

My Christmas Projects

It's already been established that I love Christmas and I love giving. It's nice to show your friends that you really do appreciate them and their friendship. But all of that aside there are two things that I do at Christmas that really makes me happy.

One is helping three different Indian schools. Southwest Indian School gets money for a food basket. I do that in the name of someone very dear to a friend of mine. Saint Joseph's School gets books for their library. These books I can get at the recycling center. I put some candy in too. The third one is Saint Libre's and they get hats, gloves, scarves and any other warm clothes that I can find. Saint Libre's is in the mountains.

My number two project is shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse. I love shopping for all kinds of goodies to fill a box. I usually do a boy and a girl. I buy school supplies when they are on sale—such as rulers, pencils, markers, crayons, notebooks, and pencil sharpeners. Next is a bar of soap in a plastic bag that is rolled into a washcloth that is rolled into a hand towel. I add a tooth brush and a tube of toothpaste too. Some hard candy, small toys, games or coloring books will top off the box. If you have room after all that you've already packed you can add a child's book.

As I pack these boxes or write a check for the food basket, I picture the ones who receive what I send and I see smiling faces of children who don't ask for and don't expect anything . It makes me feel good.

So now you know my favorite Christmas projects. Projects that I thing do some good in this world.

So, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

If the creek don't rise and the wind don't blow, I'll be back in 2014... God willing.

~Judy~

p.s.

"Gizmo" had his surgery to remove his "you know whats." He came through with flying colors and is as ornery as ever.