

## **SHOEBOXES CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

by Sarina Snow

On June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008 (the first day of VBS) I received a call from Lisa Lynn, our area coordinator for Operation Christmas Child - she was ecstatic! A note thanking us for the shoeboxes sent from last year's VBS had just arrived in the mail that day—exactly one year later.

Back in June 2007, as a mission's project, the children brought in their nickels and dimes to VBS every morning. They had their sites set on filling the 40 shoeboxes they saw waiting empty on the stage.

By the end of the week those loose coins amounted to over \$900.00! Our directors rushed out and bought toys, soap, teddy bears, and pencils and sent the gift-filled shoeboxes to the children God had chosen to receive them. Turns out those children were in Niger, Africa.

The part each child played was small, but the end result was huge.

As we launch this year's Operation Christmas Child Campaign please be in prayer about the part you will play.

Right now we need some shoppers! Taking advantage of back-to-school specials on school supplies will give us a jump-start on this project. If you are willing to help purchase school supplies at local stores (usually for pennies each) please send an email to [OCCshoppers@greerfbc.org](mailto:OCCshoppers@greerfbc.org).

We will let you know when and where the deals are!!

Please consider donating \$30.00 now to sponsor the filling of two shoeboxes. Simply, indicate OCC as "other" on your offering envelope.

We will need help in many ways—more details about how you and your family can participate will be forthcoming.

Our goal is to fill 1000 boxes and place them in God's hands.

It is time to get started!