## HOW TO PACK YOUR SHOEBOXES

FOR A TRIP AROUND THE WORLD





Select a quality
"wow" toy such
as a doll, soccer
ball with pump,
or stuffed
animal.

Fill with other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies.

4 Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gift. Include a personal note and photo.

A donation of \$10 is critical to cover shipping and other project costs.



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# THE AMAZING JOURNEY OF A SIMPLE SHOEBOX GIFT BEGINS WITH YOU





## PACKING, COLLECTING & SHIPPING

People pack shoebox gifts each year to bless children in need around the world. Churches and groups collect these boxes the third week of November. Then, thousands of volunteers inspect and prepare the shoeboxes for international shipping.







### WORLDWIDE DISTRIBUTION

Long before shoebox gifts arrive in more than 100 countries, volunteer National Leadership Teams train pastors and community leaders who want to share the Gospel and bless children. The leaders learn how to host child-friendly outreach events, and how to offer The Greatest Journey follow-up discipleship program.









In the weeks following shoebox Outreach Events, churches invite children to The Greatest Journey follow-up discipleship program. Through the biblically based lessons, boys and girls grow in Christ and share Him with friends. Families are reached, churches grow, new churches are started. and communities are transformed.



#### **OUTREACH EVENTS**

Pastors host shoebox outreach events to bless children in their communities or in places where people may not know Christ. When culturally appropriate, these pastors clearly present the Gospel. Other churches use the boxes to demonstrate God's love in orphanages and at-risk areas. In many places, they also offer The Greatest Gift, a Gospel story booklet in the child's own language.