

Operation Christmas Child Service Project

KU CPFI Student Chapter

Background

Our chapter has been involved with Operation Christmas Child since 2011. For 2023, our goal was to pack 75 shoeboxes after purchasing supplies.

Purpose

Operation Christmas Child is a great opportunity for students to learn about how they can help those in need across the world during the Christmas season. Samaritan's Purse uses Matthew 28:19 to aid in their mission, which says: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

Methods

On November 6th, 2023, we organized a packing party at the School of Pharmacy where we allowed students to package boxes. This was an approved activity for our Professional Development Program, which enticed outside students to be involved as well.

Results

We packaged 41 shoeboxes, which was under our goal, but we unfortunately did not have enough boxes despite the efforts of box donations from local churches and going to stores to ask for unused boxes, so we have many supplies to use next year.

Conclusion

This was an overall success as we had many more people from outside our organization who helped with this project, and were a part of the 24,399 boxes in the KC West area, 10,051,570 boxes in the US, and 11,330,126 boxes worldwide, so not only did we spread the Gospel to those we sent shoeboxes to, but also our fellow classmates as well.

