

Families Provide School Supplies For Children Around The World

As the summer season comes to an end, local families are preparing for the school year with back-to-school sales, but many families are not just shopping for their own children. Families are collecting school supplies, along with personal care items and fun toys, for children in need around the world. These items will fill Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts, which will be sent to children in over 100 countries—reminding children that God loves them and they are not alone.

For many children around the world, school supplies like coloring pencils and markers are a luxury many cannot access. For Dioany Yosuno, a shoebox recipient from Venezuela, colorful markers were something she longed to have as she attended school, but her family could not afford them.

When Yosuno received an Operation Christmas Child shoebox, she remembers all the vibrant colors and the brand-new toys. “To my surprise, I also received really good, quality markers,” said



Yosuno. “From that moment and through the shoebox gift, I understood what the Bible says is true. Whenever we trust in God, He promises to give us the desires of our heart,” said Yosuno. This simple gift, filled with school supplies, made a life-changing impact for Yosuno because it opened the doors for her to trust God in a new way.

For more infor-

mation visit samaritanaspurse.org/occ. National Collection Week is November 17 – 24. Participants can donate \$10 per shoebox gift online through “Follow Your Box” and receive a tracking label to discover its destination. Those who prefer the convenience of online shopping can browse samaritanaspurse.org/buildonline to select gifts matched to a child’s specific age and gender, then finish packing the virtual shoebox by adding a photo and personal note of encouragement.

Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan’s Purse, seeks to demonstrate God’s love in a tangible way to children in need around the world and, together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has collected and delivered more than 232 million gift-filled shoeboxes to children in more than 170 countries and territories.



God Knows You

By Dr. Bob Hardison

God Invites Us To Join Him In His Work

Q: My pastor has asked me to serve as a bi-monthly leader in the children’s worship service rotation. My children are grown, and I think I am past the age of working with children? Shouldn’t the pastor ask someone younger and more gifted to work with children than me?

A: I encourage you to pray about this opportunity to serve. You may not think you have the gifts to be a children’s worker, but apparently your pastor sees you as a very capable worker and thinks you can make a difference in the lives of children. Granted, there are challenges and difficulties that are involved with serving, but God gives His Spirit and power to do His work.

There is no best age

group to work with children. Your pastor’s request could be God’s way of inviting you to get involved in what He is doing in your church. God’s plans are often delivered through people. You could be a conduit for God to work through. Furthermore, Christians who are actively serving in their church and in their community are happier

than others.

You might be surprised at how much you would enjoy working with children. As older adult, you could be a grandparent image to some children that need some love and guidance. “The children respect and appreciate leaders helping them. In return, the children give friendly smiles and precious hugs.

PUBLIC NOTICE

INVITATION TO BID

Webster County Fiscal Court will be accepting bids for the removal and installation of a 60-foot bridge on Slaughters-Elmwood Road Crossing over East Fork of Deer Creek.

Bids will be opened and read on Monday, August 25 at the Fiscal Court meeting beginning at 9:00 A.M. at the Webster County Senior Center, Dixon, KY.

Bids shall be delivered to the office of Webster County Judge/Executive Steve Henry in a marked, addressed, sealed envelope or mailed to P.O. Box 155, Dixon, KY 42409.

The Webster County Fiscal Court reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids and to waive all formalities in the awarding of bids.

Specs can be picked up at the County Judge/Executive’s office at the Webster County Courthouse in Dixon. 8/20c

Esther Jackson

Esther Lee Jackson, born on May 8, 1937, in Connersville, Indiana, passed away peacefully on August 4, 2025, at Deaconess Hospital in Henderson, Kentucky, surrounded by her loving family.



Esther was a dedicated teacher’s aide at Sebree Elementary School for many years, where she touched the lives of countless students.

Alongside her beloved husband, Kenneth Jackson, with whom she shared 55 wonderful years, she played an active role in flipping houses and fostering deep relationships with the renters who admired

her greatly. Her sweet and compassionate spirit shone brightly, as she consistently put the needs of others before her own.

A devoted member of Living Waters Church of God in Madisonville, Kentucky, Esther was always eager to share her faith in Jesus and served as a committed prayer warrior within her community. Her love for her church was profound, and she embodied the kindness and faith that she cherished deeply.

Esther deeply loved her family, taking immense pride in their accomplishments. She is survived by her four children: Mike (Marcia) Jackson of Sebree, Kentucky; Linda (Rev. Jim) McDaniel of Fordsville, Kentucky; Jeff (Lisa) Jackson of Cleveland, Tennessee; and Rev. David (Leigh Ann) Jackson of Madisonville, Kentucky. Her legacy includes six grandchildren: Dr. Brent (Leslie) McDaniel of Henderson, Kentucky; Cortney (Tim) Brown of Hawesville, Kentucky; Dr. Joshua (Amy) Jackson of Spring City, Tennessee; Dr. Josef Jackson of Chicago, Illinois; Jordan Jackson of Madisonville, Kentucky; and Chloe Jackson of Madisonville, Kentucky. Esther also cherished the joy brought by her ten great-grandchildren: Brock, Jackson, and Elizabeth McDaniel; Wyatt and Lynnlee Brown; Aeden, Caroline, and Declan Jackson; and Ruby and Lena Jackson.

In addition to her family, Esther is survived by two sisters, Louella Pace of Madisonville, Kentucky, and Ruth (Donnie) Brooks of Slaughters, Kentucky.

She was preceded in death by her father George T. “Jack” Robinson, mother and step-father, Myrtle Hatton Jackson and Wayne Jackson, her beloved husband Kenneth, as well as her sisters Lila Patton, and Lillie Reams, and her brothers Charles Robinson and Devine Robinson.

Esther leaves behind cherished memories and a legacy of love and faith that will live on in the hearts of all who knew her, including her devoted dog, Buddy. Her compassionate spirit and the warmth she offered to others will be remembered fondly by all who had the privilege of calling her family, friend, or neighbor.

Services were held Saturday August 9, 2025 at Tomblinson Funeral Home Sebree Chapel with Reverends David Jackson and Jim McDaniel officiating. Burial followed in Springdale Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Brent McDaniel, Jordan Jackson, Joshua Jackson, Jackson McDaniel, Brock McDaniel, Cortney Brown and Chloe Jackson.

Honorary pallbearers were Wyatt Brown, Josef Jackson and Donnie Brooks.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to Living Waters Church PO Box 472 Madisonville, KY 42431 or the Ronald McDonald House 550 S. 1st St. Louisville, KY 40202.

Online condolences may be made at www.tomblinsonfuneralhome.com Paid

Deaths And Funerals

Eichel Warren

Eichel Lindel “Ike” Warren, 86, of Providence, formerly of Sebree, died on Sunday, August 10 at Palmer Place Assisted Living in Providence.

Ike spent a lifetime in the family business, Warren Chemical and Janitor Supply. He joined the company in 1957.

He was a strong Christian with a friendly manner. He consistently shared his faith with others and was an active Gideon for many years.

He is survived by his wife of 31 years, Henrietta; her daughter, Tine Tabor (Larry) and Tommy Roberson; children, Cindy Weaver and Rod (Kimberly) Warren; five grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and other family and friends.

Services will be 1:00 P.M. today (Wednesday), August 13 at Tomblinson Funeral Home, Sebree Chapel with Bro. Brad Tucker officiating.

Burial will be in Shady Grove Cemetery.

Visitation is today, 11:00 A.M. until service time at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions can be made to Gideons International.

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