

Good News. Great Joy! Operation Christmas Child Update on 2019 Season

Thank you for your heart to serve Jesus and to partner with Operation Christmas Child! Your shoebox gifts in 2019 were part of a collection that totaled 10,569,405 shoeboxes. That's 10.6 million opportunities to share the Gospel in over 100 countries – with impact on lives, families, churches and communities **for eternity!**

YOU ARE APPRECIATED!

The Evangelism, Discipleship, and Multiplication that happens through Operation Christmas Child originates with your prayers and work. We thank God for you and are very appreciative. Isaiah 12:4 says ***"Thank the Lord! Praise his name! Tell the nations what he has done."*** That's what you did in 2019 – telling the nations the Good News – what a blessing to kids!

The Greatest Journey Celebrates Ten Years of Making Disciples

The Greatest Journey is a 12-lesson discipleship series designed by Samaritan's Purse for Operation Christmas Child shoebox recipients. One hundred fifty children participated in the first Greatest Journey class at Good Shepherd Church in Ecuador in 2009. Ten years later, over 13 million boys and girls in 124 countries have graduated from the program, with nearly 9 million of them making decisions for Christ. In addition, over 920,000 volunteer teachers have been trained to teach the Biblically based studies. And the first class started with a specific prayer – we encourage you read the story at www.samaritanaspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/tqj-10-years/

Operation Christmas Child – Omaha, Nebraska Area

- Our Omaha area includes five counties and received **16,217** shoebox gifts in 2019.
- Boxes from our area mostly went to **Mexico and Ukraine**. That's a blessing because Vladimir Prokhnevskiy from Ukraine visited our area in 2019 to share his story. It is at <https://www.samaritanaspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/shoeboxstories-vladimir-and-the-dental-floss/>

Our area team of year round volunteers is here to serve and support you. Contacts are:

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Many thanks and please pray with us for the 2020 season. A theme verse from John 4 is:

...look around. The fields are already ripe for harvest.... and the fruit they harvest is people brought to eternal life. What joy awaits both the planter and the harvester alike!



**National Collection Week is
November 16 to 23, 2020**

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