## **Blessings in a Shoebox**



## Operation Christmas Child Please Include a Pencil Pouches in All of Your Shoeboxes!

Please Note: We pack slightly different items in pencil pouches for the 2-4 age children. We substitute some items so as not to include choking hazards for example pencil top erasers. See the lists below of items that we consider important and include in our pencil pouches.

## Please remember:

- Schools are not publicly funded throughout the world. Children must have their own school supplies to attend school in many parts of the world, so including educational supplies in shoeboxes is life changing!
- Knowing that many shoeboxes aren't packed with school supplies, please consider sending extra pencil pouches filled with school supplies to the OCC Processing Center as fillers.
- 2–4-year-olds may be only one year away from needing school supplies, and this may be the only gift they ever receive. School supplies will last a long time and can benefit the whole family!
- We always send pre-sharpened pencils because manual sharpeners are difficult to use when sharpening
  pencils for the first time. Please use the links below or on our website to purchase bulk items for bargain
  prices.
- Optional for every age: Include a sheet of stickers so a child is able to decorate their school notebook!

Ages 5-14
Highly Suggested Items to Include
<ul> <li>Mesh Zipper Pencil Pouches</li> <li>6 Pre-Sharpened Pencils (1 Specialty)</li> <li>1 Eraser and Eraser Caps</li> <li>2 Pencil Sharpeners</li> <li>4 Pens (2 Black; 1 Blue; 1 Red) or a multi-pen</li> <li>1 Eraser and Eraser Caps</li> <li>1 Box of Pre-Sharpened Colored Pencils or Crayons</li> <li>1 Protractor or 6" Ruler please note these should be metric</li> <li>1 Scissors</li> <li>1 Glue Stick</li> <li>1 Sharpie</li> <li>1 Solar Calculator</li> </ul>

## Linked Items:

Full Size Window Case Pencil Pouches
Pre-Sharpened Pencils (Specialty Pencils)

<u>Large Eraser</u> (Specialty Erasers)

Pens (2 Black; 1 Blue; 1 Red) or a Multi-Pen

Scissors

<u>6" Ruler</u> (please note these should be metric)

Sharpie

**Composition Notebook** 

Mesh Zipper Pencil Pouches

Pencil Sharpeners (Specialty)

**Eraser Caps** 

**Pre-Sharpened Colored Pencils or Crayons** 

Protractor
Glue Stick
Calculator

Stickers