



Care Packages 2016

How your Group/Church help?

Mission: To express the love of Christ to internationals attending IFI Bible Discussion Groups by giving a small shoebox full of items to encourage them as they study/work in the U.S.

The Idea: This project is aimed to involve more people in the work of reaching internationals, similar to Operation Christmas Child.

What items are in the care packages?

- Your church **purchases and packages the** items for each box:
 - 1 note of encouragement with a verse from the Bible
 - 1 small purse size Travel Tissue
 - 1 travel-size Hand Sanitizer
 - 1 travel-size Hand Lotion
 - 1 pair of warm socks or a scarf (gender neutral)
 - 1 individually wrapped bag of unpopped microwave popcorn
 - 1 pre-packaged snack size bag of nuts or trail mix (1 - 2 oz. size)
 - 1 package of ramen noodles
 - 2 tea bags or packets of hot chocolate
 - 1 gift card in the amount of \$5 (*Suggestions: Target, Panera Bread, AMC Theater*)
 - 1 picture of the person/family or group giving the care package (*optional*)

How can Groups help? Take responsibility for gathering and packaging items in shoeboxes.

Please let us know how many boxes you can fill.

- Ask folks to purchase items (see above list) to be put in the boxes
- Have a packaging party with your group and pray for the recipients - *prayer prompts provided by IFI*
- Print and place labels on each box - *document for printing labels provided by IFI*
- Return filled boxes to the IFI office or make arrangements with IFI to visit a Bible discussion group to personally give the care packages to internationals.

Why would your group/church do this?

- Great way to involve more people in IFI work
- Help to bring about awareness of IFI and recruit more volunteers
- Partner with and support Bible discussion leaders in fulfilling the mission of reaching internationals with God's love.

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