



# Crossing Borders Ministries



## Christmas Shoebox Gift Drive

Since 2001, CBM has been distributing Christmas gifts to impoverished children in Mexico. Last December, we sent out over **3000 shoebox gifts** to 49 locations through a network of pastors and missionaries. These pastors in the El Paso/Juarez Lower Valley bring us the names of children in their churches & communities who really need some Christmas Joy. The kids who receive these gifts would have nothing for Christmas except for all of us working together. Please note, we are not part of Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child. Do not use their boxes or labels for our shoebox gifts. Also, their boxes are made a little differently than ours, like our age groups are specific & we **DO NOT PUT SOAP OR SHAMPOO IN OUR BOXES.** These are items we send at other times of the year through our weekly distributions to the pastors. Thank you in advance for joining us in this ministry effort!

### HOW TO MAKE A CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX

**FIRST:** Wrap the bottom and lid of a shoebox **SEPARATELY** in Christmas paper. You can also line a plastic shoebox with colored tissue paper so that the contents are hidden. If you can see through the lid, use more paper on top. Bandanas also work great for this!



**NEXT:** Decide if your gift is for a Boy or Girl. Then choose one of these age groups:  
Toddlers aged 1-2, Children aged 3-5, Children aged 6-8, Youth aged 9-12, Youth aged 13-16

**FINALLY:** Fill the shoebox with **NEW** toys and other items a child might need and enjoy! **WHENEVER POSSIBLE, LEAVE ALL ITEMS IN THEIR PACKAGING.** Use a fat rubber band, string or ribbon to keep your box closed. **PLEASE DON'T TAPE IT CLOSED.**

**★ MUST-HAVE IN EVERY BOX:** Toothbrush & toothpaste in their wrapping please, and wrapped hard candy - in fact, no unwrapped food in boxes

**ADD EXTRA GOODIES SUCH AS:** Sunglasses, small flashlight with extra batteries, baseball caps, knit/stretch caps and gloves, hair clips or ribbons, inexpensive jewelry or watch, "footies" or socks, gum packets, lip balm, watercolors, art marker sets, craft/art set (NOT regular school supplies!)

**IDEAS FOR TODDLERS:** sippy cup, flatware for little hands, underwear, socks, cap, sweater, age-safe blocks or toys, baby crackers or snacks (no candy or toys they can choke on please!)

**IDEAS FOR YOUNGER KIDS:** Play-Doh, stuffed animal, doll with clothes, Lego blocks, farm or jungle animals set, small cars and trucks, marbles or jacks, big box of crayons and coloring book, Slinky, stickers or decals

**IDEAS FOR OLDER KIDS:** simple craft kit or supplies, Slinky, silly-putty, harmonica, yo-yo, pocket games or puzzles, mp3/ radio with batteries, personal hygiene items (not razors!), comb or hairbrush, Bible or book in Spanish. Boys like tool kits & Nerf stuff, girls like nail polish, lip gloss, and arts & crafts things to make

**⊘ DO NOT INCLUDE:** Bar Soap (even baggies don't keep it from ruining candy!), real money, regular school supplies, soft candy that easily melts, materials in English, anything Halloween, cap guns, knives, military-themed toys, liquid items such as bubbles or shampoo (they can ruin your gift!)



### WAYS TO GET BOXES TO US

Shoeboxes need to be in Fabens by  
**Monday, November 29**

No one is at the church all the time so  
**call ahead before delivering:**  
**915-491-7528**

If shipping boxes by **US Post Office:**  
PO Box 35 ▪ Fabens, TX 79838

If shipping by **UPS:**  
408 Mike Maros ST (a home)  
Fabens, TX 79838



Crossing Borders is a ministry operating out of First Baptist Church of Fabens, developed and operated by missionaries Elfi Register and Joan Wilson.

**Gifts for Crossing Borders are tax deductible. Make checks out to: Fabens First Baptist Church**

in the memo portion note if your gift is for: Crossing Borders ▪ Elfi ▪ Joan

**Send to:** Crossing Borders Ministries ▪ PO Box 35 ▪ Fabens, TX 79838 ▪ Thank you for your continued prayer & support!  
915-491-7528 ▪ email: [CrossingBorder@aol.com](mailto:CrossingBorder@aol.com) ▪ website: [crossingbordersministries.com](http://crossingbordersministries.com)

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**Niño (Boy)**  
**1 - 2 años (yrs.)**

**Niña (Girl)**  
**1 - 2 años (yrs.)**

**Niño (Boy)**  
**3 - 5 años (yrs.)**

**Niña (Girl)**  
**3 - 5 años (yrs.)**

**Niño (Boy)**  
**6 - 8 años (yrs.)**

**Niña (Girl)**  
**6 - 8 años (yrs.)**

**Niño (Boy)**  
**9 - 12 años (yrs.)**

**Niña (Girl)**  
**9 - 12 años (yrs.)**

**Niño (Boy)**  
**13 - 16 años (yrs.)**

**Niña (Girl)**  
**13 - 16 años (yrs.)**