

STEP BY STEP SHOEBOX GUIDE

1. Follow the gift suggestions for the age/sex group that you have chosen.

2. The best shoebox is the 6 qt. Sterlite Storage Container (Gray lid) at Walmart. The second choice is the 5.2 quart plastic shoebox from Dollar Tree. The Walmart box is cheaper, larger and sturdier but both are ok.

2. Fill the shoeboxes as full as you can. Always include toothpaste and toothbrush and several toys or "gift" items. School supplies are great for the school age - but don't forget the toys - NEW TOYS.

3. Make sure the items you include are **NEW** and **"age appropriate."** Avoid anything with small pieces or harmful paint for under 3 years old.

4. Do **NOT** include any liquid items – Exceptions: Bubbles (for blowing) and hotel size shampoo and lotion are o.k., but must be enclosed in zip lock bags. NO BARS OF SOAP.

5. If Spanish religious materials have been ordered, fit inside the gift box.

6. Each shoebox should have a **zip lock bag** of **ASSORTED hard, wrapped candy**.

7. A shipping charge of \$5 is required for each shoebox gift. The money should be collected and given to Panama Missions by one check made out to "Panama Missions."

8. Each shoebox must be gift wrapped and have a label on one end indicating the age/sex.

8. The **2026 deadline** for delivering gifts to Montgomery, AL is **October 23**. (The exception is for those congregations on the Panama Missions Truck Route, **October 15&16**)

GIFT SUGGESTIONS BY AGE GROUPS

REMINDERS - There are many other suitable items that you will find while shopping. Avoid overly expensive items, as this may cause jealousies. "Fast food" toys make good fillers, but should not be the only toys. All clothing should be summer weight.

0-12 MONTHS

Up to 6 cloth diapers	Pins & rubber pants
Light blanket	Wash cloths
Pacifiers	Diaper cream and lotion
Baby toys	Pacifier, Teething items
Baby clothes 3-12 Month (new or good as new)	
Spanish New Testament for the parents – if available	

12-24 MONTHS

Training Pants	Baby Toothbrush/toothpaste
Appropriate Toys	Child's spoon, cups
Brush/Comb, hair accessories	Teething Items
Baby clothes 12-24 Month (new or good as new)	
Spanish New Testament for the parents – if available	

2-4 YEAR OLD BOYS & GIRLS

Boys	Girls
Hard plastic toys: trucks, etc.	Hard plastic toys
Stuffed animals, balls	stuffed dolls & animals
Other age-appropriate toys	Other age-appropriate toys
Size 2-4 clothing (summer weight)	Size 2-4 clothing
Toothbrush/Toothpaste	Toothbrush/toothpaste
Spanish Bible Story Book - if available	
Assorted hard wrapped candy	

5-7 YEAR OLD BOYS & GIRLS

Boys	Girls
Crayons/Coloring Book	Crayons/Coloring Book
Trucks/cars	Baby doll/accessories
Small ball	Jump rope
yo yo	Jacks
Bubbles	Bubbles
(enclose in zip lock bag)	
Other Appropriate toys	Other Appropriate toys
Toothbrush/toothpaste	Toothbrush/toothpaste
Cap/t-shirt	Dress, top, underwear, visor
Sunglasses	Sunglasses, Hair Accessories
Flip flops	Flip flops
Spanish Bible story book or coloring book-if available	
Assorted Hard wrapped candy	

8-10 YEAR OLD BOYS & GIRLS

Boys

Variety of toy & gifts:

Cars, trucks, ball,
Slinky, Yo Yo
Crayons, pencils
Toothpaste/toothbrush
Comb, sunglasses
Flashlight & batteries
T-shirt, cap
Watch, calculator

Spanish Bible story or New Testament if available
Assorted Hard Wrapped Candy

Girls

Variety of toys & gifts:

Barbie type doll/accessories
Jump rope, jacks
pencils, crayons
Toothpaste/toothbrush
Brush and Mirror
Umbrella, hair accessories
Sunglasses, necklace, purse
Sewing kit/pieces of fabric

11-13 YEAR OLD BOYS & GIRLS

Boys

Flashlight/batteries
5 in 1 pocket tool
Digital watch
Clippers, wallet
Calculator
Poncho/T-shirt
Comb, mirror
Sunglasses/cap/t-shirt
Toothbrush/toothpaste

Spanish New Testament if available
Assorted Hard Wrapped Candy

Girls

Umbrella
Sewing kit/fabric
Inexpensive watch or jewelry
Clippers/nail polish, lip balm
Calculator
Hair accessories
Brush, mirror
t-shirt/Sunglasses
Toothbrush/toothpaste

GIRL ~ NIÑA

CIRCLE ONE: 0-12 Months

12-24 Months

2-4 years

5-7 years

8-10 years

11-13 years

BOY ~ NIÑO

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