

## Teams4U Shoebox Report January 2021

Following a national teams meeting on Thursday evening with all the various shoebox appeal teams across the UK & with our partners in Romania & Belarus, we thought you might be interested to know some facts & figures & to hear some uplifting stories of the joy your shoeboxes have brought to so many children this year.

Total number of boxes sent ....48,756

- Two truckloads to Belarus. ( this is where the Wrexham boxes were sent)
- Two truckloads to Romania
- One truckload to Bosnia
- One truckload to Moldova. This truck only left the UK yesterday, due to delays with paperwork, Covid & Brexit.

These are amazing numbers considering the restrictions we were all working under & far surpasses expectations.

Raul, our partner in Romania said that 70% of boxes were given to children in communities that had never had a visit before. Many were very isolated gypsy communities in the hills outside Oradea. The people were amazed that someone in the UK cared enough to send them a gift. They were especially pleased when their box contained a photo, letter or card from the donor. Raul said they just couldn't get over the fact that someone had thought about them personally. The most popular items here seemed to be soap & stationery.

Dima & Katya are still delivering boxes, mostly to orphanages in Belarus. Again, many of these children have never received a box before. It says something about the level of deprivation that the teenagers were especially thrilled if their box contained new underwear. Second to underwear in popularity in Belarus was soap, toothbrush & toothpaste, hair gel & shampoo.

Obviously, these countries, like us are in lockdown due to Covid, & the teams are working incredibly hard in very difficult circumstances to get the boxes delivered to needy children while adhering to local guidelines. They need our prayers.

Many thanks to everyone who so generously supported this years campaign. You certainly gave a child great joy in these very difficult times. To see pictures & videos of children receiving their boxes go to [Teams4Uthecharity Facebook page](#).

And please... It's never too early to start collecting for the next Christmas shoebox campaign.

Dorothy & Liz.