



## HOW TO PACK YOUR SHOEBOX

### **Find a Shoebox**

Start with an average-size cardboard or plastic shoebox. If you want to wrap it, cover the box and lid separately.

### **Girl or Boy?**

Decide whether you will pack a box for a girl or a boy, and the age category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14. Labels can be downloaded online.

### **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.

### **Pray**

Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gift. You can also include a personal note.

### **Make Your Minimum \$10 Donation**

Please donate a minimum of \$10 for each shoebox you prepare to help cover project costs--including shipping.

### **“Wow” Item**

Delight a kid! Start with a medium to large item that will capture the child’s attention the instant he or she opens the box.

Ideas include: Soccer ball with pump, Stuffed animal, Toys (puppets, trucks, etc.), Doll (baby, Barbie, etc.), Musical instrument, Outfit, Shoes

### **Other Suggestions**

**Toys:** Include items that children will immediately embrace such as toy cars, yo-yos, jump ropes, balls, toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries), etc.

**School Supplies:** pens, pencils and sharpeners, crayons, markers, notebooks, paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

**Non-liquid Hygiene Items:** toothbrushes, bar soap, combs, washcloths, etc.

**Accessories:** T-shirts, socks, hats, sunglasses, hair clips, jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries), etc.

**Crafts:** Make your own items such as hair bows, finger puppets, and friendship bracelets.

**Do Not Include** candy; toothpaste; used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.