



**Christ Redeemer
Fellowship
at the
Operation Christmas Child
Global Connect Conference**

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Mission Statement

The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to provide God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Elizabeth's Story



The Impact of a Shoebox

A FULL CIRCLE STORY



Operation Christmas Child Reach

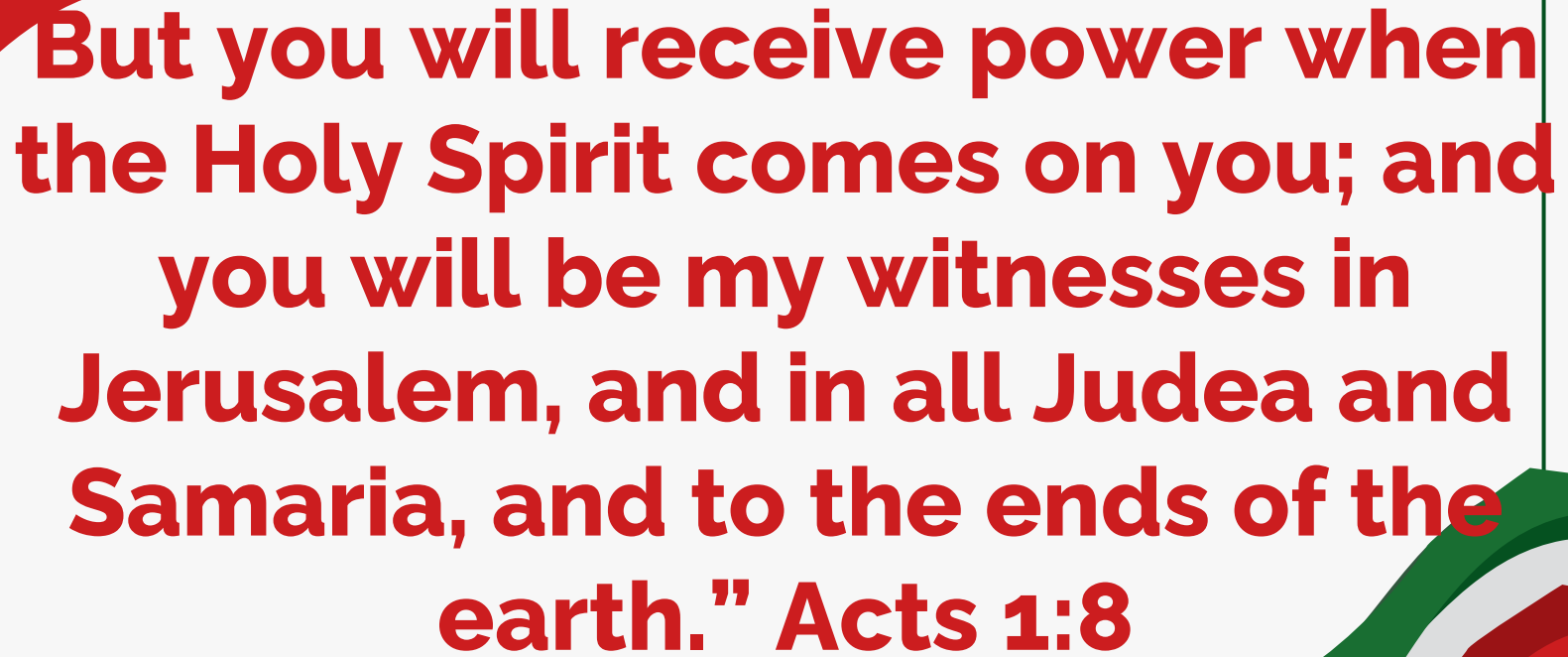
- OCC - 30th year
- 200,000,000 boxes handed out
- 50,000,000 children have accepted Christ
- Every child in Louisiana schools
- Line up children from Dallas to New Orleans
- 93 children every hour 24/7 for 365 days
- Every shoebox has the potential of reaching 10 lives for Christ.

Edouard and his yo-yo

Edouard Ndecky is from Senegal (a country in west Africa). Edouard was 12 years old when he accepted Christ. His father was a pastor but they were very poor. They had no electricity, they had to walk 2 miles to get water, they Slept on concrete floors. One year their church was going to receive shoeboxes. His father did not want him to get a box because he felt it wouldn't be right since he was the pastor. But Edwardo did received a box that year and in his box was a yoyo.

Play video.





But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8



Sending Boxes

What can you do in your Jerusalem?

Prayer

1. **First calling is to be with Him!** - Mark 3:13-15
 - a. God calls us into fellowship with Jesus - 1 Corinthians 1:9
 - b. We may already have a relationship but intimacy comes from fellowship and communion
 - c. Daily listen to the Lord
 - d. If we're too busy to be with Him, then we're too busy.
 - e. Without Him, we are nothing and we bear no fruit.
 - f. Pray and wait on the Lord - Jesus did.
 - g. Prayer is a 2 way street, take time to listen
 - h. Fullness of JOY but you got to be in HIS presence.

Study God's Word

2. **Rediscover the Power of God's Word** - Study the Bible - As Christians we are called to be like Christ but how can we do that if we don't know HIM? Is there a difference between reading and studying the Bible?

- Lectivo Devina - Putting yourself in the text and allowing the Holy Spirit to talk to you
- Topical Study - pick a topic and research it or pick a character to research
- Journalng- SOAP
 - Scripture
 - Observation
 - Application
 - Prayer
- Art Journaling

Tell Others

3. How to tell your story - ABC

- Audience
- Big Idea
- Call to Action

Persevering

4. **Persevering in Different Ministry Seasons** - Ephesians 2:10

- The enemy wants to tell you that you are incapable and not enough but God was willing to give His son to take your place and He wants to use you for His honor and glory.

Whatever you are called to do, do it!

- Praying
- Giving money
- Buying
- Making
- Packing
- Organizing
- Carrying
- Sharing
- Going



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SHOEBOX

Get a standard size shoebox to pack for a boy or girl. Need shoeboxes? Great preprinted boxes are available on our website.

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PRAY

Most importantly, **pray** for the child who will receive your gift. Include a personal note and photo to delight the heart of the child.

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"WOW" ITEM

Select a quality "wow" toy such as a doll, soccer ball with pump, or stuffed animal to bless a child.



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DONATE \$10 PER BOX

A donation of **\$10** per box is critical to cover shipping and other project costs. For easiest processing you can give online. If you use our **Follow Your Box** feature online, you can also discover the destination of your shoebox!



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OTHER GIFTS

Pack full with other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies.

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DROP OFF

Take your shoebox gift to a local drop-off location during **National Collection Week, the third week in November**. Visit our website to find one near you.

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"WOW" ITEM

- Soccer ball with pump
- Doll
- Stuffed animal
- Shoes



TOYS

- Toy cars
- Jump ropes
- Yo-yos
- Toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries)



PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

- Toothbrushes
- Washcloths
- Combs
- Hairbrushes



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, and markers
- Notebooks and paper
- Coloring and picture books
- Solar calculators



ACCESSORIES

- Socks
- Sunglasses
- Jewelry and watches
- Flashlights (with extra batteries)



DO NOT INCLUDE

candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; scary or war-related items; seeds; food; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items or glass containers; aerosol cans





Impact of the Items

- God provides a doll for Kangeloo
- A Soccer Ball for Randy, and for the girls
- Praying for a towel - Vetegea
- Grateful for a harmonica - Larry
- Father and Son are blessed - Dervin
- Crayons for a young artist - Yarelin
- Lighting the way home - Almir and more
- Sandals for a refugee

Operation Christmas Child

- **Is under the umbrella of Samaritan's Purse, whose president is Franklin Graham, the son of the late evangelist, Billy Graham and his wife, Ruth Graham.**
- **Almost got rid of OCC**
- **Urgency to reach the lost with the gospel in every area of ministry.**
- **Ruth Graham loved OCC.**
- **Passion for reaching unreached people groups (UPGs) with the gospel.**



Other Samaritan's Purse Ministries

- **Operation Patriot's Dream**
- **International Crisis Response**
- **World Medical Mission**
- **U.S. Disaster Relief**
- **Greta Home and Academy**
- **Children's Heart Project**

The Greatest Journey

**Matthew 28:19 Go therefore and make
disciples of all the nations, baptizing
them in the name of the Father and the
Son and the Holy Spirit.**

The Greatest Journey Data

- **Since 2009, 35.4 million children participated in The Greatest Journey discipleship program.**
- **Translated into 97 languages**
- **Have trained 227,000 volunteers**
- **More than 24.9 million have graduated.**
- **Over 17.5 million have made decisions for Christ.**

Struggles of Receiving Ministry Teams

- Some are similar to ours.
- Sickness
- War
- Persecution-Dark places
- Weather

Reaching Unreached People Groups

- Other ministry teams close by
- Each ministry team is responsible to reach out to one unreached people group
- Going into some of the darkest places. Must be saturated in prayer.
- Pray for a month.
- 2022 OCC reached out to 99 unreached people groups in 38 countries.

Reaching the Unreached

- Ministry team in Nimibia were fasting and praying on how to reach the Himba, when an OCC person showed up.
- “It became the answer from God. Operation Christmas Child opened a door and helped us to become friends with the Himba.” *Pastor Rizera*
- “They no longer met at the holy fire to pray to their ancestors. Alcoholism slowly faded away. The children, now more respectful and obedient to their parents, sang Scripture praise songs created from traditional tribal tunes.”

Himba Christians Praising God



Breaking Strongholds in Benin

It is not just a gift distribution. It is invading the kingdom of darkness to share the light of the gospel.

<https://video.samaritanspurse.org/breaking-strongholds-in-benin/>

Prayer

“When Billy Graham was asked about the most important steps in preparing for an evangelistic outreach, he always answered that there were three things that mattered most: Prayer, prayer and prayer.” —Cliff Barrows

- **Prayer is the chief weapon, offensively and defensively.**
- **Pray that whatever mountains that need to be moved, will be moved.**



**200 millionth
shoebox!**



THE 200 MILLIONTH SHOEBOX GIFT



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