



WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE JOURNEY, 7/5/2026

****Have you heard?? The Journey Rio Rancho HAS MOVED to a NEW CHURCH HOME! Our new address is 1207 Golf Course Rd SE and we hope to see you there next Sunday morning at 9:30am for worship! If you need more information about our church please check our website: www.thejourneyriorancho.com**

**** WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY & LORD'S ARMY are taking a "summer break" and will start up again in August.**

****It's not too early to start thinking about Operation Christmas Child! We will be receiving 120 OCC boxes in mid-July!** Start stocking up on items to fill your boxes and saving shoe boxes to pack items in. For ideas of what to include in your shoebox, check out the Samaritan's Purse website: <https://samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/> . If you are looking for bargain prices, Western Stare Wholesale online has great, low toy prices specifically designed for Operation Christmas Child boxes: <https://westernstarwholesale.com> . Or, simply check out a local "dollar store" for toys & other personal items that are great for packing in a box. Please remember that along with packing your box, you must include the cost for mailing your box around the world. The cost to mail an Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift depends on type of donation chosen:

****Standard donation: \$10 per shoebox to cover basic shipping fees. (Donations for shipping can be made to The Journey be sure to indicate money is for OCC Shoebox shipping)**

****Donation with tracking label: \$12.50 per shoebox - this includes the \$10 shipping fee plus a tracking label so you can follow your box's journey to end destination. (Donation can be included in the box or check made to The Journey indicate OCC Shoebox shipping)**

****Online Pre-packed shoebox (for countries where local laws make it difficult to send shoeboxes): \$40 - this covers the box, contents, and shipping fees. <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline>**

****Online "Build a Shoebox" option: \$45 - includes selected items, a photo, and personal note, plus shipping fee. Great choice for folks who do not want to shop or have time to build a shoebox.**

<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline> .

(With this option be sure to indicate shoebox is for The Journey at Rio Rancho.)

Our OCC Liaison is Lee Chavez and if you have questions, please contact her at 910-728-7486. Thank you, Lee, for all you do to make this event so meaningful and successful!

***CLOTHING CLOSET NEWS:** Dan Olson continues to coordinate and take donations of gently used clothing (any size, infants to adults), gently used household items, and even furniture. **Many people have contacted Dan through our website lately & we praise God we are able to help others in our community with this ministry! If you have ANY items to donate, OR if you would like to VOLUNTEER TO HELP WITH THIS MINISTRY, please contact DAN OLSON: 505-263-9097.**

Many families and organizations have been truly blessed by all your generosity, THANK YOU!

****If you would like to be included in our EMAIL list to receive Prayer Requests and other announcements for The Journey, please send your email information to us: ted@thejourneyriorancho.com**