



# Volunteering with Operation Christmas Child

## A snapshot of Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteering with Operation Christmas Child can take many forms but has one purpose – **to bring the Gospel to children in need around the world.**

Participating in Operation Christmas Child provides an opportunity for individuals to live out their faith through partnering with us to give children in need an expression of God's love and an invitation to a journey of discipleship.

Operation Christmas Child has many opportunities to volunteer and each play a critical part in our ministry. We hope that individuals will prayerfully consider where they might get involved.

### Year-Round Volunteer

Year-Round volunteers are part of a local team that promotes and fosters church, community, school and group involvement with Operation Christmas Child. Year-Round volunteers represent OCC in their area and join a worldwide network of people passionate about sharing the Gospel with children and their families. Each Year-Round volunteer will be part of proclaiming the Gospel in more than 100 countries.

Year Round Volunteering roles exist in the areas of:

**Leadership** – Leader volunteers focus on building and developing area teams of volunteers (see below) in order to multiply the impact of Operation Christmas Child in sharing the love of Jesus with children around the world and inviting them into a journey of discipleship

**Church & Community Relations** – These volunteers build and cultivate relationships with local churches and groups. They work to mobilise, equip and encourage churches and groups to share the love of Jesus to children around the world and help fulfill the Great Commission.

**Logistics** – Volunteers use their gifts of organization and planning to equip and resource a network of Drop Off locations, churches and groups in order to facilitate the collection of shoebox gifts that will bring the Gospel to children in need around the world.

**Prayer** – Prayer is critical to all that OCC does. Prayer team members spend time interceding for the spread of the Gospel through shoebox gifts. Prayer team members are committed to covering the entire project of Operation Christmas Child in prayer through both personal intercessory prayer and participation in local intercessory prayer events.

**Student Relations** – Volunteers have the opportunity to engage the next generation of believers in fulfilling the Great Commission. They serve as advocates for OCC in schools, universities and student organisations - equipping and encouraging them to share the Gospel through tangible expressions of God's love.

**Administrative Support** – Using their organizational and administrative skills, administrative support volunteers manage resources and information for Regional Offices and Area Teams as they seek to engage churches, schools and groups to reach children around the world with the Good News of Jesus.

## **Seasonal Volunteer**

Seasonal volunteer roles are available and offer practical ways to get involved by assisting the Regional Office or Year Round volunteer teams at critical times of the year.

Seasonal volunteer opportunities that may be of interest are:

**Driver** – Help to drop off resources and pick up gift filled shoeboxes in the local area.

**Container Loaders** – Fill shipping containers with cartons of shoeboxes.

**Admin** – Provide additional admin support, when required, to help with event preparation, data entry and inventory management.

**Operations/Maintenance** – Assist in practical ways to keep our offices, collection and processing centres in tip top shape and working well.

**Collection Centre Volunteers** – Help with receiving shoeboxes, packing outer cartons and filling shipping containers for transport to Processing Centres  
*QLD, SA, VIC, TAS, NT*

**Processing Centre Volunteers** (October – December) – Help with collecting, inspecting and preparing shoeboxes for to be shipped to children in need around the world.  
*NSW, WA and New Zealand only*

## **Project Leader**

A Project Leader is anyone that takes the lead in organising the shoebox collection for their church or group. Project Leaders love children, are passionate about increasing gospel opportunities through shoebox gifts and are ready to inspire others to get involved. Project Leaders play an important part in the Operation Christmas Child project as they encourage and organise individuals to get involved in packing shoeboxes that will reach children around the world with the Good News of Jesus.