



# Send a **Box of Joy** to a Child Who Wishes for **Just One Gift**

Every year, thousands of poor children experience a Christmas without hope. Burdened by poverty, their parents are simply too poor to provide anything but the most basic necessities. These are children who may have never held a picture book, never worn a new shirt, or never owned a toy.

The gifts you pack in a Box of Joy show God's unconditional love and spark the joy every child should experience at Christmas. More important, they are symbolic of God's greatest gift, his son Jesus Christ.

The Box of Joy outreach provides a unique opportunity for the priests, nuns and lay missionaries working with the children to share the Gospel.

Your Box of Joy also supports their lifesaving local ministries, enabling them to have a greater impact on the lives of the poor!

For those fighting poverty "in the trenches," a **Box of Joy** is a Godsend!





# Preparing a Box of Joy



## Follow These Simple Steps ...

### 1 Get a Box

Your Project Leader will provide a gift box or use any standard shoebox or plastic box (approximately 12" x 5").

### 2 Choose & Shop

Go shopping and personally select gifts to bring joy to a child: small toys, hygiene items, school supplies, hard candy, etc. Please no liquids, food or combat items.

### 3 Donate

In preparing each Box of Joy, please include \$9 in the attached envelope or make that gift online at [CrossCatholic.org/BoxOfJoy](http://CrossCatholic.org/BoxOfJoy). In addition to covering the shipping of your Box of Joy to destination country, a portion of this contribution supports the Catholic ministries serving in the child's community, enabling them to have a greater impact on the lives of the poor.

### 4 Drop Off & Pray

Drop off your Box of Joy to your Project Leader or go to [CrossCatholic.org/BoxOfJoy](http://CrossCatholic.org/BoxOfJoy) to locate a Drop-off Center. Pray for the mission and children who will receive the Boxes of Joy.

## Gift Ideas

*For a full list, see more gift ideas on our website.*

### Toys

Ball (deflated) with pump  
Cars / Trucks  
Doll  
Mini puzzle  
Finger puppets

### School Supplies

Pencils, colored pencils  
Solar calculator  
Sharpener  
Small board books  
Dry paints (no liquid paint)

### Hard Candy & Gum

Please seal in reusable bag  
(No chocolates)

### Apparel

Socks & Underwear  
Shorts & T-shirts  
Flip flops  
Hats  
Shoelaces

### Hygiene / Home

Comb / Brush  
Forks & Spoons  
Cup / bottle with lid  
Bar soap  
Toothpaste (in the box)  
Toothbrush and Floss  
Nail clippers / Emery board

### Accessories

Watch  
Purse or Wallet  
Sunglasses  
Necklace  
Head bands  
Barrettes  
Bracelets  
Cross or Rosary

### Useful Items

Sewing kit  
Utensils  
No-battery flashlight  
Drawstring bag

All donations will be used for the Box of Joy program. If more donations are received than needed for the Box of Joy program, the excess funds will be used to meet the most urgent needs of the ministry.