



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD MINISTRY OVERVIEW

"Go into all the world and proclaim the Gospel to the whole creation" - Mark 16:15 -





Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, whose mission is to provide spiritual and physical aid to hurting people around the world. Every year generous individuals, churches and like-minded Christian organizations like yours fill gift boxes with toys, school supplies, and hygiene items. In partnership with local churches around the world, Samaritan's Purse delivers these gifts to children who need them, giving them a tangible expression of God's love and the opportunity to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ. We praise God for the way He uses these simple gifts and the Gospel booklet that accompanies them to bring entire families to faith.

For more information about Samaritan's Purse, please check the website (samaritanspurse.or.kr).



186 million
gift boxes delivered since 1993

186 million
gospel opportunities

9.1 million
gift boxes collected in 2020

Over 79,000
outreach events led by trained local church leaders

Available in 86 languages,
The Greatest Gift Gospel story booklet accompanies gift boxes.

More than 100 countries
receive gift boxes for boys and girls.

11 Nations
collected gift boxes in 2020 (Australia, Austria, Canada, Finland, Germany, New Zealand, South Korea, Spain, Switzerland, United Kingdom, United States)

Gift Boxes Go Even Where There is No Road

The Liberian villages of the Mano people

The Liberian villages of Vanyanpa and Bolo have only meager paths leading to them, but they are home to the Mano people—many of whom are animists and only 3 percent of whom consider themselves evangelical Christians. Operation Christmas Child ministry partners drove a four-wheel drive vehicle



over the overgrown motorcycle path leading to Vanyanpa to deliver 40 gift boxes and the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

“Most quickly looked inside their box and suddenly closed it up, like a clam shuts its shell. Why? It’s because the children were so overwhelmed by what they had just seen and were afraid if they opened their box again, they would lose the things inside.

When they realized that everything in the box was only for them, they were overjoyed,” said one ministry partner named Dian. At this outreach event, 70 residents of Vanyanpa accepted Christ as their Lord and Savior!

Bible college students later carried 80 gift boxes an hour and a half’s walk through the jungle to the village of Bolo. As a result of their efforts, children in this village learned of Jesus Christ, many for the very first time.

“The first churches in both of these villages were started following the Operation Christmas Child outreach events. These new congregations continue to meet today.”



Sending the Gospel to the Ends of the Earth

Himba children in Namibia



250+
Samaritan’s Purse plans to deliver Gift Boxes to children in 250+ unreached people group by 2024.

1,000 Pacific Islands
will receive gift-filled gift boxes in the next few years.



Samaritan’s Purse delivered 130 gift boxes to unreached Himba children in Namibia and translated more than 80 Bible stories into their language.

This approach is being repeated around the globe. Children respond to God’s love through gift boxes, learn to follow Him through The Greatest Journey, and go on to tell others about Jesus Christ. As these friends, in turn, also accept Christ, churches are planted and the body of Christ continues to multiply!



**It all starts with
a gift box**

God is growing and
multiplying the body of
Christ all over the world.

The Greatest Journey

12 Scripture Lessons

in each student workbook
6 on coming to know Christ;
3 on growing in faith;
3 on sharing faith with others



26.5 million

boys and girls enrolled since 2009

1.3 million

volunteer teachers trained from local churches worldwide

12.5 million

children reported decisions for Christ through The Greatest Journey since 2009

The Greatest Journey, the follow-up discipleship program Samaritan's Purse developed for gift box recipients, teaches children how to follow Christ and share Him with others.

Taught by trained local teachers, the course equips students to follow Christ for a lifetime. Graduates receive a certificate and their own Bible—often a first for them or their families.

As the boys and girls share their faith with family and friends, communities are transformed and the influence of a simple gift box gift multiplies.

■ ■ Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you ■ ■

Matthew 28:19-20



Partner With Us

Participating in Operation Christmas Child is a great way for your church or group to help fulfill the Great Commission.

People of all ages can work together to pack gift boxes year-round in order to give local believers around the world a tool for evangelism and discipleship. Don't miss this chance to teach the children in your congregation or organization about giving!

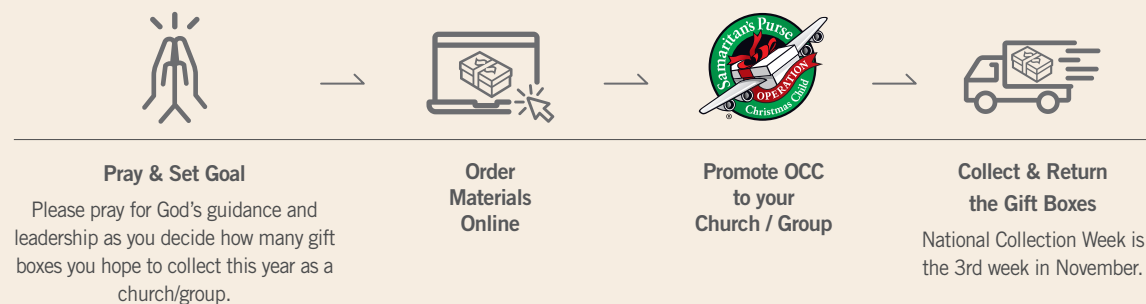
“There are still places around the world where the Name of Jesus has never been heard. That's why we're sending the Gospel to the ends of the earth through Operation Christmas Child.”

- Franklin Graham, International President Samaritan's Purse -



■ Let the little children come to me...
for of such is the kingdom of God ■
Luke 18:16

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- Provide discipleship to children through “The Greatest Gift” and “The Greatest Journey”.
- Foster greater unity within the church.
- Participate in a worldwide global movement.
- Empower the next generation.

1 FIND A GIFT BOX

Find a shoebox sized gift box. You can pick up your gift box from your participating church or group. You can also order it online.

2 BOY OR GIRL?

Decide if your gift is for a girl or boy and their age category: 2-4, 5-9, 10-14 years old.

3 FILL YOUR GIFT BOX

Select an attention-getting “wow” item, such as a doll, soccer ball with pump, or stuffed animal. Pack full with other toys, hygiene items, and school supplies.

4 PRAY

Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive the gift box and include a personal note and photo.

5 DONATE

A Donation of 20,000KRW per box is critical to cover shipping, discipleship material and other project costs. If you haven't already, you can give online.

6 DROP OFF

Take your filled gift box to a participating church or group, a local drop-off location, or return it by mail during National Collection Week, the third week of November.



For more information, go to www.samaritanspurse.or.kr/occ



“Since my mother, Ruth Bell Graham, attended high school in Pyongyang and my father, Billy Graham, preached on the peninsula multiple times, Korea has always been special to me. My prayer is that our partnership in packing Gift Boxes for children in need will continue to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ around the world.”

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