

## **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

August marked the kick off of Operation Christmas Child. You can help in many ways:  
~You can donate items to fill the many shoe boxes we have collected.  
~You can volunteer to go to either Duluth or Minneapolis (destination to be determined) to help organize and ship the collected shoe boxes from the Midwest.  
~You can fill a shoe box with the following items and bring it to Church.

### **Below is all you need to know. This is a project for all ages.**

#### **1. SHOE BOX**

Use an empty shoe box (standard size, please) or a small plastic container. You can wrap the box (lid separately), but wrapping is not required. Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gift.

#### **2. BOY OR GIRL?**

Label the box as to whether your gift will be for a boy or a girl, and the child's age category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14.

#### **3. FILL WITH GIFTS**

Fill the box with a variety of gifts that will bring delight to a child. Use the gift ideas provided on the bottom of this page.

#### **4. INCLUDE YOUR DONATION**

Please donate \$7 or more for each shoe box you prepare to help cover shipping and other project costs.

#### **5. DROP OFF YOUR FULL SHOE BOX AT HAYWARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH.**

### **GIFT IDEAS**

#### **TOYS**

small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoo's, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch A Sketch®, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky®, etc.

#### **SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

#### **HYGIENE ITEMS**

toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth, etc.

#### **OTHER**

Hard candy and lollipops (please double bag all candy), mints, gum, T-shirts, socks, ball caps; sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries)

#### **A PERSONAL NOTE**

In a separate envelope, you may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. (If you include your name and address, the child may write back.)

#### **DO NOT INCLUDE:**

Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; chocolate or food; out-of-date candy; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.