Christmas Shoe Boxes for Third World Children 2014

**Suggested Gifts for Third World Shoe Boxes**

Boxes should be marked with ages (2-12) and whether it is for a boy OR girl.

- Hot Wheels Cars
- McDonalds Toys
- Small Dolls
- Marbles (no more than 5/baggie)
- Small balls
- Wash Cloth
- Soap
- **Lotion**
- **Shampoo**
- Toothbrush & toothpaste
- Comb and Brush
- Small Hand Mirror
- 1 pr Flip Flops (Each box needs one pr)
- Underwear (underpants & t-shirt)
- Shorts & tee-shirts (boys & girls)
- Dresses
- 1 pr Socks for Sunday
- (No candy, bubble gum, suckers)
- Underwear (underpants & t-shirt)
- School Supplies: Pencils (limit 4), paper, crayons, colored pencils, small pencil sharpeners, etc.
- Little Girls: Barrettes, ribbons, bows, headbands, scrunchies, ponytail holders, etc. All liquids should be in a zip lock bag.

**We are furnishing the shoe boxes.** Please try to fill each shoe box. **Do NOT over fill!** If one is bulging at the top, we cannot get them in the case. It is that close. **An under filled box** means one child will only get one or two things, while his/her brother/sister gets a full box. This can cause **unhappiness** in the home. Printed on the boxes are (1) the **manifest form**, please fill out with a Sharpie magic marker indicating whether it is for a boy or girl and their age. It needs to list what you have in the box. In addition (2) the **Customs Declaration** form needs to be filled out.

Thirdly, please mail a check payable to “AHMEN” for $4.00 OR one check for your whole group to: **Mrs. Sharon Bowie, 516 Ridgeview Dr., Jasper, AL 35504.** AHMEN stands for (Alabama Honduras Medical Education Network.) The $2.00 of the $4.00 helps get it to the missionary and the other $2.00 helps the missionary pay the cost of getting it to the neediest! Be sure to send the $4.00.

Several churches have found that by getting their people together on a Wednesday night, it is beneficial in sharing items like a bag of marble because if you give more than five (5) marbles, it causes problems. Other children may jump on a child and take away things if it is more than the child can hold in one hand. Other items that can be shared at your packing party are pencils, erasers pencil sharpeners, wash clothes, etc. You can also share a tape gun to put the boxes together. It can be a real fun party!

**The Advent Coloring booklet, tells the Christmas story in Spanish. Ask us to send you a file so you can print the number of Christmas Coloring Books in Spanish that you need. You can print the**
coloring book at your church office. Make as many copies as you need. The book requires three pieces of paper printed on both sides. Print one side, then the other. (It can also be used to reach Hispanic families in your community.)

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Some churches ask their pre-school, elementary children and Senior Citizens to **color one part** of the **cover** on the coloring book. This means the children in a third world country can use the crayons in the shoe box to complete these. So ask your people if they might be interested in personalizing your shoe boxes. Be creative and have fun!

Does your Vacation Bible School need a project? Why not the Christmas Shoe Box ministry for a third world country?

If we send the manifest about one month **ahead of the container**, Customs will enter it into their system and the shipment will clear in half the time. Here are our deadlines:

**Deadlines**

October 14th, Tuesday   All Shoe Boxes in an AHMNE distribution/collection point.

October 20st, Monday   All cases of shoe boxes in the Decatur Warehouse and manifested

October 21st, Tuesday   Manifest shipped to Missionary and Customs
                        (1 month lead time to clear Customs BEFORE the container arrives in a third world country in time for distribution to churches.)

November 8th, Saturday   Ship Container with the cases of shoe boxes, clears Customs around Thanksgiving and distribution to churches begins two weeks later.

For more information, please feel free to contact Ms Joy Greene, at joyLgreene@gmail.com

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OR

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