.
- Individual families can still pack their own shoeboxes if you prefer to do so; and boxes will be available to pick up from church.
- We are hoping to identify a day that we can take a group to the Samaritan's Purse campus in Charlotte or Boone to participate in the process of getting shoeboxes ready to be sent out into the world. If you have never done that, it is an experience to remember.
- **Items not allowed in a shoebox:** soap, toothpaste, candy of any kind, gum, other food/snack items, war related toys (toy guns/knives), liquids of any type, medications, vitamins, glass or breakable items.
- Continue to pray for each area of this ministry from shopping and packing and all who will help and the children who will receive their shoebox. Pray that these children and their families will come to know Jesus.

Questions: contact Cathy Lohr, FABC Operation Christmas Child Coordinator, 336-253-3874 or clohr00@gmail.com.

Remember --if your class had rather donate for someone else to purchase items, please advise...and... all donations for Outreach Costs will be appreciated

If your class would like to collect any additional items, those will be welcomed

*THANK YOU for helping share the gospel of Jesus Christ
across the world!!*