

2020 Christmas Gift Collection for *Mission to the Children* in Northern Mexico

The gifts will be distributed by the *Mission to the Children* at villages in Northern Mexico, where the children will also hear the Christmas story.

Instructions

- If you would like to participate, please sign up for the name of a child or children using the online signup form. **Please make a note of the child's name, age, and number**, both so that you can purchase an age appropriate gift, but also so that you can put the name and number on the wrapped gift.
- Choose a new gift for that child, with a cost of about \$10-\$12.
- **Wrap the gift, and mark the child's name and number on a tag that you attach to the gift.**
- If you use gift bags, please tape or staple them shut securely.
- If you have multiple items for one child, please wrap everything in one box to keep the items together, but please do not make the box too large.
- If the gift comes in a partial box, as many toys do these days, please either put it in another box or double- or triple-wrap it so that the wrapping does not easily tear.
- Please do not decorate wrapped packages with bows, ornaments, small toys, etc. These are very difficult to efficiently pack for shipping, and the items may come off during handling.
- Bring the gift to the collection box at CTL no later than **Sunday November 29 at 1030 am, or earlier if possible**, to help us with some early packing of gifts.

Gift Guidelines

- Please DO NOT choose oversized or heavy gifts (difficult to get them across the border into Mexico and very costly to ship). We pay for shipping and have limited funds.
- Games or books or instructions should be in Spanish.
- Please avoid guns and toys requiring batteries or electricity.
- Do not choose makeup for girls or anything with liquids.
- Please make sure the gift is age-appropriate.
- If you purchase a soccer ball or other ball, please be sure it is fully inflated.
- If you purchase something with small parts, please be sure there is a box or case to put them in. Plastic pencil cases are inexpensive and can work well for this.
- Ideas for boys: any kind of ball (except footballs – just not popular), toy cars & trucks, building toys, action figures, etc.
- Ideas for girls: dolls, hair accessories, jewelry, cool pens and notepads, etc.
- Ideas for infants and toddlers: washable toys, dolls, “learning” toys (shapes & colors), building toys (blocks).
- For either: books or games in Spanish, art supplies, sports equipment. Pick toys that kids can DO things with, rather than stuffed animals.

Thank you! If you have questions, please contact Vickie Walther at (262) 789-7154 or vawalther@wi.rr.com.