



December 16, 2018

St. Ann's Catholic Church Launch Program
4905 Roswell Road
Marietta, GA 30062

Attn: Jenny Kiehl

I want to thank you for your church's participation with Operation Christmas Child in 2018. (542 shoeboxes – wow!)

Your shoeboxes will arrive in some of the poorest areas of the world – often in areas where the bible has not been widely distributed. Your shoeboxes will be the first gift many children have ever received.

But it doesn't end with the distribution of the shoebox. As you probably know, a local pastor then invites shoebox recipients (up to age 14) to a 12-week bible program called "The Greatest Journey". Many children will accept the invitation and will make a decision to become baptized. As a result of your church's efforts:

- **542 poor, orphaned or refugee children will feel a tangible expression of God's love,**
- **Many families in your church expressed Christ's love for their neighbors - and many taught their children the value of selfless giving,**
- **173 of the children who receive shoeboxes will study the New Testament over 12 weeks, and**
- **81 of the children who receive shoeboxes will decide to follow Christ and become baptized.**

Yes, along with the local Pastors in foreign countries, you helped grow God's Kingdom through your simple shoebox efforts.

Thank you for being part of this wonderful program. I hope we will see you back again in 2019. God bless you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Bopp".

Mark Bopp
Area Coordinator, Operation Christmas Child

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