

Christmas Shoe Boxes for Third World Children 2018

Suggested Gifts for Third World Shoe Boxes

Boxes should be marked with ages (2-12) and whether it is for a boy **OR** girl.

Hot Wheels Cars	McDonalds Toys
Small Dolls	Marbles (no more than 5/baggie)
Small balls & Hand pump?	Wash Cloth
Soap	Toothbrush
Comb and Brush	Small Hand Mirror
1 pr Flip Flops (Each box needs one pr)	Underwear (underpants & t-shirt)
Shorts & tee-shirts (boys & girls)	Dresses
1 pr Socks for Sunday	(No candy, bubble gum, suckers!)

School Supplies: Pencils (limit 4), paper, 5 crayons, colored pencils, small pencil sharpeners, etc.

Little Girls: Barrettes, ribbons, bows, headbands, scrunches, ponytail holders, etc. All liquids should be in a zip lock bag. If you are doing one for a girl, age 9 or older, **it is important** to include a small training bra (Size 28 or 30) **and blouse**.

We are furnishing the shoe boxes. Please try to fill each shoe box. **Do NOT over fill!** If one is bulging at the top, we cannot get them in the case. It is that close. **An under filled box** means one child will only get one or two things, while his\her brother\sister gets a full box. This can cause unhappiness in the home. Printed on the boxes are (1) the **manifest form**. **Please fill out with a Sharpie** magic marker indicating whether it is for a boy or girl **and their age**. It needs to list what you have in the box. In addition (2) the **Customs Declaration** form needs to be filled out. Feel Free to decorate the outside of the boxes, but **DO NOT** cover up the Custom forms on both sides of the box. You can tape the front of old Christmas cards on the ends, top and bottom of the boxes. Please close with tape, do **NOT** interweave the top or bottom of the box.

Your Senior Citizens may print one or more of the following quotations in Spanish on the boxes **BEFORE** the boxes are distributed to your people:

I (He) came in a lowly stable. El Señor vino en un humilde estable.

Let the little children come up to unto me. Dejad que los niños vengan a mí.

Wise men search for Him. Hombres sabios lo buscaron

Angels announced his birth. Los ángeles anunciaron su nacimiento.

Prophets told of His birth. Profetas dijeron de su nacimiento.

The shepherds came to know the Savior. Los pastores vinieron a conocer a el Salvador.

King of all kings. Rey de todos los reyes.

A loving God. Un Dios amoroso.

A Savior is born. Ha nacido el Salvador.

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Thirdly, please **mail a check** payable to “Christmas Shoe Box Ministry” for **\$5.00** OR one check for your whole group to: **U. M. Disaster Relief Warehouse, P.O. Box 1133, Decatur, AL 35602**. The \$2.50 of the \$5.00 helps get it **to the missionary** and the other \$2.50 helps the missionary pay the cost of getting it **to the neediest!** Your boxes go to you closest “HUB.” See pp 3-6. Be sure to send the \$5.00.

Several churches have found that by getting their people together on a Wednesday night, it is beneficial in sharing items like a bag of marble because if you give more than five (5) marbles or crayons, it causes problems. If it is more than the child can hold in one hand, other children may jump on that child and take it away. Other items that can be shared at your packing party are pencils, pencil sharpeners, wash clothes, hair barrettes, etc. You can also share a tape gun to put the boxes together. It can be a real fun party!

The Advent Coloring booklet, tells the Christmas story in Spanish. Ask us to send you a file so you can print the number of Christmas Coloring Books in Spanish that you need. You can print them at your church office. Make as many copies as you need. The booklet requires three pieces of paper printed on both sides. Print one side, then the other. (It can also be used to reach Hispanic families in your community.)

Some churches ask their pre-school, elementary children and Senior Citizens to **color one part of the cover** on the coloring book. This means the children in a third world country can use the crayons in the shoe box to complete these. So ask your people if they might be interested in personalizing your shoe boxes with decorations. Be creative and have fun!

Does your Vacation Bible School need a project? Why not the Christmas Shoe Box ministry for a developing nation?

If we send the manifest about one month ahead of the container, Customs will enter it into their system and the shipment will clear in half the time. Here are our deadlines:

Deadlines

Sept. 4 th Tuesday	All Shoe Boxes Back in your “HUB” (pickup/drop off location).
Sept. 11 th Tuesday	All cases of shoe boxes in the Decatur Warehouse and manifested
Sept. 22 nd , Saturday	Label cases of shoe boxes and Customs paper work finalized.
Sept. 25 th , Tuesday	Manifest shipped to Missionary and Customs (1 month lead time to clear Customs BEFORE the container arrives in a developing nation in time for distribution to churches.)
Sept. 29 th , Saturday	Ship Container with the cases of shoe boxes, clears Customs around Thanksgiving and distribution to churches begins two weeks later. For more information, please feel free to contact Ray Crump, 256-642-1759 Christmasshoeboxes@gmail.com

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