



## *Dear friend,*

Since 1993, Samaritan's Purse has collected more than 157 million shoeboxes packed with toys and other fun items by people like you, and delivered them to boys and girls in need around the world in partnership with local churches.

Sampil who has cerebral palsy received one of those shoebox gifts. Volunteers in his hometown of Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, hosted an Operation Christmas Child outreach event for disabled children like him, but he was sick that day. Not wanting him to miss out, a volunteer visited Sampil's house to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with him and give him a gift-filled shoebox. Sampil was delighted to find, among other fun items, a towel, toothbrush, and various school supplies inside.

"After I got a shoebox, I became a Christian and my relationships with others changed," Sampil said. He hadn't been to school in years, but the notebooks in his gift inspired him to enroll in a school for the disabled where he made many friends. Aware of Christ's forgiveness of his sins, Sampil also forgave his father who left his family more than 10 years ago. Today, Sampil has since graduated and serves as an assistant teacher at a camp.

Many boys and girls who receive shoebox gifts also enroll in The Greatest Journey, our 12-lesson follow-up discipleship program, where they learn to follow Christ and share Him with others. Nearly 15 million boys and girls have participated in this dynamic course so far.

Would you consider joining us in spreading Good News and great joy this year by packing a shoebox?

**Franklin Graham**  
**President, Samaritan's Purse**

Sampil



To learn how to pack a shoebox,  
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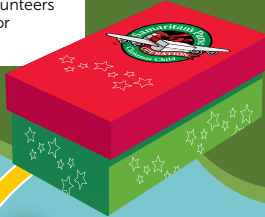
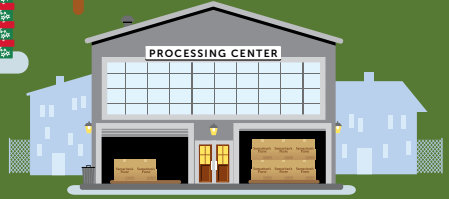


# THE AMAZING JOURNEY OF A SIMPLE SHOEBOX GIFT BEGINS WITH YOU



## 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 shoeboxes arrive in more than 100 countries, volunteer National Leadership Teams train pastors and community leaders who want to share the Gospel and bless children.



## OUTREACH EVENTS

Churches around the world hand out shoebox gifts at festive outreach events where the Good News is clearly presented. Along with the gifts, we offer Gospel booklets called The Greatest Gift to help shoebox recipients learn about God's Greatest Gift, His Son, Jesus Christ.



## DISCIPLESHIP & MULTIPLICATION

After receiving a shoebox gift, children have the opportunity to enroll in our 12-lesson follow-up discipleship program, The Greatest Journey. As a result of what they learn, boys and girls grow in Christ and share Him with others. Families are reached, churches grow, new churches are started, and communities are transformed.

