



# Good News. Great Joy.

## Dear friend,

For the past 25 years, we have been collecting shoeboxes filled with gifts and delivering them to children in need around the world. Each box is an opportunity for a boy or girl to experience the love of God in a tangible way and hear the Gospel.

In Moldova, Marina has a hard life. Her mother passed away and her father is paralyzed. As a young teen, she lived alone with her blind and bedridden grandmother. In addition to her schoolwork, Marina cut wood, collected water, and prepared food for her grandmother until she also died. But great joy came into Marina's life when she received an Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift. She loved the hat and gloves she found inside and the note that said, "Jesus loves you." Soon after, a friend invited her to church where she accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior. Now despite her difficulties, Marina says that knowing God makes her happy.

Many boys and girls who receive shoebox gifts also enroll in our follow-up discipleship program, The Greatest Journey, where they learn to follow Christ and share Him with others. It all starts with a simple gift. Will you prayerfully consider joining us in this exciting ministry?

Franklin Graham  
President, Samaritan's Purse

Marina



## Need Ideas for your Shoebox Gift?

### Before you start packing, review this checklist:

- ☐ Find a standard-size shoebox.
- ☐ Fill it with a "wow" toy and other gifts.
- ☐ Pray for the child who will receive your shoebox. Include a note and a photo.
- ☐ Include a \$9 donation or give online through Follow Your Box.
- ☐ Take your shoebox gift to a drop-off location the third week in November.

### Now, prepare your shopping list from the following suggestions!

#### "WOW" ITEM

- soccer ball with pump
- doll
- stuffed animal
- musical instrument
- shoes

#### TOYS

- toy cars
- jump ropes
- yo-yos
- toys that light up
- and make noise (with extra batteries)

#### ACCESSORIES

- socks
- hats
- sunglasses
- hair clips
- jewelry and watches
- flashlights (with extra batteries)

#### SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- pens, pencils, and sharpeners
- crayons and markers
- notebooks and paper
- coloring and picture books
- solar calculators

#### NON-LIQUID HYGIENE ITEMS

- toothbrushes
- bar soap
- washcloths
- combs

#### A PERSONAL NOTE

- a message to the child
  - a photo of yourself, your family, or group
- If you include your name and an address, the child may be able to write back.*



**Do Not Include** candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; war-related items; seeds; food; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items or glass containers; aerosol cans.

For more gift suggestions,  
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