

This was my first trip to Romania in December 2022 and I had no idea what to expect. We gave out shoebox gifts in the villages. What stood out for me was seeing grateful children with smiles on their faces. That the gifts we give them is likely to be the only gift they will receive this Christmas.

*MALCOLM*  
AMEN Volunteer

## About AMEN

AMEN is a Christian Charity formed in 1995 by Gareth Bolton of Operation Mobilisation to channel resources to Christians who are working to make a difference in their own countries.

We refer to these people as our partners because we know them - they are our friends.

- ✦ An Indian couple transforming lives of the most disadvantaged in Indian society.
- ✦ An African charity helping churches provide AIDS support in Nigeria.
- ✦ A Filipino pastor working with high school kids in a very tough area of Manila.
- ✦ Look at our website for details of all our partners in India, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, Romania and Serbia.

Over the years support and donations received by AMEN have been used by God to bring great blessings to people - both in practical help and spreading the good news of the Gospel.

Since 2009 thousands of AMEN shoeboxes have been distributed in Romania helping to bring joy and encouragement to needy families. We hope that you will be able to support us this year by filling a shoebox.

**More information about AMEN can be found on Facebook and on our website at [www.amentrust.co.uk](http://www.amentrust.co.uk)**

## Gift Aid Declaration

### Single Donation

Please complete your details below

Boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate

I want to Gift Aid my one off donation below of £ .....

Gift Aid is reclaimed by AMEN from the tax you pay for the current tax year. Your address is needed to identify you as a current UK taxpayer

I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/ or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference

Full Name: .....

Address: .....

Postcode: .....

Date: .....

Please tick the box if you would like to receive our newsletter (currently produced six monthly). Your information will not be used for any other purpose or passed on to any third parties.

By completing this form you are giving AMEN permission to hold your personal data.

AMEN is a Registered Charity No: 1057626.

### IMPORTANT

Please add a minimum donation of £2 towards transport and administration costs. Coins can be taped onto this space, alternatively cash or a cheque can be passed to your local organiser. Any surplus money, after costs are covered will go towards the work of AMEN around the world.

**(Cheques to be payable to AMEN please)  
NB attach to outside of box - not inside!**

# AMEN



## Christmas Family Shoebox Appeal 2023



*Showing the Love  
of God in Action*

For more details including  
a video, please go to  
[www.amentrust.co.uk](http://www.amentrust.co.uk)



LOCAL CO-ORDINATOR

Name: .....

Phone No: .....

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NO BOOT BOXES PLEASE

# CONTENTS LIST



- Calculator  Scarf
- Colouring book  Scissors
- Comb/brush  Screwdrivers
- Felt tips  Sewing kit
- Flannel/soap  Shampoo
- Games/toys  Shower gel
- Hair slides  Socks/tights
- Jewellery  Sweets
- Notebook  Teddy/Doll
- Pencil sharpener  Toothbrush/toothpaste
- Pens/pencils  Wind-up torch
- Roll-on Deodorant  Woolly hat/gloves

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Other .....

These are just some ideas - you do not have to put everything on this list in the Christmas Shoebox.

These are **FAMILY SHOEBOXES**  
Please include something for Mum, Dad and children

We would ask you **NOT** to put in your Christmas Shoebox, medicines, money, food, perfume and anything that is breakable i.e. glass bottles or containers.

*Feel free to include a Christmas card if you wish but we advise you not to include your address.*

*Romanian for Happy Christmas is 'Craciun Fericit'.*

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## How to prepare your Christmas Shoebox

**1** Get a strong Shoebox and assemble your gifts. (Standard size shoeboxes only, NO bootboxes please.)



**2** Fill in the Contents List.



**3** Check that there is something for all ages in the family.

**4** Fill the box, close it, seal it and wrap the entire box in Christmas paper.



**5** Tape at least £2 to the space provided on the leaflet and complete the Gift Aid Form. (If you are a child ask your parents/guardian to sign it if they are UK taxpayers).

**6** Tape the outer edges of Contents List to the Shoebox where indicated only on the yellow strips. Do not detach from rest of leaflet.



**7** Fold the leaflet inwards twice from the right towards the left, so that the page with the money on is uppermost.

## Who will receive your Christmas Shoebox?



Our shoeboxes are distributed through our AMEN partners and longstanding friends who have a ministry working alongside, helping, caring for and supporting needy families in both practical and spiritual ways. The shoeboxes are given to very poor communities in and around Sighisoara, Orastie, Petrosani and Codlea and are a great blessing to all who receive them. You can read further about these partners on our AMEN website.



**and your Shoebox is ready to go!!**