



Ukraine Shoebox Distribution Christmas 2022 -23

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Thank you very much for kindly filling shoebox gifts. They have brought so much joy to people in Ukraine at an incredibly difficult time. Despite continued and unpredictable attacks by Russia in many areas of the country, the International Aid Trust teams have distributed shoeboxes and shared their hope in Jesus, God's greatest gift, to thousands of people whose lives have been devastated by the war.



Moltivilovka Church by our distribution centre to the west of Kyiv, is supporting and sheltering many internally displaced people from Eastern Ukraine. This photo shows the Christmas party they held for children, food and sweets were enjoyed and they were all delighted to receive a shoebox gift.



Kyiv has been hit by missiles again over the Christmas period, but that didn't stop our Soborna (Unity) Church from giving local and refugee children a Christmas service and party on December 25th, where they received shoebox gifts and sweets.

Christmas is also celebrated in early January in Ukraine, in line with the Orthodox calendar. The team from Soborna Church, led by our Ukraine director, Pastor Pasha (pictured below with dog), travelled from Kyiv to Mykaliiov and Kherson regions to distribute shoeboxes in a number of towns and villages. The team included some of the church's youth group who shared the good news of Jesus's birth through a drama presentation (see overleaf).



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Pastor Sasha, above, leads a church in Mykaliyov which is supporting a lot of refugees from the Eastern Donesk region. He sends thanks to everyone and praises God for the joy and hope that was shared as shoeboxes were distributed, and the nativity presentation was performed (can you spot the camel?).



Pastor Pasha says “Sniguruka, in the Mikaliyov region was occupied for 9 months, houses were destroyed, people lost everything, there is no electricity in the village. Many have evacuated to West Ukraine, but they all have a dream to come back.

We held a meeting at the small church, we used a generator you sent from the UK to run lights and music.

The young people from Soborna performed a Nativity drama, and we distributed shoebox gifts. The children of Sniguruka were very happy and their parents were very grateful for the care shown. Big thanks to everyone for you support”



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