

Christmas Shoebox Appeal

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We hope the following information will be useful in helping you participate in this scheme.

GUIDELINES

The boxes can cover all ages and either sex from babies to grandparents.

The contents of each box should be chosen with one particular age and type of person in mind.

Please label each box with one of the following, as appropriate:-

Boy Age about

Girl Age about.....

Man

Woman

Family

Grandparents

Grandfather

Grandmother



Although we handle the shoe boxes with great care, please bear in mind that everything is loaded on to a lorry for the long journey to Moldova, where the boxes are off-loaded and distributed. There is a small risk that some boxes may be dropped in the process and it is VITAL that everything is PACKED WELL and LIQUIDS are secured in NON - GLASS BOTTLES and tightly wrapped in a plastic bag, just in case of a leak.

As to the boxes themselves, they can be any size which approximates to the size of a shoe box but should be securely wrapped, please. Unlike some organisation it is not our intention to open the boxes and empty them so please make certain they are firmly wrapped.

It's also a nice touch if a card can be included inside on top of the contents, to give the recipient some idea of whom the gifts have come from. A Christmas card or gift-tag would be ideal together with a post card or two and a little note.

SOME BASIC NEEDS

Many basic items are an expensive luxury and therefore very welcome.

Soap

Facecloth

Toothbrush

Toothpaste

Hairbrushes, combs, etc

Body-wash soap

Shampoo

Please, NO Bubble-bath, as most people will be washing from a bowl with water collected from the well.

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EDUCATIONAL EQUIPMENT

Such items are also expensive, either for home or for school use; for example:-

All school equipment - Pens, pencils, ruler, rubber, notebook, jotter, sharpener, rucksack, etc

Colouring pens, paints, pencils, sharpeners for fun at home

Colouring books, sticker books, etc - but NOT reading books because of the language barrier.

SMALLER ITEMS OF CLOTHING

Good clothing is always needed, so if anyone fancies buying, or knitting, as appropriate:-

Hat

Scarf

Gloves

T-shirts

Shorts, etc

Accessories also bring much delight -

Jewellery,

Earrings, Necklaces,

Hairbands,

Hairclips, etc

TOYS & TREATS

When choosing toys, please be aware of safety issues, as there might well be younger siblings in a child's family.

Small toy -- Small doll -- Ball -- Small game

Cuddly, soft toy - something to love and to remind them that they're not forgotten and that people in Britain care about them.

Building blocks/Lego, etc - expensive we know but always well received

Glow Sticks

Chess/Draughts

A watch - not an expensive one

Puzzles/Games which don't require English

Toy cars, lorries, etc - always well received

Sweets - enjoyed by young and old alike and shared round the family.



UNSUITABLE ITEMS

These would include:-

Any medicines

Toy guns, swords, etc

Anything that could injure a child, such as small items that could be swallowed, sharp items like scissors, razors, etc

Playing cards are frowned upon by many because of their associations with gambling and other card and family card games are unknown, so it's best not to send any kind of card game showing Hearts, Clubs, Diamonds and Spades.

Bubble-bath - because of general washing conditions

DEADLINES

In order to get these gifts to Moldova in time for Christmas, we **MUST** set a deadline for them to be in our warehouse by

WEDNESDAY, 1st DECEMBER, 2010

WE HOPE YOU WILL WISH TO BE INVOLVED AND THAT EVERYONE WILL HAVE A GREAT TIME DOING SO.

THANK YOU!