

LCA Shoebox Collection: *November 2011*

Each year, Samaritan's Purse sends shoeboxes all over the world to children in need. A seemingly simple gift can make a global impact for Christ when coupled with the message of Jesus Christ.

On December 1st, the 8th grade mission team will deliver donated shoeboxes and serve at the Operation Christmas Child processing warehouse in Atlanta, GA. We invite you and your family to partner with Lexington Christian Academy Junior High and Samaritan's Purse in our 2011 Shoebox Collection.

Shoebox collection at the Junior High will take place throughout the month of November. Please deliver shoeboxes to LCA by *Monday, November 28*. Contact Ms. Erena if you have questions (lerena@lexca.org).

How to pack a shoebox:

1. SHOE BOX

Use an empty shoe box (standard size, please) or a small plastic container. You can wrap the box (lid separately), but wrapping is not required. Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gift.

2. BOY OR GIRL?

Determine whether your gift will be for a boy or a girl, and the child's age category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14. Tape the appropriate boy/girl label to the top of your box and mark the correct age category on the label. Shoebox labels are available on the Missions Eaglepoint or on the Samaritan's Purse website.

3. FILL WITH GIFTS

Fill the box with a variety of gifts that will bring delight to a child. Use the gift ideas below.

4. INCLUDE YOUR DONATION

Please donate \$7 or more for each shoebox you prepare to help cover shipping and other project costs. You can give online, or you can write a check to Samaritan's Purse (note "OCC" on memo line) and place it in an envelope on top of the gift items inside your box. If you or your family are preparing more than one shoebox, please make one combined donation.

GIFT IDEAS

You can purchase most, if not all, of these items at the Dollar Store.

- **Toys**
small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch A Sketch®, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky®, etc.
- **School Supplies**
pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.
- **Hygiene Items**
toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth, etc.
- **Other**
Hard candy and lollipops (please double bag all candy), mints, gum, T-shirts, socks, ball caps; sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries)

A Personal Note

In a separate envelope, you may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. (If you include your name and address, the child may write back.)

DO NOT INCLUDE:

Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; chocolate or food; out-of-date candy; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snowglobes or glass containers; aerosol cans