

MISSION CONNECTION

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→ Our mission project for the month of October will be **Operation Christmas Child**. A ministry of Samaritan's Purse, Operation Christmas Child blesses children overseas with a gift-filled shoebox at Christmas time in the name of Jesus Christ.

Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has delivered gift-filled shoeboxes to over 188 million children in more than 170 countries and territories. Shoebox gifts demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world. Once again, Vilmar's Mission and Outreach Committee is excited to be a part of this powerful tool for sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ this year.

We have plastic shoeboxes available in the church nathrex, along with instructions about what can/can't be included. We also encourage you to put a devotional/inspirational message, Bible verse, or written prayer inside the box for the child that will receive the gifts. You may also fill any average-sized shoe box. Please return filled boxes to the church by Nov. 6. We are also collecting monetary donations to help cover the additional shipping cost of \$10 per box.

Last year Vilmar filled 83 boxes, and the committee looks forward to seeing how many will be filled this year! Thank you to everyone for your generous mission support throughout the year.

More information is available at the church or visit <https://www.samaritanspurse.org> to learn more about this ministry!

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Stay tuned to The Herald, Vilmar's Facebook Page, website, and the bulletins for future Mission & Outreach projects during the year.

Vilmar is a mission-driven church. Each month we will feature an organization for your prayerful support. Funds that are donated for missions that month will go to that specific project. If you have a mission for us to prayerfully consider, please contact Barb Meyer.