



CARDS FOR A SMILE: THE WRITE THING TO DO

Show Operation Smile's patients that you're thinking of them by crafting and sending them handwritten greeting cards. Not only is this a fun service project, but you'll put the cards in the mail knowing you'll have a direct and impact on one of our patients.

Thomas Brinckman, a student volunteer from New Jersey, rallied fellow volunteers from clubs across the state to write Christmas cards in Spanish for our patients in Colombia and Paraguay. In that spirit, we invite our students to write either get-well cards or greeting cards. Instructions are on the back!

"The project has taught me that a thousand-mile barrier isn't as big as you think it might be. The world is so much smaller than we think."

- Amanda Lonergan, a student volunteer from New Jersey

CLUB ACTIVITY



INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Choose a country where Operation Smile works.**
Think about the language skills that you, your club members and advisers share. Ask your associate when Operation Smile student volunteers from your region are slated to attend a medical mission.
- 2. Research the country you choose.** You have two options here: You can write get-well cards, or you can write greeting cards. For the latter, learn more about the holidays and special occasions they celebrate.
- 3. Learn phrases used in that country.** Be mindful of the different languages, dialects, and writing systems – such as Xin Nian Kuai Le, 新年快乐 – that are used.
- 4. Schedule a club meeting to create these cards.**
This meeting should take place at least two months prior to the occasion or medical mission. Enjoy crafting beautiful cards for our patients!
- 5. Get the cards ready for delivery!** Send the cards to us or give them to the mission-bound student.

MATERIALS

- ❑ Card stock or thick paper
- ❑ Markers/crayons/color pencils
- ❑ Manila envelope
- ❑ Stamps/required postage

MAILING IT TO OPERATION SMILE?

Here's our address!
Operation Smile
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