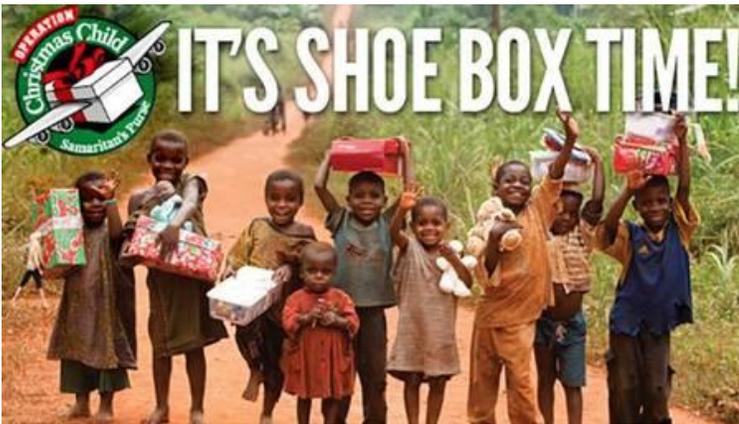




Gateway Christian School  
invites your family to take part in  
“Operation Christmas Child”.



### **What is Operation Christmas Child?**

Operation Christmas Child is a hands-on project that brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world through gift-filled shoeboxes packed by Canadians. It is one way to remind children suffering as a result of war, poverty, famine, disease, and disaster that they are loved and not forgotten.

### **How can we help?**

Everyone can help by filling a shoe box with little gifts for a girl or boy. The boxes will be collected on Nov. 18th and begin their journey around the world.

**You can pick up empty shoe boxes in the front foyer! Filled boxes can be dropped off at the school anytime until Nov. 19, 2018**

# How to pack a shoe box:

## 1. Shoe box

Use an empty shoe box (standard size, please), or small plastic container. You can wrap the box (lid separately), but wrapping is not required. You may also pick up an “Operation Christmas Child” box in the front foyer.

## 2. Boy or Girl

Determine whether your gift will be for a boy or girl and the child’s age category: 2 – 4, 5 – 9, or 10 – 14. Fill out an “Operation Christmas Child” label and attach it to the lid of the box. Labels can be picked up at the school office or click [SHOEBOX LABELS](#) or visit <https://www.samaritanspurse.ca/pack-a-shoebox/>



**3. Fill with gifts:** Select a quality ‘wow’ toy such as a doll, soccer ball with pump, or stuffed animal. Then add other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies.

**4. Pray:** Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gift. You can also include a personal note and photo. If you include your name and address the child may be able to write back.

## 5. Include your donation:

Please donate \$10 for each shoebox to cover the cost of shipping. (Cheques payable to Samaritan’s Purse – note “OCC” on memo line) and place it in an envelope on top of the gift items inside your box.



## 5. Drop off

Drop off your box(es) at the school office before November 19<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 a.m.

## Gift ideas:

**“WOW” items:** Soccer ball with pump, doll, stuffed animal, musical instrument, shoes

**Toys:** small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), etc.

**Accessories:** socks, hats, sunglasses, hair clips, jewelry and watches, flashlights (with extra batteries).

**School supplies:** pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, stamps, ink pads, paper, colouring & picture books, etc.

**Hygiene items:** toothbrush, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth, etc.

## Please 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, medication or vitamins, breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers, aerosol cans, toothpaste or decks of playing cards. Thank you!