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A Dexter area church is participating in a unique project to help reach out to children around the world.

Liberty Hill General Baptist Church participates each year in Operation Christmas Child, a program of Samaritan's Purse that brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world through gift-filled shoe boxes.

The church will hold a "Shoebox Packing Party" at 6 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 6 at the Liberty Hill church. Families are invited to pack a shoebox and take it to the church by Nov. 13, donate individual items that will be packed in the shoeboxes, bring empty shoeboxes to be packed or donate the funds needed to ship the boxes, \$7.

Suggested items for the shoeboxes include:

- pens or pencils
- sharpeners
- crayons or markers
- stamps and ink sets writing pads/paper
- small cars
- stuffed animals
- kazoos
- harmonicas
- yo-yos
- jump ropes
- socks
- flashlights
- extra batteries
- hair clips

- soap
- toothbrush/paste
- mild bar soap
- comb/brush
- hair clips
- washcloth
- toy jewelry
- t-shirts
- hard candy/gum

According to Liberty Hill Children's Ministry Director Cheryl Parrish the church has a "giant shoebox" in the foyer of the church where items and/or filled shoeboxes can be dropped off.

In 2012 Samaritan's Purse staff and partners will collect and hand-deliver some 8.5 million shoe box gifts to hurting children in more than 100 countries on six continents. Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has hand-delivered more than 86 million shoe box gifts to needy children around the world.

Photo Above: In 1993, Samaritan's Purse and Franklin Graham began Operation Christmas Child, collecting just 28,000 shoe box gifts in the United States. Since then, the kids-helping-kids project has collected and hand delivered more than 86 million shoe box gifts worldwide. (Photo courtesy Samaritan's Purse)

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