



Spring 2026

# AMEN NEWS

## A report on the 2025 shoebox appeal



In December 2025 a small team travelled to Romania to support AMEN partners who serve Roma communities. Based mainly in Sighisoara, the team visited churches, community centres and several Roma villages, distributing family shoebox gifts and food parcels to children and needy families.

The team observed the joy that the shoeboxes bring to excited children and families. Visits to long-established centres highlighted the positive impacts that long-term commitments are having. The team saw progress being made through children's education, healthcare awareness and Christian support. We are continually reminded of God's faithfulness, provision and the value of partnership in Christian mission work.

Thank you to everyone involved with supporting the shoebox appeal.

We sent 3124 boxes - a record number.

It is a huge logistical effort, and our thanks go to everyone involved in making this happen.

Details of our 2026 appeal can be found at [www.amentrust.co.uk](http://www.amentrust.co.uk)

## Chairman's corner

Wherever we look in the world at the moment there seems to be instability, chaos and conflict - and people more than ever in need of God's love.

I am reminded that this is normal life for so many of our AMEN partners - faithfully serving God in countries where persecution is rife and most people have none of the western comforts that we so easily take for granted.

Through AMEN we have the privilege of supporting and encouraging our Christian brothers and sisters around the world - with finances, prayers, visits and messages of encouragement.

AMEN is run by a small team of 4 trustees - but we cannot do this work alone - and we rely on the support of so many churches and individual Christians around the UK. Everyone has a part to play in mission work - and the amazing truth is that the more you give out, the more you get blessed in return!

There is a part for everyone to play - PRAY - GIVE - GO! How will you respond to Gods call...?

Blessings  
Chris Chatfield

AMEN Chair of Trustees



## ROMANIA

Magda and Catalin serve Jesus in their Roma Community with ministry among the poor and needy.

The church hosted a special event to celebrate Mother's Day and, in March 2026, a special event celebrating children.



## 20 Years as AMEN Secretary

In January 2006 I was in church and a picture came into my head of a children's ball pool. I felt God was saying "Will you jump right in or stand on the edge and throw in the odd stray ball?" I had been an AMEN supporter from the very start but was surprised when, the following day, I received a call from the then Chairman, Chris Lemming, asking if I would be the AMEN Honorary Secretary and a Trustee. I jumped right in and am still here twenty years later!

AMEN has grown greatly since then, and we now support 21 partners in six countries. It is thanks to the internet that we are all so connected, and my computer skills have increased over the years. It is a matter of pride that the charity is run completely by

volunteers. One of my proudest achievements is the way we were able to provide funds, generously donated by our supporters, to help feed thousands of people when the Covid pandemic affected every country in 2020.

It has been a privilege to count all the partners as friends, even if we never meet in person. I have been able to visit Serbia and Romania and have hosted some of the partners when they have visited the UK. Keeping in touch with our 500+ supporters is also important and keeps me busy, which is how I like to be.

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with details of any donation made directly.

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## INDIA



After years of prayer and searching for the right piece of land work has now started on building the New Life Centre. The land is in an ideal place on the outskirts of the city of Margao and this will be a local centre for the work of Tender Heart, including pre-school education; adult employment and skills training, medical support, and micro-finance.

£30,000 is still needed to complete this project.

If you would like to help please designate donations for the 'New Life Centre'.

Francis & Alison

Tender Heart

SERBIA



We are grateful to God that, over the past six years, we have reached more than 13,000 people with the gospel through social media.

We are greatly encouraged that every day, people contact us with various needs through the different campaigns we create.

By God's grace, and through your support and prayers, we are continuing this "Digital Evangelism".

Sasko & Ira



**25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of SIKATT ministry**

Through Pastor Joe's work in a poor community in Manila SIKATT began, serving young people and transforming lives.

**2025 Highlights.**

124 Food packages have been distributed through the gift giving programs

236 Dental and hygiene kits were distributed

105 Young people taking part in youth training

30 Scholars receiving monthly financial support

Different Gospel events were held where over 1,000 young people and 32 teachers attended.

We released the SIKATT Story; a booklet that has the compilation of testimonies of transformed lives.

We give thanks for the opportunities to share and grow and have strong partnership with schools. We are thankful for God's provision in ministry especially on the scholarship program.

**PHILIPPINES**

*10th Year Anniversary*

We just celebrated Batanes Grace Ministries' 10th anniversary.

God is faithful. In one of our activities, we conducted tract distribution which we called, 'Love in Action'.

Letters and cards were given out to the people in the village.

We pray the seed of the Gospel will grow in many hearts.

Jerry & Gea





## PHILIPPINES

Winston Pinzon (Companion with the Poor)  
Winston is part of a team that is planting a church  
in a poor community.

A basic structure with a roof, but without walls,  
serves as church building now being used for  
worship and meetings.

In November 2025 they celebrated the 1st  
anniversary of this church. Winston says "Praise  
the LORD that we can do this.  
This is truly a gift from God, and we are glad to be  
part of the work of the gospel there and join  
worship each Sunday".

Winston is part of a church planting and outreach  
team that teaches a  
Missionary- in-Training Program.  
The aim is to prepare missionaries who will serve  
in the urban poor communities.



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