



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Osceola's Sunday School classes will be participating in Operation Christmas Child this year by filling shoeboxes with toys, school supplies, and hygiene items. These boxes will be sent to children all over the world. Adding to the happiness these boxes will bring, each shoebox will also include a copy of the Gospel in the receiving child's native language. Literally, the filled shoeboxes bring "Good News – Great Joy."

On the back is a list of items needed to fill our shoeboxes if you would like to help. All donations should be brought to the church by the first Sunday in November. The shoeboxes will be packed by the Sunday School classes the next two Sundays and then blessed during worship on the third Sunday in November and delivered to the collection center by Osceola's Youth Group, who hope to volunteer to help at the collection center that evening. Osceola's Mission Commission will help provide for the shipping costs of the boxes we fill.

*Share the love of Jesus, through the power of a simple gift,
with children around the world.*

ITEMS NEEDED:

- ❖ EMPTY SHOEBOXES!!!!!!
- ❖ Small toys (balls, stuffed animals, dolls, cars, puzzles, etc.)
- ❖ School supplies (we have already received generous donations of school supplies, but these are the items most requested)
- ❖ Hygiene items (toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs, washcloths, hair accessories)
- ❖ Small clothing items (socks, gloves or mittens, hats, scarves, tee shirts)

DO NOT INCLUDE:

- ❖ Liquids or lotions
- ❖ No bar soap or toothpaste
- ❖ War-related items (toy guns, military figures, knives)
- ❖ Breakable items
- ❖ Aerosol cans

If you prefer to make a donation you may:

- ✓ Write a check for \$10 per box to cover shipping made payable to "Samaritan's Purse" with "Operation Christmas Child" on the memo line and place it in the offering plate
- ✓ Write a check to "Osceola Presbyterian Church" with "Shoebox items" on the memo line to be used to purchase items to fill the shoeboxes. Checks may be placed in the offering plate or given to Alice Dietze.

WHAT ELSE CAN YOU DO? Pray for the children who will receive the filled boxes.

Any questions?? Contact Alice Dietze (732-574-8956 or adietze@verizon.net)