

DALLAM 4-H COUNCIL FILLS 35 BOXES FOR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

For the last 3 years, Dallam 4-H Council has been filling and donating shoeboxes filled with toys, school supplies, personal hygiene items and clothing to the Samaritan's Purse project, Operation Christmas Child. Operation Christmas Child (OCC) has delivered more than 135 million gift-filled boxes to children in more than 150 countries and territories over the last 23 years. In 2016, Samaritan's Purse hopes to collect enough shoebox gifts to reach 12 million children all around the world.

Dallam County 4-Hers like to express what participating in Operation Christmas Child means to them. Creed Taylor says, "It is special to me and the children receiving the box because they are getting a gift they don't usually receive." Georgia Bezner states, "This project makes me really happy because we are giving gifts that so many of us take for granted – like chewing gum. If a child receives a pack of chewing gum, it might be the only chewing gum they've ever had." "OCC is so rewarding because we are helping kids in 3rd world countries", says Sarah McDaniel, Dallam 4-H Council President. John Taylor shares, "OCC makes me feel good because I am helping someone that doesn't have what I have. I like to include drawing materials and then I know that the other kid is drawing and having fun just like me."

Over the last 3 years, Dallam 4-H Council has collected and sent more than 100 boxes to Operation Christmas Child.



Photo Storyline:

Representing Dallam 4-H Council is Creed Taylor, Georgia Bezner, John Taylor and Sarah McDaniel. The gift-filled boxes were taken to People's Church, Dalhart's local drop off site. From there, they will be shipped to one of the 8 major processing centers across the US where the boxes will be prepared for overseas shipment.