

A Bottle and a Doll

Life Care is pleased to be a sponsor of Operation Christmas Child, and our company has concluded another good year of participation in this outreach to needy boys and girls around the world. As our associates who are chosen to go with Samaritan's Purse on the distribution trips report, it is inspiring to see how the contents of a shoe box meet the needs of the recipient. That is why we encourage those who prepare a box to pray about what items to include.

A similar story of God's provision is told by Dr. Helen Roseveare, missionary to Zaire. She related:

A mother at our mission station died after giving birth to a premature baby. We tried to improvise an incubator to keep the infant alive, but the only hot water bottle we had was beyond repair. So we asked the children to pray for the baby and for her sister.

One of the girls responded, "Dear God, please send a hot water bottle today. Tomorrow will be too late because by then the baby will be dead. And dear Lord, send a doll for the sister so she won't feel so lonely."

That afternoon, a large package arrived from England. The children watched eagerly as we opened it. Much to their surprise, under some clothing was a hot water bottle!

Immediately, the girl who had prayed so earnestly started to dig deeper, exclaiming, "If God sent that, I'm sure He also sent a doll." And she was right. The heavenly Father knew in advance of that child's sincere requests, and five months earlier, He had led a ladies' group to include both of those specific articles.

Not all of our prayers are answered so dramatically, but we know that God always sends what is best.

The Lord is far from the wicked, but He hears the prayer of the righteous. Proverbs 15:29

--Beecher Hunter