

## Operation Christmas Child Plan

In October 2016, we are filling shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Details of Operation Christmas Child can be found at <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>. We need a plan. These are my initial thoughts

Do we want to use shoe boxes and cover with Christmas paper or do we want to buy the Operation Christmas Child ones? How much are they? Does Nick Miles still have any?

How many shoe boxes do we want to create and for what age ranges? How shall we pay the shipping costs of £3 per box? Suggestion: we could collect for these instead of sending Christmas cards between ourselves this year.

It say "You can also include a personal note and photo of yourself or your group." We could send a photo of the group.

Does someone want to write a short prayer that we can use to pray for the children who receive our boxes?

Items to include:

Main Toy 'wow' item such as doll, cuddly toy or deflated football with pump. WE COULD KNIT THESE BUT THEY CAN'T BE STUFFED ITEMS AS STUFFED ITEMS HAVE TO CARRY A CE MARK.

3 small toys - Include items that children will love such as dolls, toy trucks, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, skipping ropes, balls, toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries), etc. AGAIN, WE COULD KNIT SOME ITEMS

SCHOOL SUPPLIES: Pens, pencils and sharpeners, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, colouring and picture books, sticker sheets etc.

HYGIENE ITEMS: Toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, comb, flannel, etc.

OTHER: Baseball caps, sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewellery, solar watches, windup torches, scarf & gloves, wrapped sweets (Best Before Date of at least March the following year).

We could do 1 boxes for each sex/age range, that is 6 boxes in all. To do this, each of the 16 of us would have to elect to contribute the items for 2 of the table entries below.

	Boy 2-4	Boy 5-9	Boy 10-14	Girl 2-4	Girl 5-9	Girl 10-14
'wow' item such as doll, cuddly toy or deflated football with pump.						
3 Fun toys						
Hygiene items						
School supplies						
3 Other						
Photo and note						
Prayer						

WHAT DO YOU THINK?