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Today's Featured Ministry Is:

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD (OCC)

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For Operation Christmas Child, 2019 was an amazing year. We started by upping our goal from 300 shoeboxes to 450 shoeboxes and just trust God to provide. It was a project for the whole church. You brought items week by week and a running total of what was needed was kept on our chart by the Missionary Wall. Some items were easy to come by and some were not. At times we felt the pressure of our goal but mostly trusted God to provide and provide He did.

Volunteers gathered on Saturday, November 9th to help set up for our Shoebox Packing Party on Sunday, November 10th. We had almost everything we needed except for stuffed animals and flip flops. Then the Lord sent Levi Thyagaraj with a box of stuffed animals and later in the afternoon, He sent another member to bring in the needed amount of flip flops. We had enough, even more than enough! The Lord had given us the goal and He made sure we would make it.



We met our goal and even surpassed it on some items. The final count for the number of shoeboxes sent to the pickup location was **517 boxes!** There were 489 boxes packed from the items that were gathered by you the church and the rest were packed and dropped off at the church individually. Sam and Belinda Tello along with Luis Garcia helped deliver all the boxes by making a few trips to the drop-off site in Bellerose.

I still get excited when I think of the Lord having us sent **517 shoeboxes** to kids around the world. Now, they can hear the word of God and have the opportunity to take the discipleship course, *The Greatest Journey*, in hopes that they will come to know the Lord and be little missionaries themselves.

Through OCC:

- Many children have heard the good news of God's salvation.
- Many communities have gone from paganism to believing in Jesus Christ.
- Many churches have been established.

When you send a shoebox, you are not just sending gift items, you are also sending the Word of God which transforms lives.

Thank you!

Please pray for the Lord to reveal his plans for OCC 2020
giving special care to the safety concerns and parameters in place because of COVID-19.

