



# CHRISTMAS IN JULY

**BOXES DUE AUGUST 7TH**  
**GRAB YOUR BOX IN THE LOBBY!**

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A BOX, VISIT [ROCKSPRINGS.INFO](http://ROCKSPRINGS.INFO)**



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



## Packing Special Access Shoebox Gifts for Hard-to-Reach Areas

In many hard-to-reach nations, Christians are willing to make great sacrifices to share about Jesus Christ. Shoebox gifts can become a powerful tool for these believers to share God's love when they are packed with extra care. By adhering to strict customs and cultural guidelines, preparing special access shoeboxes helps to ensure the safety of children who receive them as well as the ministry partners who distribute them. These gifts open doors for local evangelism, discipleship, and the multiplication of believers! Some children who receive Special Access shoebox gifts are also invited to participate in our 12-lesson discipleship program, The Greatest Journey, where they learn to follow Christ and share Him with others.



### SUGGESTED PACKING LIST

Be sure to pack your gift in a box that does not have any symbols or logos (including Operation Christmas Child) on it.

- **School Supplies:** Pencils, Sharpeners, Pens, Notebooks, Crayons, Chalk, Erasers
- **Toys:** Beanie Babies™, Plush Animals, Balls, Matchbox® Cars, Dolls (see restrictions in opposite column), Jump Rope, Jacks, Soccer Ball (deflated, with pump and needle)
- **Necessity/Hygiene Items:** Washcloth, Toothbrush, Hair Clips, Underwear, Socks, Shoes/Sandals
- **Accessories:** Calculators, Costume Jewelry, Watches, Bags/Purses
- **Greeting Cards/Letters:** Special Note: Greeting cards and pictures are acceptable and strongly encouraged but CANNOT contain a Christian message or symbol for the safety of our ministry partners.



Be sure to include a \$9 donation per shoebox to cover shipping and other ministry expenses. Make your donation online at [samaritanspurse.org/special-access-donation](https://samaritanspurse.org/special-access-donation)

**Most importantly, pray for the children who will receive your gifts!**



### INAPPROPRIATE ITEMS

- Used or damaged items
- Toothpaste
- War-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figurines
- Chocolates, candy, or food
- Liquids or lotions
- Medications or vitamins
- Breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers
- Aerosol cans
- Playing cards (poker/gambling cards)
- Country flags
- Coloring books with Christian themes
- Pigs (or books/coloring books with pigs)
- Barbie™ dolls or dolls with removable clothing
- Religious symbols and literature
- Scary characters/figurines/monsters
- Personal letters with religious content
- Camouflage clothing
- Soap