

AMEN



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Christmas Shoebox Project 2023

OBJECTIVES

- Due to the success of our shoebox project over the last 14 years we are again planning to expand on this for 2023. We are keen to find as many UK churches, schools and other groups as possible to partner with us in collecting up to 3,000 Christmas Family Shoeboxes for Romania.
- The objective of this project is to show the love of God in action.
- The uniqueness of this project is the direct link we have with both the organisations who help the poor and with the people who receive these gifts. One of the key operating principles of AMEN is that we only support people who are known personally by at least one of the AMEN trustees. We follow this principle in the shoebox project as well as all other activities of the charity.
- The majority of shoeboxes are distributed through our AMEN partners into very poor communities around Sighisoara. The extent of the poverty really does have to be seen to be believed.
- Shoeboxes also go to other poor communities in Romania including families near Orastie where our AMEN partners Tijs and Jessica have an amazing ministry among that very needy area. Further shoeboxes go to a special needs school in Petrosani where our friend Tibi has a ministry.
- AMEN trustees and supporters travel to Romania each December at their own expense to be part of the delivery of these shoeboxes, so there is a very personal relationship with everyone involved.
- If you would like to join us on our next visit or would like to explore ways of developing an ongoing link with AMEN and partners, please let us know.



CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX REGISTRATION

Name: Phone No:

Address:

Email:

Church/Organisation:

I wish to collect AMEN Christmas Family Shoeboxes. Please supply:leaflets

**Post to: Janet White, 79 North Road, Dartford, Kent DA1 3ND or send the
same details by email to: janet@amentrust.co.uk marking the email
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SHOEBOX DETAILS

- Unlike many other shoebox projects ours are 'Family Shoeboxes' and each shoebox should contain something for the whole family—Mum, Dad, and the children. Our shoebox leaflets give full details.
- A minimum contribution of £2 is required with each shoebox to cover transport and AMEN administration costs.
- Shoeboxes will need to be collected together by the local co-ordinator in mid-November so we can then organise them to be gathered together, taken to our depot and then transported to Romania in early December. (Dates to be confirmed.)

PRACTICALITIES

- The key person in the project is the local shoebox co-ordinator. It will be necessary for each church, organisation (or group of organisations in an area) involved in the scheme to appoint someone to this role. Each local co-ordinator will liaise with AMEN and be given all necessary information to run the scheme in their area.
- It will be necessary for each church, organisation to register with AMEN to be involved with the scheme. This should ideally be done as soon as possible, so there is time to get people motivated by at the end of September 2023 at the latest.
- Each local co-ordinator will be provided with a quantity of shoebox leaflets—enough for each participant. We will also supply posters about the project and a general information sheet.
- AMEN will be responsible for collecting the shoeboxes from each church, organisation on an agreed date. The co-ordinator will need to ensure the boxes are all together at a central point on that date.
- **Please note that we can only collect Christmas Shoeboxes from groups and not from individuals.**

AMEN would really appreciate your involvement in this worthwhile project!

