

Timeline

PICK UP SHOEBOX & INFO.

September 21 & 28

Stop by one of the manned tables on either side of the Courtyard and pick up an empty shoebox, brochure with NEW guidelines for packing shoeboxes and choose the age/gender for a child for which you will prepare your box.

PRAY & SHOP & WRITE

Week of September 21-28

Begin praying for your child. Follow the gift suggestions (inside) for the age/gender of your child. Begin shopping.

PLEASE NOTE: Guidelines have changed. Read brochure carefully.

If you know Spanish, write a personal letter to your child and include a picture of your family. If not, write a letter and ask a Spanish-speaking friend to translate it for you or go online and use a translation program.

RETURN UNWRAPPED BOXES

September 28 & October 6

Bring your **UNWRAPPED** shoebox filled with **EIGHT** presents with you to church and drop it off at one of the collection tables on either side of the Courtyard. Please place the LABEL with the age/gender of your child AND \$10.00 (or more) for shipping just inside the box.

JOIN THE PACKING PARTY

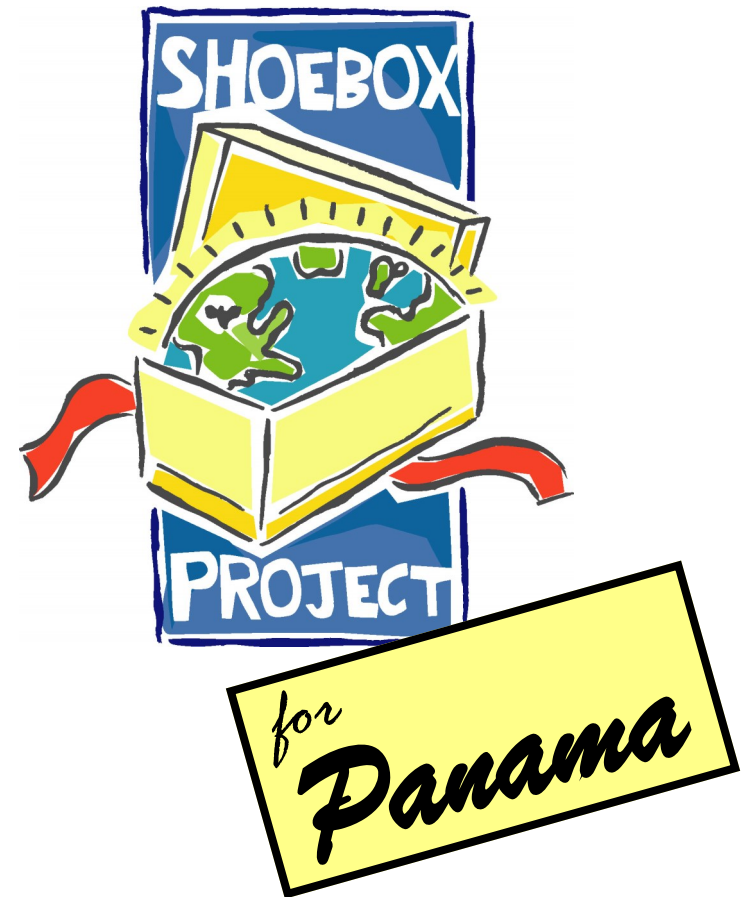
Wednesday, October 8

Join us in the Teen Center from 7:00—8:00 p.m. to help us sort, check, wrap, get gifts ready to ship and pray over the shoeboxes.

CONTINUE to PRAY

October - December

Pray that your gift will bring your child the joy of Jesus this Christmas and forever. Also pray for the church in El Valle, Panama, and the Greenville Oaks group who will be travelling there in December to serve.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS JOY

Fill a Box - Touch a Child

Collection Dates:

Sunday, September 28

Sunday, October 5

How to Pack a Shoebox Gift

Pick Up a Shoebox

Pick up an empty shoebox from one of the tables on each side of the Courtyard at church on September 21 or 28. **Returned shoeboxes should NOT be wrapped.**



Choose a Label

While at the tables in the Courtyard, pick a label for either a boy or girl and the child's age category. Place the label on top of the gifts before putting on the lid (along with your \$10 donation).

Fill With **Eight** Presents

Fill the shoebox with EIGHT presents.

We have been requested to provide Christmas gifts — something that the children will be excited about when they open their shoebox. **It is toys that these children look forward to receiving the most.** Make sure items are **NEW** and “**age appropriate.**” Avoid anything with small pieces for under three years. Please refer to the gift ideas to the right and things to NOT include in your shoebox gifts.

Include Your Shipping Donation

Please donate \$10 or more for each shoe box you prepare to help cover shipping and other project costs. Checks should be payable to “Greenville Oaks Church of Christ.” Place the donation just under the lid of the box, along with the gender/age label that was given to you when you picked up your box.

Drop Off

Completed shoeboxes should be turned in to one of the collection tables on either side of the courtyard on Sunday mornings OR brought to the church office (M-TH, 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.) **by Sunday, October 5. DO NOT WRAP YOUR BOX OR TAPE IT CLOSED.**



Bring your completed box to church on Sunday, October 5.

Gift Ideas:

0-20 Months

Please keep these gifts generic. Light blanket, diaper cream, baby toys, cloth diapers, teething items, pacifiers, etc.

2-4 Years

Any appropriate toys; **Boys:** hard plastic toys/trucks, balls, stuffed animals, Spanish book or Bible story book; **Girls:** hard plastic toys, stuffed dolls/animals, hair accessories, dress up items

Kindergarten to 2nd Grade

Crayons/coloring book, bubbles (enclose in zip lock bag), sunglasses, Spanish Bible or story book, other appropriate toys; **Boys:** trucks/cars, ball, marbles, yo-yo, cap; **Girls:** baby doll/accessories, jump rope, jacks, hair accessories, purse, mirror, dress up clothes

3rd to 6th Grade

Any appropriate toys, Spanish Bible or book; **Boys:** cars, trucks, ball, Slinky, yo-yo, marbles, sunglasses, flashlight & batteries, ball cap, watch; **Girls:** hair accessories, Barbie type doll/accessories, jump rope, jacks, sunglasses, purse, necklace/bracelet, watch

Teenagers

Spanish Bible or book; **Boys:** 5 in 1 pocket tool, flashlight & batteries, watch, wallet, sunglasses, ball cap; **Girls:** inexpensive watch or jewelry, manicure kit, hair accessories, brush, mirror, sunglasses, purse, scarf, umbrella

Do Not Include:

- **School supplies** (another supporting church provides school supplies to the children in and around El Valle when school begins each year)
- **Underwear or socks**
- **Used items**
- **Bars of soap**
- **Toy guns, knives, or war-related items**
- **Fragile/breakable items**
- **Chocolate or perishable items**
- **Medicines of any kind**
- **Play Doh**
- **Overly expensive items**