

### **How to Pack Your Shoebox**

### Please do:

- Wrap the box and its lid separately; so it can be lifted off.
- Use an elastic band to hold them together.
- Use gift wrap paper.
- Fill the box with gifts suitable for your chosen person.
- Clearly label the lid with your chosen person.



### Please don't:

Wrap individual items.

### Where Can I Take My Box?

Boxes can be taken to our charity shops, to the warehouse in Longton or you can contact Head Office 01772 611000 to arrange bulk collections

### Cut Out and Stick This On Your Box! -



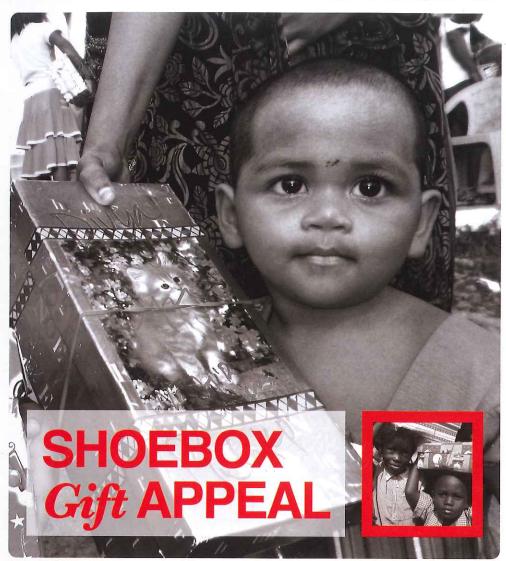
Boy:

Girl:

Age:



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# **Items** For Your Shoebox

**Toiletries** 

No medicines, vitamin tablets, matches or perishables

Food & Sweets

No chocolate, tinned meats or fish

Toys

Small toys, games and cuddly toys are welcome

Clothes

Socks, t-shirts and underwear

Stationery

If sending scissors to children please ensure they are the round ended safety type

Many people think that these gifts are just a little extra present for the needy people that receive them, but for most recipients these are the only gifts that they will ever receive. Much of our ministry is with orphanages and also the rescued children's centres that we have established. Here orphans and other homeless children are in real ongoing, genuine need.

# Think Up Your Own Ideas!

Share these with us! If in doubt as to suitability, please check with us.

It costs us £2 per box to collect, pack, store, transport and distribute each Shoe Box and in a time of ever increasing costs your contributions would be very welcome. Thank you



Each year, in excess of 100,000 gift shoe boxes are despatched from our warehouse and sent into Eastern Europe, Africa and Asia.



## Quotes

Some years ago I was involved in distributing in an orphanage that was home to one hundred and sixty children. Two girls aged 11 and 12 were helping to hand out the boxes, when the distribution was complete they stood at my side and were given their own boxes. The 11 year old opened hers and took out a simple everyday hair comb worth about 25 pence. The 12 year old who stood next to me looked up and said, "Can you imagine, she has her own comb!"

I was speechless for a short time and then asked her what she would like in her box. She replied, "A comb, a needle and thread, and a pair of scissors, so that when my new clothing gets worn I will be able to repair them" (together with the shoe boxes we had also brought them lots of new winter clothing). That is all that they wanted for Christmas, not electronic games or computers.

Send yours TODAY

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# Send a smile, to a child... SHOEBOX APPEAL

shoeboxes throughout the year, not just at Christmas! shoebox is a dream come true, or an answer to prayer. This is why we deliver unheard of. For some children in the poorer parts of the world the gift of a Imagine a year without any presents! For most of us in the UK this is almost

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