

## Background and Objective

### Mission:

- To be the Hands and Feet of Jesus
- To share the love of Christ by delivering joy, encouragement, and essential supplies to children in need around the world
- Hebrews 13:16: Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

### What is Operation Christmas Child?

- Operation Christmas Child is an annual project coordinated by Samaritan's Purse and facilitated by thousands of volunteers from local churches and organizations around the world
- Volunteers from all over the world pack shoeboxes full of toys, school supplies, and personal hygiene items
- The shoeboxes are delivered to children in need all around the world in tandem with outreach events to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ
- These efforts not only bring gifts to underprivileged children, but they also result in new lives dedicated to Christ and new churches planted in these communities

## Methods

### Plan

- Fill Christmas shoe boxes for children around the world
- Bring awareness at school
  - Fliers, emails, announcements, etc.
- Collect donations

### Budget

- Boxes
  - \$55.17 (from Samaritan's Purse)
- Shipping Costs
  - \$10/box x 25 boxes = \$250
- Christmas Stuffings
  - \$463.48
- Packing Party Food
  - Costs covered by local chapter funds

### Timeline

- Outreach was started early in the semester Fall of 2024
- Boxes purchased by Nov 4th
- All supplies purchased by Nov 16th
- Packing Party Nov 20th
- All boxes dropped off at Samaritan's Purse Collection site Nov 20th

### Packing Party

- Nov 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024 - Lipscomb's Burton Health Sciences Building
- Started off with a prayer
- Boxes were evenly split into boys and girls across 3 age groups
- Set up assembly line style
- Food courtesy of LUCOP-CPFI funds
- Students volunteered their time to bless children around the world

### Boxed Items

- Notebooks and coloring books
- Pencils, crayons, markers, paint sets
- Calculators
- Toothbrushes
- Socks
- Toys: stuffed animals, jump ropes, cars

### Leftover Supplies

- LUCOP conducts an annual medical mission trip to Honduras
- Leftover supplies were carried to Honduras and handed out to needy children who visited our clinics

## Results

Student pharmacists formed an assembly line to pack shoeboxes with toys, school supplies, and personal hygiene items



A total of 25 boxes were packed and delivered to a local church for distribution



Depending on age group, items included coloring books, pencils, crayons, markers, watercolors, calculators, toothbrushes, socks, stuffed animals, jump ropes, cars, and a note from our chapter



LUCOP faculty, students, and alumni travel each year to Honduras to conduct mobile clinics for those who have limited access to health care. Supplies leftover after packing our shoeboxes were taken to Honduras and handed out to needy children during our mobile clinics

## Conclusions

- Through this project, children in need all over the world were blessed with Christmas gifts, and more importantly, the gift of the Gospel
- In addition, through completing this project, the students of our chapter were blessed to serve as the hands and feet of Jesus

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