

Send a smile >>

SHOEBOX APPEAL



Our team in **Ukraine** delivered shoeboxes to a family living in poverty, sadly their Dad had recently passed away and all three children were struggling with health conditions. Their Mum wrote a thank you letter:

"If you knew how much you brought us joy! Thank you very much!"

In **Kagbalie**, a desperately poor village in **Sierra Leone**, the community were amazed by the shoeboxes our team delivered. Children opening boxes asked: *"Is that all for me?"*

Adults asked: *"Why would they send us a gift? they don't know us".*

When you send a shoebox or virtual shoebox you are sending much more than useful and fun items; it's personal - a gift just for the person receiving it - a message of hope and love, that reflects the love of Jesus; letting children and adults in desperate circumstances know that someone cares and they are not forgotten.



To request a speaker for your school, church or group, please email office@internationalaidtrust.org.uk.

Who will your shoebox or virtual gift make happy?

Boy Girl Age

Adult Male Adult Female



Cut out this label and stick onto your shoebox

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Look inside for a new way to send a smile with our **VIRTUAL SHOEBOX SCHEME >>**

Imagine a year without presents!

For children and adults living in poverty the gift of a shoebox can be a dream come true or an answer to prayer. **We deliver shoeboxes to people of all ages from babies to elderly people**, throughout the year, not just at Christmas. Our dedicated teams overseas share Jesus' love and provide pastoral care, as well as practical gifts.



To arrange drop off or collection of your shoebox...

- email office@internationalaidtrust.org.uk or
- phone **01772 611000**

Office Address:
The Galleries, Croft Mill, Pall Mall, Chorley PR7 3LT

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www.internationalaidtrust.org.uk/shoeboxes

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FILL A BOX OR TWO

- 1) Gift wrap the box and lid separately
 - Don't wrap individual items.
 - Use an elastic band to keep the box together.
- 2) Fill out the label (overleaf)
 - Choose the age and gender of the person you want to receive your shoebox.
 - Fill out the label overleaf and stick it onto the top of your shoebox.
- 3) Fill your shoebox with appropriate gifts
 - Don't wrap individual items.
 - Use an elastic band to keep the box together.



IDEAS FOR WHAT TO INCLUDE

TOILETRIES ✓ Toothbrush ✓ Toothpaste ✓ Soap ✓ Flannel or sponge
✓ Comb ✓ Hair bobbles ✓ Roll on deodorant No sprays
 No medicines, vitamins or tablets

TOYS ✓ Small toys ✓ Cuddly toys ✓ Balls ✓ Skipping rope ✓ Games
✓ Small jigsaws etc No guns or war toys

CLOTHES ✓ Socks ✓ T-shirts ✓ Hats ✓ Scarves ✓ Gloves ✓ Underwear
✓ Babygro (for little ones)

STATIONERY ✓ Pens ✓ Pencils ✓ Crayons ✓ Eraser ✓ Sharpener ✓ Notebooks
✓ Colouring books ✓ Scissors (*round-ended safety type for children*)

PRACTICAL ✓ Plastic bowl & cup ✓ Cutlery ✓ Safety Pins* ✓ Mini sewing kit*
✓ String* ✓ Wind-up torch* ✓ Plasters* No matches *For teens & adults

Did you know... It costs us £2 to collect, store, transport and distribute each shoebox? In a time of increasing costs, your contributions are very welcome. Please do not put money inside or attached to boxes. Donations can be made through our website or by cheque.

A new way to 'Send a Smile' >>

SEND A VIRTUAL SHOEBOX OR A BAG TO A PERSON LIVING IN POVERTY



Alongside our shoebox scheme, we also have an exciting new way to send a gift to a person in need.

Our **VIRTUAL SHOEBOX SCHEME** enables you to make a donation for a gift box or bag to be packed full of useful and fun items and given to a person living in poverty.

You can choose the area of the world and also the age and gender of the person you would like to send a gift to.

Gifts are packed and distributed by our local country teams. This scheme helps to support local economies in the countries we are working. In countries where we have a 'Hands of Dorcas' tailoring project, trainees may make bags to pack gifts in.

The virtual shoebox you send will bring great joy to the person who receives it. It could also mean that a child has the supplies they need to be able to attend school; or it could give an older person the dignity of being able to wash properly.



To get started, visit the **Virtual Shoebox** page on our website:
www.internationalaidtrust.org.uk/shoeboxes/virtual

