

# CPFI Operation Christmas Child Packing Potluck

## 2021 CPFI Hands and Feet Student Chapter Grant

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### Abstract

Our goal of this project was to serve Christ through the packaging and giving of 36 Operation Christmas Child Boxes through Samaritan's Purse. This potluck packaging event promoted evangelism, discipleship, and fellowship among professional pharmacy students at Campbell University during the Operation Christmas Child National Collection Week. After praying over these boxes, they were taken to a local drop off location and were prepared to travel to children across the globe who are in need. We hope the notes we included in these packages brought more children to know Christ, and we hope the supplies provided will work to further children's desire for learning.

**Declare His glory among the nations...  
Psalm 96:3**

### Introduction

Samaritan's Purse is a nondenominational evangelical Christian organization that has worked to provide aid to hurting people around the world since 1970. Samaritan's Purse helps meet the needs of people who are victims of war, poverty, natural disasters, disease, and famine. The organization serves the Church worldwide to promote the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Samaritan's Purse has collected shoeboxes filled with toys, school supplies, and hygiene items for children around the world since 1993. Since the founding of Operation Christmas Child, more than 198 million children in more than 170 countries and territories have received an Operation Christmas Child shoebox. As stated by the President of Samaritan's Purse Graham Franklin, "Every box is an opportunity to reach a child with the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

The CPFI Hands and Feet Grant gives financial support to student chapters so that the student chapter can provide service to others. This grant was implemented by the CPFI Board of Directors to allow students to be the hands and feet of Jesus through evangelism and Christian service.

Our CPFI student chapter took the funds provided by the 2021 Hands and Feet Grant to package 36 Operation Christmas Child boxes for Samaritan's Purse.

### Methodology

Other CPFI student chapters can implement this project with these easy steps:

- (1) Decide how many boxes the chapter desires to pack.
- (2) Create a supplies list and budget.
- (3) Order required items. Consider asking for shoe box donations and care item donations to minimize the cost.
- (4) Organize a date for the packing event and send out a volunteer sign-up sheet for the potluck meal items.
- (5) Host the packing potluck event! During the event, consider making "pen pal" notes with Bible verses to include in the packages.
- (6) Pray over the boxes.
- (7) Deliver the packaged boxes to a local drop off center.

### Materials and Budget Item Breakdown

	Quantity	Cost (Total)
Storage Boxes	36	\$38.25
Hanes Tall Sock Pairs	36	\$29.94
Toothbrushes	36	\$6.00
Band-Aids	180	\$8.82
Nail Clippers	72	\$22.99
Hair Combs	36	\$12.99
Writing Pad	36	\$26.97
#2 Pencils	72	\$9.99
Pencil Sharpener	75	\$15.00
Bic Ball Point Pens	144	\$12.05
Pencil Pouches	36	\$16.99
Ruler and Stencil	36	\$11.99
Solar Powered Calculators	36	\$69.98
Magnetic Drawing Pads	36	\$65.98
Stamps	50	\$11.99
Play-Doh	36	\$24.99
Glider Planes	36	\$15.99
Frisbees	36	\$24.99
Flashlights	36	\$39.22
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$478.11</b>
	<b>Tax &amp; Shipping</b>	<b>\$40.09</b>
	<b>Budget Total</b>	<b>\$518.20</b>
	<b>Total taken from Student Chapter Funds</b>	<b>\$68.20</b>
	<b>Grant Money Received</b>	<b>\$450.00</b>



### Results

During the service event, Campbell University CPFI student members packed 36 Operation Christmas Child boxes, wrote personal letters included in each box, and prayed together over the boxes. After packaging, members fellowshiped together over a potluck dinner. This service event provided an opportunity for student CPFI members to serve Christ through evangelism and discipleship and advances our outreach ministries while making a global impact. Following the packing event, students fellowshiped together over a potluck meal.

In 2021, Samaritan's Purse distributed more than 9.1 million shoebox gifts to children in need in over 100 countries at over 81,000 outreach events!

As stated by Samaritan's Purse, "The project delivers not only the joy of what, for many kids, is their first gift ever, but also gives them a tangible expression of God's love." We pray that each package will serve to bring more children to know Christ as their Savior, and we hope the education supplies provided will further children's passion for learning.

Expenses not covered by the grant were covered by our fall fundraiser. All expenses regarding the potluck during the service event was donated and brought in by the student chapter members and are separate from the grant reward budget. All grant monies were applied to the purchase of supplies to pack our 36 Operation Christmas Child Boxes.

**Now all glory to God, who is able,  
through his mighty power at work  
within us, to accomplish infinitely  
more than we might ask or think.  
Ephesians 3:20**

### Conclusion

Through the support of the 2021 CPFI Hands and Feet Grant and in partnership with Samaritan's Purse, Campbell University's CPFI student chapter was able to impact the lives of 36 children in need across the world.

We would like to encourage all CPFI members to participate in Operation Christmas Child this year. This small act of service may be the first gift a child ever receives and may lead them to know Christ. As student pharmacists, Campbell University's CPFI student chapter members looks forward to future service projects that promote evangelism and discipleship while helping those in need.



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