



“And the light shines in the darkness...”



## Special Access Shoebox Gifts

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### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

- For 28 years, Samaritan's Purse has shared the Gospel with children in need through Operation Christmas Child, giving more than 188 million boys and girls gift-filled shoeboxes in Jesus' Name.
- Operation Christmas Child is dedicated to telling the Good News of Jesus to children in countries around the world, including the most spiritually dark areas and those resistant to Christian influences. Shoebox gifts enable ministry partners to teach the truth of Jesus to children who may never hear it otherwise.
- Today, in many hard-to-reach areas, shoebox gifts become a powerful tool for local believers to share God's love.

### THE OPPORTUNITY: SPECIAL ACCESS SHOEBOX GIFTS

- Special Access shoebox gifts are specially prepared for children in hard-to-reach areas. These countries have strict guidelines on items entering the country, whether it be customs regulations or cultural or religious reasons.
- It is important that Special Access shoebox gifts are packed carefully to ensure the safety of ministry partners who will deliver them, as well as the children who will receive them.
- Specially packed shoebox gifts open doors to share about the love of Christ, increase the likelihood of successful importation processes preventing expensive delays, help support Operation Christmas Child's continued presence, and safeguard ministry partners in these areas.

### ETERNAL IMPACT

- In John 8:12, Jesus tells us “I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.” We want each and every child, along with their families, to receive the light and life offered through the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- In the hands of local churches and ministry partners, every gift-filled shoebox is a powerful tool for effective, local evangelism, discipleship, and the multiplication of believers as children and their families are transformed by the Good News of Jesus.
- After receiving shoebox gifts, some boys and girls in these special access countries are invited to participate in our 12-lesson discipleship program, The Greatest Journey. Through this course, children learn what it means to faithfully follow Christ and share their faith with others. As their family and friends accept Jesus, they, in turn, disciple others.