iChristmas™ FAQ

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What Is the iChristmas™ Program?

iChristmas™ is a Christmas outreach initiative of Maranatha Kids International Relief, Inc., dedicated to sharing the love of Jesus Christ with children facing hardship and vulnerable circumstances.

Through thoughtfully prepared Christmas shoebox gifts containing toys, school supplies, clothing, and other useful items, we partner with local churches, volunteers, and community leaders to bring joy and encouragement to children in their own communities.

Whenever possible, gifts are purchased locally to support local businesses, reduce international shipping challenges, and help meet children's needs more effectively.

Our goal is to make Christmas a meaningful experience for every participating child—a reminder that they are seen, valued, and loved, along with an opportunity to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ.

iChristmas™ — A Gift of Hope for Every Child.

2. Who Started iChristmas™, and When Did It Begin?

The iChristmas™ Program began in the summer of 2010 in New York City. A group of dedicated Maranatha Kids International Relief volunteers came together with a heartfelt vision: to bring the joy of Christmas to children in Haiti who had been deeply affected by the devastating earthquake.

What began as a compassionate response to children experiencing hardship grew into an international outreach inspired by faith, generosity, and the desire to share God's love.

3. Why Give Shoebox Gifts?

A shoebox gift is a tangible expression of God's love that can bring joy, encouragement, and hope to children facing difficult circumstances around the world.

Through partnerships with local churches and ministry teams, each gift becomes an opportunity to connect with children and their families, demonstrate Christ's love through kindness, and share the message of hope found in Jesus Christ.

4. What Happens After My Shoebox Gift Is Delivered?

Local ministry partners distribute shoebox gifts to children in the communities they serve. Following the distribution, participating children may also have the opportunity to enroll in *His Steps©*, a 12-lesson discipleship program designed to help them grow in their understanding of God's Word.

Through this program, ministry partners can develop lasting, caring relationships with children and their families while continuing to demonstrate the love of Jesus Christ. The goal is to encourage spiritual growth, nurture faith, and help children discover the hope of the Gospel.

5. In Which Country Did iChristmas™ First Begin Its Outreach?

The iChristmas™ Program began its outreach in Haiti, responding to the needs of children affected by the devastating earthquake. From those beginnings, the program's vision expanded to communities throughout Central America, North America, Mexico, and the Caribbean. In 2014, iChristmas extended its outreach to Africa, opening a new chapter in its international mission.

6. How Can I Participate in the iChristmas™ Program?

There are several ways to get involved in iChristmas™. You can make a financial contribution, prepare shoebox gifts, volunteer at a local event, invite your church or community group to participate, or help spread the word about the program.

Every contribution of time, resources, or encouragement can help bring Christmas joy to children in vulnerable circumstances. Together, we can share hope and demonstrate the love of Jesus Christ, one child at a time.

7. How Much Does It Cost to Sponsor a Child Through iChristmas™?

A suggested donation of **$25 helps provide a Christmas gift for one child** through the iChristmas™ Program.

- **$25** — Help bless one child.
- **$50** — Help bless two children.
- **$75** — Help bless three children.
- **$100** — Help bless four children.

Your contribution helps support the purchase and preparation of age-appropriate gifts and the local efforts involved in delivering them. Actual costs may vary by location and local needs.

8. How Can I Make an Online Donation?

You can support iChristmas™ by making an online contribution through the official Maranatha Kids International Relief donation page.

Online donation link: www.MaranathaKids.org/iChristmas

When the donation form allows you to designate a program, please select **iChristmas™** so your contribution can be directed toward the Christmas outreach.

Please use only the organization's official, secure donation page when submitting payment information.

9. Where Can I Mail a Check or Money Order?

You can support iChristmas™ by mailing a check or money order payable to:

Maranatha Kids International Relief, Inc.
Attn: iChristmas™ Program
P.O. BOX 1011
Riverview, Florida 33578
United States

Please write **"iChristmas™ Program"** in the memo line of your check or include a note with your money order so your gift can be properly identified.

For your protection, do not mail cash. Please confirm the organization's current mailing address before sending your contribution.

10. Can Churches, Businesses, and Community Groups Partner With iChristmas™?

Yes! Churches, businesses, schools, community organizations, families, and groups of friends are welcome to explore ways to participate in iChristmas™.

Groups can organize fundraising activities, collect donations, prepare shoebox gifts, recruit volunteers, and help raise awareness about the program. Local partnerships also help connect the outreach with communities and ministry teams that understand children's needs.

If your organization would like to participate, please contact Maranatha Kids International Relief through its official website:

Website: www.MaranathaKids.org/iChristmas

Together, we can help make Christmas a season of hope, generosity, and love for children around the world.

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