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Catalyst Missions News

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**SHARING GOOD NEWS,
GREAT JOY!**

DEAR FRIEND,

Every gift-filled shoebox is a tool for evangelism and discipleship for a local church around the world. At Operation Christmas Child outreach events, boys and girls hear the Good News of the Lord Jesus Christ and receive a tangible expression of God's love through one of your prayerfully packed shoeboxes.

I'd encourage you to include a letter and a photo along with your gift as these often become cherished items for the child. One of our ministry partners in Liberia who is also a dean at a Bible college said that some of her students still have the letters they received in their shoeboxes years ago.

We also offer shoebox recipients our follow-up discipleship program, The Greatest Journey. Through trained local teachers, boys and girls learn to follow Jesus and share Him with friends and family.

We thank God that through our decades of delivering shoebox gifts, we've shared the Gospel with millions of children in over 150 countries. In the last couple of years, we've also expanded our efforts to remote Pacific islands where we've already communicated this life-saving message to tens of thousands of children. We're also working in unreached ethnic groups, some of whom have never heard the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ before. Praise Him, new churches are starting!

I am thankful for your interest in this unique Samaritan's Purse project. God is working mightily through your generosity. May God bless you.

— **Franklin Graham**
President, Samaritan's Purse



GOD USES A SHOEBOX GIFT TO POINT TO SALVATION IN BOTSWANA



TSHOLOFELO GREW UP IN A FAMILY THAT FOLLOWS FOLK RELIGION IN BOTSWANA.

She had never heard of Jesus Christ before she attended an Operation Christmas Child outreach event where she received a shoebox gift packed full of pencils, pens, a pair of shoes, a doll, and a yellow teddy bear. At the event, she also accepted the Lord into her heart.

“Jesus has changed my life,” Tsholofelo said. “He is the most important person in my life, and I want to share Him with others.”

She shared John 3:16 with her friend Peniel who also became a Christian. Peniel said, “I told my friend about Jesus after Tsholofelo told me. I wanted her to follow Jesus.”

All over the world, the Good News of Jesus Christ is spreading through shoebox gifts!



65,000+
CHILDREN
on Pacific islands
have received
a shoebox gift.



2,000+
CHURCHES
have been started
around the world in
the last two years in
part through Operation
Christmas Child.



Samaritan's Purse plans
to deliver shoebox gifts
and the message of the
Gospel of Jesus Christ to
250+
UNREACHED PEOPLE
GROUPS BY 2024.

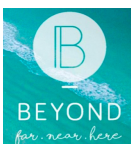
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