

# Shoebox Scoop

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We've asked you to keep praying for the delivery process, the recipients, and the communities that will be impacted by our shoeboxes.....Well, keep praying! We've been monitoring the delivery of our boxes and were disappointed that the information available referred only to the November date when the boxes left Denver. With a little digging and some expert insight (thanks, Shirley Hecht) we learned that the boxes were being stopped on the US side of the border because the Mexican customs would not accept them. The individuals involved on the US and Mexico border began to pray – and God's plan was fulfilled. The customs accepted the boxes and began to move then from American soil to Mexican soil. We'll keep following the boxes and will let you know the ultimate destination. While we're waiting .... KEEP PRAYING!



**Pill Bottle Collection** – Thanks for your support in our February Pill Bottle Collection. Due to your participation, we were able to collect \$250.00. Your contribution means that 25 boxes are already covered for shipping! We'll give you another opportunity soon! THANK YOU!!! If you still have your pill bottle – never fear – you can give it to anyone on the Shoebox team or drop it in the offering.

**WOW** items....the goal is to have great WOW items in every box that shows God's love to the boys and girls. What is a WOW item? Well, it depends on the age, gender, and desires of the children's hearts. For one child it might be a toothbrush—so he doesn't have to share with his brothers. For another it might be a pencil – because his mother had been “renting” a pencil from another student so her son could go to school. For a little girl it might be a doll—because she had never had one before. For an older boy it might be a soccer ball or some tools – because he wants to play with his friends but he is also beginning to build some skills for employment. For another it might be a fleece blanket – because one little girl had been cold and had been begging her mother for a blanket. We can't predict what the need of each recipient might be – but we will plan carefully to address a number of needs and interests of the child. You can help FBC achieve its goals by looking for bargains when you shop, making a consistent donation to the Shoebox Team, or attending to the Spirit's leading when you learn more information about the goals for 2023 and determine how you will participate. We're counting on you to be a part of our FBC Shoebox Team! We won't be successful without your help.



**THANKS!!** Thanks for your February generosity in helping to collect items we need for boxes. Donations that will help meet some goals for the boys, 10-14:

- 2 hammers
- 3 pair of pliers
- 2 tape measures
- 12 screwdrivers

We do need more of these items, so watch for coupons or bargains.

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## LUNCH AND LABOR – March 19

Our first LUNCH AND LABOR will be March 19 – plan on helping us prepare items for the shoeboxes! Sign up so that we'll know you are coming and we'll have enough food. Oh, who am I kidding..... Baptists always have enough food!!! Lunch will be served at 11:15 and Labor will begin at 11:45.

### Year-round giving and collecting:

**March:** crocheted hats/scarves, craft items (that the children can create), toys, stuffed animals, cars, musical instruments (maracas, harmonicas, kazoos)

April: cuddly toys (one of the most coveted items in a shoebox – the WOW!)

May: hygiene items – soap, comb, toothbrush, washcloth, fingernail clippers

June: toys – doll, jump rope, soccer ball (and pump) – the WOW in a boy's box

July: musical instruments – harmonica, kazoo, tambourine

August: school supplies – pencils, pens, erasers, pencil sharpener, ruler, crayons, paper

September: games – puzzles, tic tac toe, coloring books, marbles

January: cold weather gear – hats, gloves, scarves

February: accessories – hair bows, sunglasses, jewelry, wristwatch

**Only 36 weeks to collection time for 2023.**



**Empty boxes needed** .....Please save and bring to FBC your empty cereal, cookie, and cracker boxes. They're just the right weight of cardboard to back puzzles for the 2-4 year olds – and they will like the colors and images.



**Plastic Eggs needed** ... when you're shopping or planning for Easter celebrations with children – buy an extra bag of eggs for the shoeboxes. We find small cars, images, rings, finger puppets, etc. and put them in the eggs. The children find an unusual shape in their box, open the egg to find a surprise, and can use the egg to hold something they “treasure”.

Questions/Suggestions: If you have a great idea, please share it with the Shoebox Team: Joan, Terry, JoAnn, Carol

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