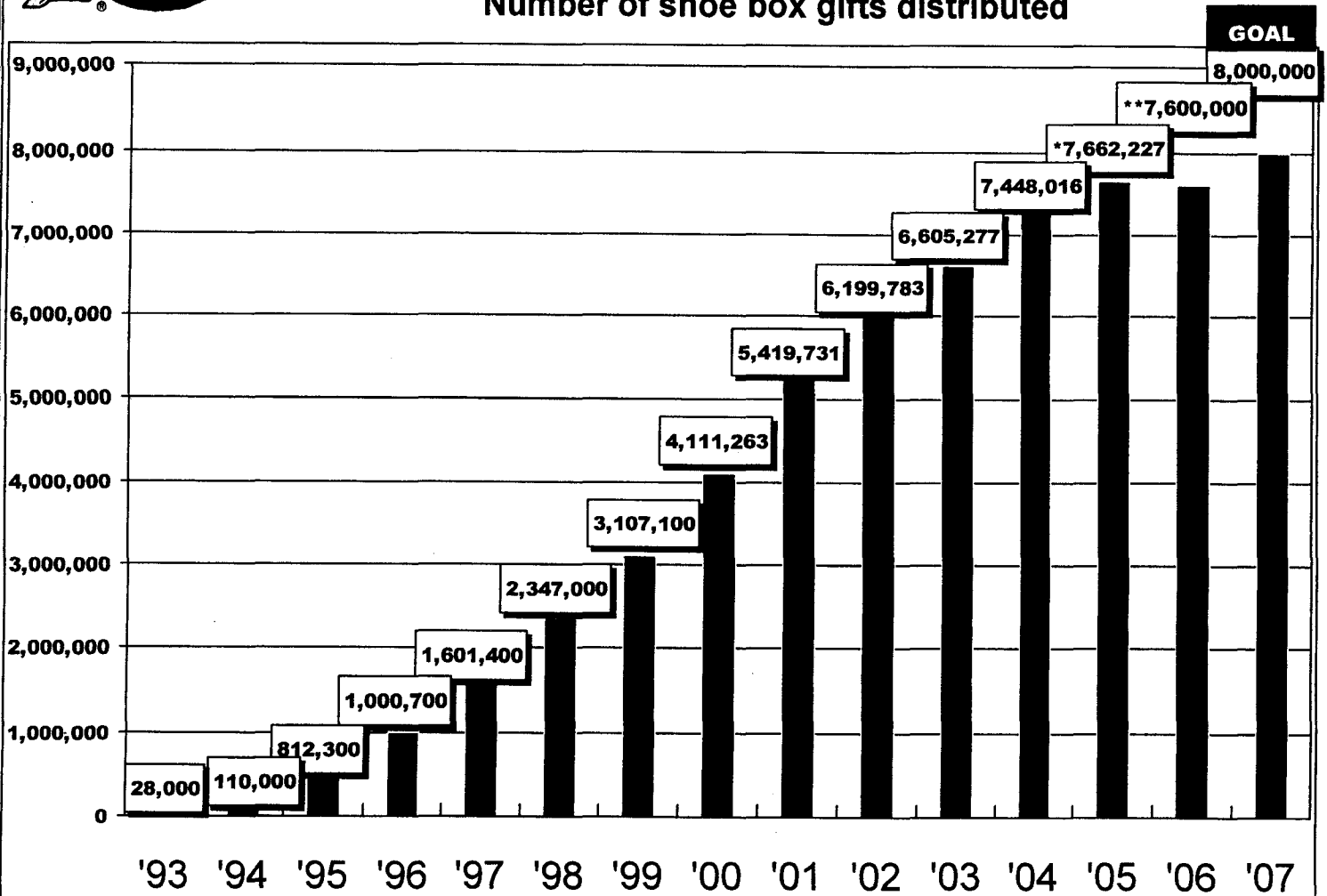




Operation Christmas Child

Number of shoe box gifts distributed



*Includes 270,000 gifts in a special, one-time campaign for victims of the tsunami

**Totals still being calculated

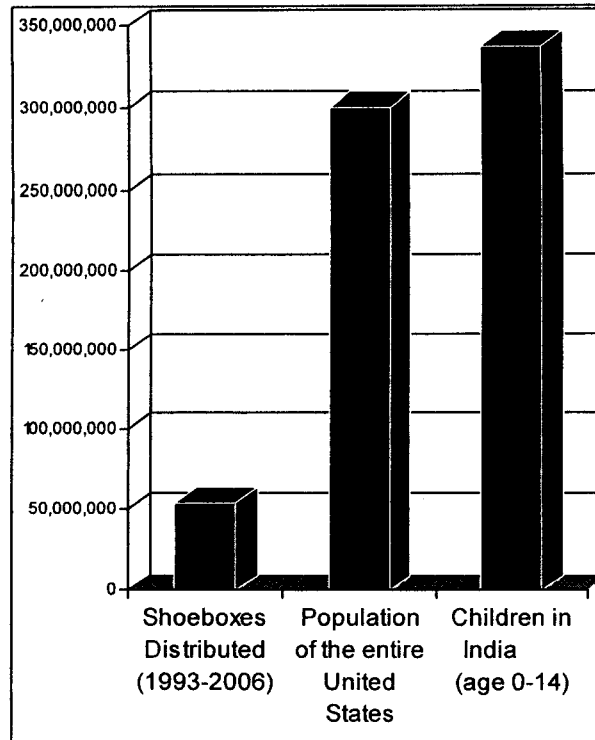
A Story From Peru

Maribel Acuna F. – 13 years old

"Dear Father, since I received you as my Savior in my heart, my life has changed. I have felt well with myself because I have promised you to make the things that you like. From the day that I accepted you, oh my Lord, I have peace, a lot of peace in my life that I cannot explain. You know Lord, I am weak and human and I can sometimes fail you doing things you don't want me to do, please forgive me. Father also I am very grateful for giving me and many children wonderful and beautiful gifts, so I request you with all my heart your blessing the children of other countries. Is my desire that many children be very happy receiving the shoe box gifts. Thank you my Lord."



The Needs of Children



Note: Totals have not been completed for the 2006 collection season.

- Between 1993 and 2006, the past 14 years combined, a total of 54,052,797 shoebox gifts were collected and distributed around the world through Operation Christmas Child.
- In 2006, there were 337,331,587 children in India alone under the age of 14 the same age targeted with OCC. There are 300 million people in the United States.
- An entirely new generation of children comes into the world every 12 years. The children we are reaching with gifts now are growing up, and the need is continuing to increase.
- If everyone in the United States packed one shoebox, we still couldn't reach all of the children in India, let alone the world.
- In 2002, the globe held approximately 1.8 billion people under the age of 15. This was just under 30 percent of the total population.ⁱ
- Children between the ages of 5 and 13 in the U.S. are 8 times more likely to accept Jesus Christ than teenagers, and 5 times more likely than adults.ⁱⁱ
- Eight out of ten believers chose Christ before the age of 14.ⁱⁱⁱ

The children of today are the adults of tomorrow and future builders of nations.

ⁱ US Census Bureau, Global Population Profile: 2002, p. 37

ⁱⁱ BARNA Research Group, "Teens and Adults Have Little Chance of Accepting Christ as Their Savior," November 1999

ⁱⁱⁱ "Pandemonium of Grace," 2005. Serving in Mission Together, Issue# 110, 2005.