



Christian Response to Eastern Europe Shoebox Appeal 2026

We need your shoeboxes by Sunday 25th October

Each shoebox should ideally contain:

- 1 pair of mittens or gloves;
- warm hat;
- scarf;
- notebook and pen/pencils/erasure/sharpener/colouring pencils;
- toothpaste and tooth brush;
- soap and face cloth (hand wash is great but no shower gel or shampoo)
- a doing toy (skipping rope or ball);
- soft toy; and
- sweets/chocolate/biscuits.

Then its up to you: but please ensure the box is well packed (to prevent movement on the journey and subsequent damage) a colouring book, a jumper or other clothing item, a ball can be added. The main difference is that for an adult you could include a liquid soap instead of a bar of soap, comb or hairbrush, a sewing kit, hand cream, small packets of tissues and make-up or nail varnish (especially for teenage girls). You don't need to include a soft toy/doll.

No Jars of coffee, loose teabags and tins of food, drugs or plasters, no packs of cards or reading material as most don't speak English

All items should be new, in date by at least 6 months and age appropriate.

Nothing within the shoebox should be wrapped and the box itself needs to be wrapped in a way that it can be opened to check the contents.

Please put a sticker on the outside to specify the age and sex of the intended recipient.

If you can not do a full shoebox please send suitable items which can then be used to make up boxes.

Thank you so much for all your support.