Mission Moment

A simple gift can change a life and bring joy... the smallest things in life can make the biggest difference.

LIFE's Christmas Shoe Project is about more than a fight for survival.

For poverty stricken children in underdeveloped nations, a small cut on the bottom of a foot can be devastating, as it creates a gateway for infection.

Some of the children who will receive shoes this year live near garbage dumps where they scavenge for food and items to sell. They walk over trash and broken glass, risking cuts, infection and disease. Others must navigate dangerous terrain in search of water or cross hot, burning sands......all without the protection of shoes.

**LIFE's Christmas Shoe Project** is also about finding joy. "Christmas joy comes in pairs!" Sharing the gift of new shoes with a child who has never had a new pair-or has never even worn shoes-is a moment of pure joy!

Thank God that such a simple idea-sturdy, durable shoes has had such a big impact on the health of children around the world.

Nancy Bowers, the point person of this Christmas Mission, unfortunately could not be here today, but would like to remind us all that each pair of new shoes is only \$3.60, that is \$36.00 for only 10 pairs of shoes. As God leads you, please open your hearts and wallets to bring joy to as many children as possible. We will be collecting through October 20<sup>th</sup>. There will be more information about this worthy cause in the September Dove. Thank You!