



Operation Christmas Child Packing Tips

Thank you for packing a shoebox. Somewhere in the world a child will be blessed, and hopefully come to know the Lord, because of your generosity. You may find the following packing tips and suggestions helpful.

1. Start with an empty shoebox (it may be a plastic shoebox)
2. Choose a GIRL or Choose a BOY
3. Select an age range (2 to 4 yrs.) (5 to 9 yrs.) or (10 to 14 yrs.)
4. Include age appropriate items for your box from each of the categories below.
5. Include a \$9 donation to help offset shipping and other charges. Place the donation in the envelope, which is part of the OCC brochure, and put it on top of the items inside the shoebox. If you're packing more than one shoebox, just write one check for all of your boxes (make check payable to Samaritan's Purse), and put the envelope in a box. OR, if you prefer to pay for shipping online. Visit Samaritanspurse.org, pay, and print label/s for your box or boxes. After Christmas, you will receive an email disclosing the destination of your box.

HYGIENE ITEMS:

- **Toothbrush, plastic toothbrush holder** (tooth paste is no longer allowed, due to customs regulations)
- **Bar of mild soap** (Ivory soap is good because it floats), **wash cloth and plastic soapbox holder** (wrap cloth around soap and place inside a Ziploc bag, or place soap inside plastic soap box)
- Comb, pick or hair brush
- Deodorant (solid stick only, no liquid roll-ons, no aerosol cans)
- Chap stick / Band-aids / Manicure set
- Remember: NO shampoo, cream rinse, lotion, bubble bath, nail polish

SCHOOL / ART SUPPLIES:

- Composition books, journals, loose leaf paper, note pads, index cards
- Coloring books, crayons
- Colored construction paper / sketch pad
- Pencils AND pencil sharpener, extra erasers
- Ink pens, markers, colored pencils
- Solar calculator
- Scissors / Art kits (no liquid paints)

SMALL TOYS & GIFTS

- A wow toy – i.e. doll, deflated soccer ball (include pump)

- Other toys - Puzzles, Games (i.e., pick-up-sticks, jacks, checkers), Cars, Trucks, Ball, Jump Ropes,
- (Note, do not include play money, because it could put a child at risk, nor spiders/snakes, which are considered to be a bad omen in some countries. No camouflage or war toys, because war and fighting are a reality for many children.
- Wearable gifts - Socks, tennis shoes, flip flops, t-shirt or sweat shirt (preferably solid and without writing), underwear, scarves
- Ideas for boys, ages 9 to 14 - Flashlight with extra batteries, small tool set, tape measure, duct tape
- Ideas for girls – Flashlight with extra batteries, Hair Accessories, small purses, tote bag (could be folded flat or rolled up inside box), bracelets, necklaces
- Ideas for girls, ages 9 to 14 – small sewing kit, fabric (1-2 yards), and ribbon, playing cards skipping rope/Jump rope, etc.