

Back to school shopping turns into lesson in generosity

School will be back in session soon, but many St. Francis kids already have homework—as they learn a lesson in giving.

Through Operation Christmas Child, the world's largest Christmas project, kids kick-off the school year learning about the impact of giving to children in need. By adding a few extra items to their back-to-school shopping lists and saving the boxes from their newly purchased shoes, kids are joining the effort to help some 8 million hurting children in more than 100 countries worldwide.

Operation Christmas Child, a project of international relief and evangelism organization Samaritan's Purse, headed by Franklin Graham, encourages volunteers to fill simple shoe box gifts with toys, necessity items, school supplies, candy and often hand-written notes of encouragement. The gifts are then hand-delivered to children worldwide who are suffering because of natural disaster, disease, war, terrorism, famine

and poverty. "Through this project, anyone can be a part of giving love and hope in a shoe box," said JaNelle Glidewell, Operation Christmas Child drop-off site coordinator. "St. Francis First Baptist Church is very grateful for the opportunity to serve as a drop-off location for St. Francis and the surrounding communities."

For many of these children, the shoe box gift will be the first gift they have ever received, letting them know they are loved and not forgotten.

Why now—months before the holiday season?

Operation Christmas Child is not limited to just a few weeks a year. It is a year-round project, requiring months of organization and preparation to reach millions of kids around the world. Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has distributed shoe box gifts to more than 69 million hurting children in some 130 countries.

Helping needy kids worldwide

is simple!

- Prepare — Help enlist families, churches, scout troops, community groups and businesses to take part in creating shoe box gifts for needy children in more than 100 countries.

- Pack — Fill shoe boxes with school supplies, toys, necessity items, hard candy and a letter of encouragement.

- Step-by-step shoe box packing instructions are available at www.samaritanspurse.org.

- Process — Join thousands of Operation Christmas Child volunteers this fall at one of hundreds of collection sites and Processing Centers in the United States to prepare millions of shoe box gifts for delivery to underprivileged kids on six continents.

For more information on how to participate in Operation Christmas Child, call 785-332-3921 or visit www.samaritanspurse.org. National Collection Week is Nov. 16-23; however, shoe box gifts are collected all year.



E-WASTE PICK UP was held in St. Francis. **Top Paul Larson** checks a microwave brought in by Virginia Cooper. **(bottom) Earl Hankins** carries a microwave that was delivered.

Herald staff photo by Betty Jean Winston



EMERGENCY PERSONNEL respond to a single vehicle accident that occurred on Tues, Aug. 18. The driver of the SUV lost control along the Fair Grounds Road and landed upside down in a ditch.

Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick



EARNING A FIFTH-place ribbon at the Iowa State Fair is 11-year-old Anna Erickson.

Young musician places at state fair

Anna Erickson, 11, from Clive, Iowa, granddaughter of Stan and Dee Dorsch of Bird City earned a fifth place ribbon in the 2009 youth fiddling championship at the Iowa State Fair in Des Moines on Friday, Aug. 14. Contest fiddlers are required to play a hoedown, waltz and tune of choice.

Anna's selections this year were "Whiskey Before Breakfast," "50 Years Ago Waltz" and "Cotton Patch Rag." The top four ribbon winners were 15, 15, 17 and 17-years old, so Anna was pleased to have received a ribbon this year.

Anna first competed in the State Fair Championship as a 6-year-old and has progressed through the years as she has become a competent player.

"It was cool, because I've worked really hard on my songs and had a lot of



fun." Anna said. "It also makes me nervous, because there are a lot of good players and lots of people watching."

Anna is a seventh grader at Des Moines Christian School. She studies fiddling with David Bellegante, eight-time Iowa State Fair Grand Champion Fiddler. She is also a member of the Des Moines Orchestra Youth Philharmonic Orchestra where she studies violin under Matt Meyer, a member of the Des Moines Symphony. She plays fiddle and old-time country music with her family (Jennifer, Scott and sister, Emily) each month at Bickford Cottage, a care center in Des Moines.

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