How You Can Get Involved



Our *Greatest Need* is for individuals/churches/organizations to send love offerings designating it for the Shepherd's Bag Ministry $^{\text{TM}}$. This allows us to purchase the contents in large volumes and assemble the bags at the Warren Warehouse. By EIM purchasing items directly, we are able to buy in bulk at significant savings. We work hard to be the best stewards of all monies that are given to the ministry and this has proven to be the *most* effective use of funds. You may donate by mail using the address below OR donate online.

• \$10.00 Per ONE Unisex Shepherd's Bag Cost Breakdown (attached below)

Contact Information

For any Shepherd's Bag Ministry™ questions or information contact Fonda Norris, EIM Shepherd's Bag Ministry™ Coordinator at:

fnorris@eimworldwide.org

Or call the EIM Warren Office at: 870-226-3626

Address for Shepherd's Bag Ministry™ Love Offerings: (Memo on check: Shepherd's Bags)

EIM

Attn: Fonda PO Box 925

Warren, AR 71671

OR you may donate online to the "Shepherd's Bag Fund" www.eimworldwide.org/donate

Physical address for shipment of completed Shepherd's Bags to the Warren warehouse

EIM

114 Bradley 23 Rd.

Warren, AR 71671

EIM's Shepherd's Bag Ministry™

Cost, Information and Other Facts & Goals

Cost to assemble ONE EIM Shepherd's Bag/Shipping is: \$10.00

This (\$10.00) is the total cost of assembly in the USA until the time it arrives in the hands of a child in a foreign country.

\$10.00 Total Cost breakdown:

1. \$8.00 - Cost of one Shepherd Bag breakdown: (This cost is based upon bulk order prices when ordering thousands of an item at a time.) The \$8.00 includes EIM's Shepherd's Bag Ministry™ shipping boxes and the contents listed below. (This is what we place in each bag)

CONTENTS FOR ONE GENERIC BAG:

- One Gallon Storage Ziplock Bag
- One Four or Eight Pack Boxed Crayons
- One Pencil Sharpener
- One Pencil
- One 2 Inch Bouncy Ball
- One Neon Smiley Face Bendable Toy
- One wristband bracelet with "Jesus Loves You" imprinted on it and EIM logo
- One 7-inch Frisbee designed for EIM with John 3:16 in the language needed for the country we are sending them to.
- One Shepherd's Bag Ministry™ Gospel Story Coloring Book designed for EIM (Contains the plan of salvation inside of the front and back cover.)

NOTE: Toothpaste, soap or candy CANNOT go in bags due to strict customs regulations about items that are used in the mouth and on the body and has an expiration date.

2. \$2.00 - Cost for Shipping per Bag- This includes: All costs to ship a container to the designated country, all in country tariffs, port fees, custom fees, in country trucking fees, fuel, and in country storage until delivery to the children)

Ministry Goals: As funding becomes available the Shepherd's Bag Ministry™ yearly goals are to work continuously through the year in order to fill 20 ft. shipping containers. By packing 25 of our generic bags per our specialized SB box we can ship approximately 16,000 Shepherd's Bags per shipment. We do not do yearly campaigns but instead we operate all year long as long as funding permits to assemble bags and ship them.

EIM's Shepherd's Bag Ministry™ Gospel Story Coloring Book and John 3:16 Frisbees: Have been translated into seven different languages for our Shepherd's Bags. These two items are designed especially for our EIM Shepherd's Bag.

Salvations: Statistics have shown that for every 3 bags given out, 1 person comes to know Jesus as Savior! EIM's deepest desire is to see God glorified and to follow the Great Commission as commanded by Christ. The Gospel is presented EACH time before the Shepherd's Bags are given to the children and all are given a chance to respond to God's invitation to come to know Christ.

History: Since 1999 we have distributed almost 500,000 Shepherd's Bags.

Generic Shepherd's Bag: We only assemble generic bags with the exact same items for all children. This much needed change from making girl/boy bags to a generic bag that can used by any child happened due to: many problems that kept occurring overseas on the field during distribution, having items being put in bags that were not appropriate or Scriptural (we had incidents of finding coloring books that had material that was not scripturally sound arriving in our warehouse), running out of girl or boy bags, toys unsuitable/unsafe, items melting, etc. All children were not receiving the same items with some bags being much nicer than others causing hurt feelings & division among the children and in the community. By having generic bags it has allowed EIM to put appropriate & safe toys with each child receiving the exact same gift, it is MUCH easier to organize here in the USA and on the field overseas but most importantly we "know" that the true Gospel is in the bags by having John 3:16 Frisbees and the EIM Gospel Story Coloring Book in their heart language they understand. It is much more cost effective with our generic bag which allows us to get more Shepherd's Bags in the hands of children so that they can hear the Gospel preached. As we say at EIM, it's not about the bag, it's about the Gospel that is preached before the bag is given out.

<u>How You Can Get Involved:</u> Our greatest need is for offerings which allow us to build funds in the Shepherd's Bag account so that we can order bulk supplies in volume and assemble bags here at our Warren warehouse then store them until time for shipment.

Where to send offerings:

EIM

ATTN: RHONDA

P.O. 297

MAGNOLIA, AR 71754

(Memo of the check: MUST designate: Shepherd's Bags)

For more information:

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