

# Wesley Memorial Methodist Church

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## Wesley Ministries Spotlight

### "Operation Christmas Child"



Wesley Memorial has been filling shoeboxes for over 15 years. It started with an invitation to everyone to take a box and fill it. We also started collecting various gift items over ten months of the year - from art and school supplies to personal items to clothing and toys. With items collected, we invite members to come together to pack a large number of shoeboxes. One member who came to a packing party said, "Now I get it! Starting next month, I'm going to set aside money every month to buy gifts and I'm going to sew more items too!" During Covid we expanded to provide a shopping service for others who want to participate. Also, several crafters make quality gifts - wooden crosses and boats, sock and cloth dolls, yarn dogs, drawstring bags, dresses, games and much more.

We know that the shoebox a child receives up is simply a vehicle to share the gospel. Many children in these countries have never received a gift before and they have no idea before the outreach event that God loves them. They are so excited by the gifts and the gospel message that millions have gone on to confess their newfound faith. Many graduate from the 12-week discipleship classes. Families come to faith and churches are formed. We are so pleased to serve as missionaries through this ministry.

