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REACHING CHILDREN WITH THE GOSPEL



DEAR FRIEND,

Thank you to everyone who packed an Operation Christmas Child shoebox this past year. Your prayerfully packaged gifts are now on their way around the world and will be distributed to children at events where we present the Gospel. Please pray that God will open the hearts of boys and girls as they hear about our Lord's incredible love for them, confident that He is doing *"exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think"* (Ephesians 3:20).

Recently, Samaritan's Purse brought shoebox gifts to more than 1,000 Chapra children living deep in the Amazon rainforest of Peru. Very few of the Chapra people have ever heard a clear presentation of the Gospel. We coordinated with our leadership team in Peru to transport the boxes from Lima over the Andes and down dark, dangerous jungle rivers, a trip of several weeks. A family of new believers among the Chapra loaded the boxes onto dugout canoes—with 5-horsepower engines—for the final leg of the journey, with the most remote village located about 100 miles from the nearest town. Praise God that hundreds of children in several villages came to receive their shoebox gift and hear the Gospel. Please pray for many Chapra families to turn from their sins and come to saving faith in Jesus Christ.

Samaritan's Purse not only ministers to children but to desperate people across the globe. In Senegal, we're helping families facing acute food insecurity and malnutrition through one of our many agriculture projects. In Cambodia, BioSand Water Filters we provided are enabling school children to drink clean water and avoid waterborne diseases. We're also feeding the hungry in war-torn Ethiopia, Gaza, and Sudan, bringing relief to victims of natural disasters, and much more.

Sometimes, God enables us to help a family in more than one way. I encourage you to continue reading to see how the Lord used Operation Christmas Child and one of our water projects to bless a family in El Salvador. *"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God"* (Hebrews 13:16, ESV). May God richly bless you.

Sincerely,

Franklin Graham

THANK YOU

for being a part of **458,768 shoebox gifts packed in Canada** and **12,205,900 boxes worldwide in 2025!** Every shoebox gift is a Gospel opportunity. We thank God for you.



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'I Feel Like a Princess'

Dayana smiled while brushing her long, dark hair with a pale, blue comb—a simple item pulled from an Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift packed by someone like you. The comb quickly became one of the 9-year-old's most precious possessions and an expression of God's love.

"Of all that was in the box, what I love the most is my beautiful princess comb," said Dayana. "I feel like a princess when I comb my hair with it!"

Dayana received her shoebox at a church in her village in El Salvador—the same church, where just a year earlier, she and her family were invited and gave their lives to Jesus Christ in repentance and faith. Praise God.

At the Operation Christmas Child outreach event, Dayana and her 5-year-old sister not only heard the Gospel again but were invited to attend *The Greatest Journey* follow-up discipleship course. Through 12 lessons, they learned more about Jesus, how to follow Him, and how to share Him with others.

On the day the sisters graduated, their mother, Guadalupe, was overjoyed by God's love for her family. And He wasn't finished.

Living Water

Like many places that receive Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts, Dayana's village faces many serious physical challenges, including a lack of safe drinking water. Their only water source is an untreated mountain spring filled with bacteria and parasites that cause typhoid fever, cholera, and other deadly diseases.

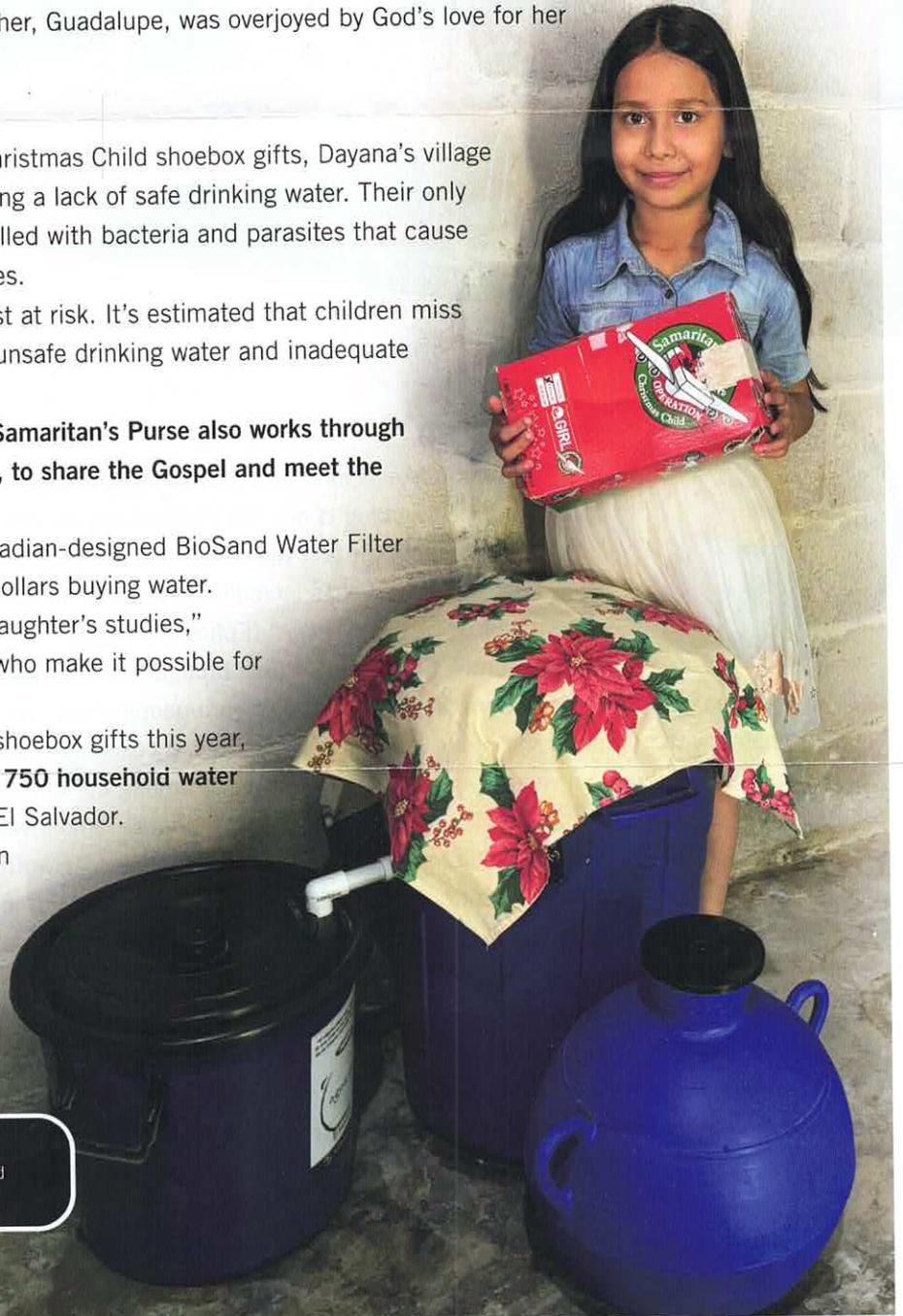
Children, especially those under 5, are most at risk. It's estimated that children miss 443 million school days each year because of unsafe drinking water and inadequate hygiene support.

In addition to Operation Christmas Child, Samaritan's Purse also works through other projects, such as food, water, and health, to share the Gospel and meet the urgent physical needs of children.

Last year, our local partner installed a Canadian-designed BioSand Water Filter in Dayana's home. "Every week, we spent 10 dollars buying water. Now, this money that we save is used for my daughter's studies," Guadalupe said. "I am grateful for the people who make it possible for God's love to come into our home."

As we work with local churches to deliver shoebox gifts this year, Samaritan's Purse Canada also plans to install **750 household water filters** to protect children and their families in El Salvador. Will you join us in praying for hearts to be open to God's love and the eternal hope of the Gospel? "*For I will pour water on him who is thirsty ... my spirit on your descendants*" (Isaiah 44:3).

EXPRESSIONS OF GOD'S LOVE: Dayana stands with her Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift and her family's BioSand Water Filter provided by Samaritan's Purse and friends like you.



WAYS YOU CAN KEEP BLESSING CHILDREN



\$25 provides safe water for 1 child, protecting them from deadly waterborne diseases.



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