

— SAMARITAN'S PURSE® —

“GO THEREFORE AND MAKE DISCIPLES”

MATTHEW 28:19



EVANGELISM • DISCIPLESHIP • MULTIPLICATION



**“GO INTO ALL THE WORLD
AND PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL
TO THE WHOLE CREATION.”**

MARK 16:15 ESV

FROM A **Shoebox** TO The Greatest Journey!

Dear Friend,

When a child receives an Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift, it is only the beginning. Millions of boys and girls also have the opportunity to learn more about Christ's gift of salvation and what it means to follow Him through The Greatest Journey, the follow-up discipleship programme Samaritan's Purse developed for shoebox recipients.

In this booklet you will find examples of the resources used to equip local churches and believers to present the Gospel at outreach events and through The Greatest Journey. God is using local teachers and the children who participate in the programme to expand His kingdom and make disciples across the globe.

Please join us in praying for this work as we raise up a new generation of evangelists and disciple makers.

Sincerely,



Franklin Graham
President, Samaritan's
Purse



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**I WANT EVERY
CHILD TO KNOW
THERE IS A GOD
WHO LOVES THEM.**

**CAMEROON
SHOEBX GIFTS
SHOW CHILDREN
A TANGIBLE
EXPRESSION OF
GOD'S LOVE.**



EVANGELISM DISCIPLESHIP MULTIPLICATION

EVERY SHOEBOX GIFT IS AN EXCELLENT RESOURCE FOR EVANGELISM AND DISCIPLESHIP that leads to the multiplication of new believers and churches around the world. Local Christians share the Gospel, inviting children to trust in Jesus. Then boys and girls receive a surprise that may be their first gift ever. They hold in their hands a tangible expression of God's love.



EVANGELISM



DISCIPLESHIP



MULTIPLICATION

AFTER THEY RECEIVE SHOEBOXES many children also participate in our 12-lesson discipleship programme, The Greatest Journey. Through this course, which includes Bible stories and Scripture memorisation, they learn how to follow Christ in their daily lives as they share Him with friends and family.



**ZAMBIA
A MINISTRY
PARTNER PRESENTS
THE GOSPEL USING
A COLOURFUL
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CHRISTMAS
CHILD.**



SHOEBOX OUTREACH EVENTS



Local Christians are taught to host safe and effective shoebox outreach events using the Ministry Partner Guide, a 36-page resource that outlines how to organise a distribution, share the Gospel, and invite children to participate in follow-up discipleship. It is full of colourful pictures and a suggested script to use as they present the Gospel message in a child-friendly way, where it is culturally appropriate.



THE GREATEST GIFT

In addition to hearing the Gospel before they receive their shoebox gift, children also receive a Bible story booklet called The Greatest Gift, which tells them the story of God's greatest gift, His Son Jesus. With the Apostle John as narrator, the booklet shares 11 Scripture stories and invites children to follow Christ. Children take this home to share with family and friends. It is used in more than 80 languages.



THE GREATEST JOURNEY

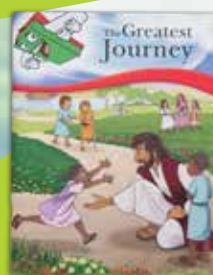
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THE GREATEST JOURNEY Teacher Guide

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This in-depth manual helps instructors apply Bible stories to their students' lives to encourage the boys and girls to re-tell them to others. With the help of this resource, The Greatest Journey teachers are taught to be good storytellers who ask questions of children to keep them engaged. This method allows non-literate cultures to participate and equips teachers to continue discipleship lessons with their students long after they complete the workbook.



THE GREATEST JOURNEY Student Workbook

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This colourful 12-lesson resource equips the student to follow along with the story, memorise verses, and do activities in class or as homework.

A LOOK INSIDE:

THE GREATEST JOURNEY STUDENT WORKBOOK



LESSON 12

focuses on sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with others.

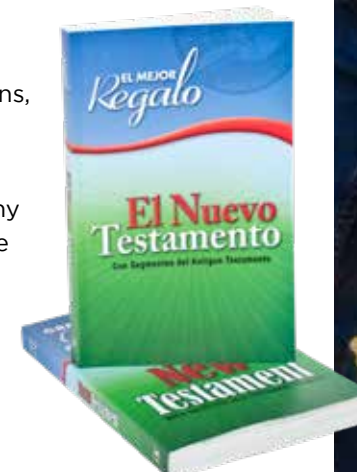
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CHILDREN REJOICE
AT THEIR GRADUATION
FROM THE GREATEST
JOURNEY.

A GRADUATION CELEBRATION

AFTER COMPLETING THE GREATEST JOURNEY, children attend a graduation celebration and receive a certificate.

Most importantly, they are given a Bible that includes the New Testament and selected Old Testament stories along with a dictionary of Biblical terms and a map of Bible lands. Complete with illustrations, it is often the first copy of God's Word the child, or their family, will own.

Family and friends who attend the ceremony hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Hearing the Good News and testimonies during their loved ones' graduation reinforces the changes they have seen in the students' lives, and their families often come to faith in Christ.



THE AMAZING JOURNEY OF A SIMPLE SHOEBOX GIFT BEGINS WITH YOU

AND RESULTS IN EVANGELISM, DISCIPLESHIP, AND MULTIPLICATION

PACKING

From children to seniors, people pack shoebox gifts each year to bless children in need around the world. Parents often use the project to teach their kids about giving. Year-round volunteers support these efforts across the country.

COLLECTING

Churches and groups of all sizes collect boxes from their communities. Some churches and local businesses also serve as drop-off locations.

SHIPPING

Thousands of volunteers serve annually inspecting and preparing shoeboxes for international shipping. Those volunteers will often join together to pray for the children who will receive the boxes.

WORLDWIDE DISTRIBUTION

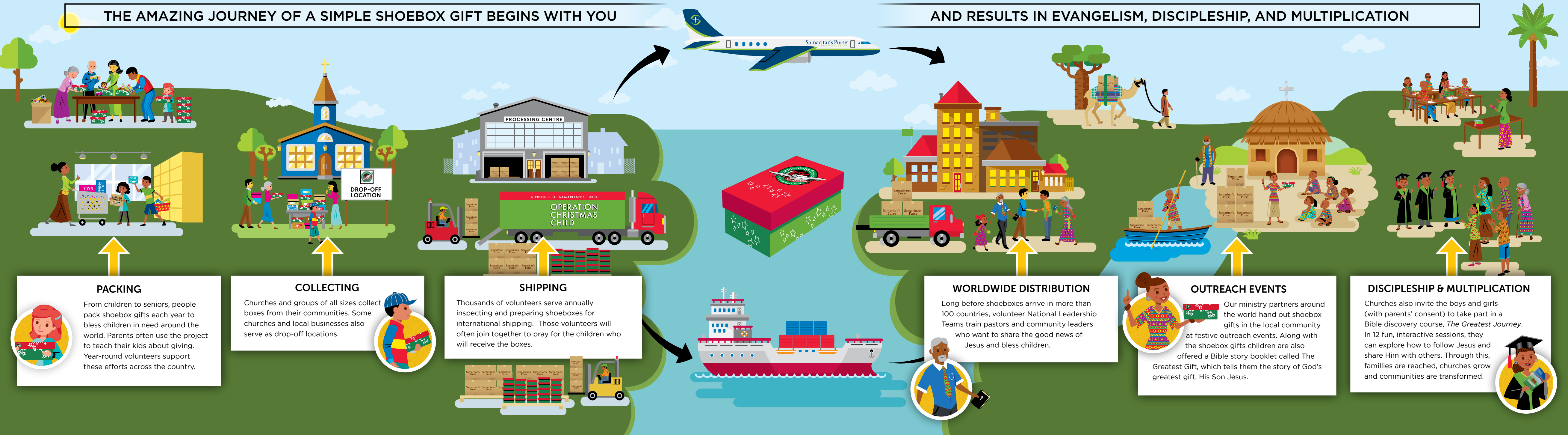
Long before shoeboxes arrive in more than 100 countries, volunteer National Leadership Teams train pastors and community leaders who want to share the good news of Jesus and bless children.

OUTREACH EVENTS

Our ministry partners around the world hand out shoebox gifts in the local community at festive outreach events. Along with the shoebox gifts children are also offered a Bible story booklet called The Greatest Gift, which tells them the story of God's greatest gift, His Son Jesus.

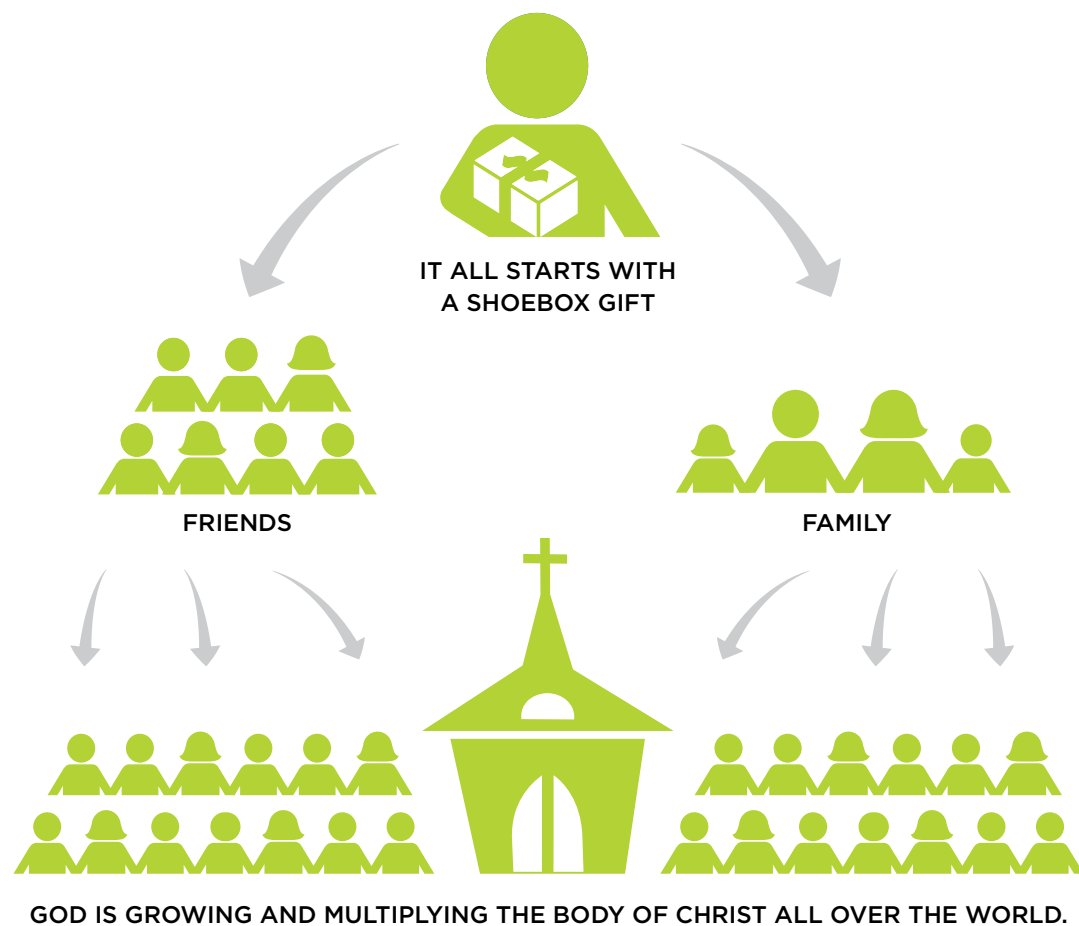
DISCIPLESHIP & MULTIPLICATION

Churches also invite the boys and girls (with parents' consent) to take part in a Bible discovery course, *The Greatest Journey*. In 12 fun, interactive sessions, they can explore how to follow Jesus and share Him with others. Through this, families are reached, churches grow and communities are transformed.



THE GOSPEL MULTIPLIES

AS CHILDREN HEAR THE GOSPEL at shoebox outreach events and go on to participate in *The Greatest Journey*, they share their faith with friends and family who also share and disciple others.



 MULTIPLICATION



SEVERAL TIMES A WEEK, Pastor Waisea Liwaiono walks up to 10 miles to villages in Fiji like Vunika, a rural community that had no church.



Pastor Waisea hosted an Operation Christmas Child outreach event to hand out shoebox gifts and share the Gospel.

Pastor Waisea invited the children to attend *The Greatest Journey* discipleship programme. The parents of the students grew curious and began attending too.



The local witchdoctor, a grandparent of one of the students, became a believer and offered his property as a place for the new church to meet.

When the church outgrew the space, they built a new, larger building across the road.

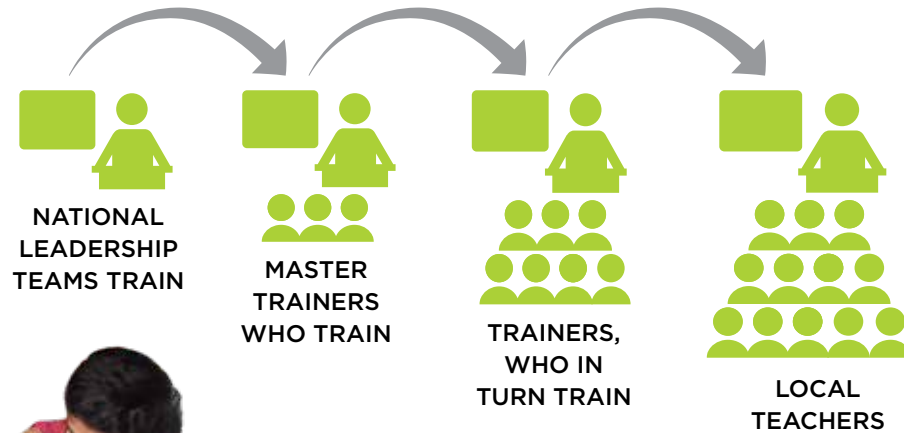


Today 80 people attend the church regularly. The children continue to share their faith with others, and five additional churches have been started in surrounding villages!

TRAINING



TO ENSURE QUALITY OUTREACH EVENTS AND THE GREATEST JOURNEY COURSES,



National Leadership Teams consist of year-round volunteers from various evangelical denominations. Together they strategise how to reach children in their country with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. With this approach, local Christians who know the culture and language best are given effective resources and a solid Biblical foundation so that they can communicate the Gospel within their own communities.



PRAYER



From the shoebox packers who pray for the boys and girls who will receive their gifts to the local teachers who pray for the children who attend *The Greatest Journey* discipleship classes, prayer is key to the work of Operation Christmas Child.

ECUADOR

A LITTLE GIRL IN ECUADOR PRAYS TO THANK GOD FOR HER SHOEBOX GIFT. PRAYER IS AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT OF OUTREACH EVENTS AROUND THE WORLD.

GOD USES SHOEBOXES IN
EVANGELISM, DISCIPLESHIP, AND MULTIPLICATION.

IT STARTS WITH YOU!



EVERY YEAR, MILLIONS OF PEOPLE LIKE YOU PACK SHOEBOXES and drop them off at numerous locations. Additionally, thousands of volunteers serve year-round to support the project. Join the faithful servants of Christ who make this happen!





VISIT

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to order free materials, or for ideas of how to participate in Operation Christmas Child with your family, group, or church.

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TO CHILDREN
IN NEED.**

**“LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN
COME TO ME ... FOR OF SUCH
IS THE KINGDOM OF GOD”**

LUKE 18:16



GET INVOLVED

GIVE

- Pack a Shoebox
- Support The Greatest Journey discipleship programme.

Every aspect of this programme from teacher trainer to graduation is implemented for just £5 a child.

PRAY

- Pray for the worldwide ministry of Samaritan's Purse and Gospel opportunities through simple shoebox gifts.

VOLUNTEER

- **Year-round:** Join a team of volunteers to serve in leadership, church relations, community relations, media support, prayer mobilisation, or logistics
- **Short-term:** Serve at a Drop-Off location or Processing Centre.



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