



March 2019

Christmas Shoeboxes - Firstly we must say a HUGE "Thank You" to everyone who donated and those who helped with our Christmas Appeal. Over five thousand fantastic Christmas Shoeboxes were donated, collected, sorted, bagged and then loaded on our truck in time to be delivered before Christmas in Moldova. So many to thank. So many very happy children, (and grannies and grandpas); they all send their loves and thanks to everyone who have helped.

Christmas seems such a long time ago now and Spring has sprung with the Snow Drops being out for weeks and crocuses and daffodils starting to bloom we can all look forward to summer.



Springtime in the villages in Moldova is very busy for everyone. Adults and children alike will be venturing into the fields to prepare the soil for planting. - After the long winter of not working, hands will have become soft and now will inevitably become blistered with the hours digging and tilling the soil. There is no option but to work. If the planting is not done there will be not food for later. It is so sad to see young children working with such painful hands.

The New Year brings new challenges. When in Moldova over their Christmas period we had such diverse feelings, the delight in seeing so many happy faces with the Christmas boxes and the sadness of witnessing elderly people and families with little wood for the fire or food for the table. Such basic things.

March is the first formal opening of our store however some of our wonderful volunteers have unofficially been hard at work since Christmas and we are so very grateful to them. With sufficient support we hope to send out next truck in the late Spring. If we are to succeed we need lots of very good quality clothing and other humanitarian aid.

Sadly there remains so much need in Moldova. In addition to all the lovely clothing etc. we need equipment for the disabled, sponsors for the Soup Kitchens and for many families who are in need, many with insufficient clothing for their children to attend school.

We have a very short video available showing a little about this year's Christmas Shoeboxes. If you would like a copy it will soon be available by downloading from the Internet. If you would like a copy please let Hugh know and give him your email address. Hugh may be contacted on 07970 204506 or preferably by email, hugh@cr2ee.org.uk.

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We are currently having problems with our website but hope to have it up and running again soon. Meanwhile if you are a facebook user you can find some photos & videos on <https://www.facebook.com/groups/cr2ee/>

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If you would like to know more about our work and Hugh's recent visit to Moldova, come along to our next **Prayer Support meeting** on

Monday 18th March 2019, 7.30pm

St Leonard's Church, Topsham Road, EXETER EX2 4NG

ALL are welcome

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Thank you for your support

We are also grateful to the owner of the Old Acorn Kindergarten, 3 Spiders lane, Exmouth EX8 5DS for making it available to us into 2019 to collect and sort good used clothing & bedding for Moldova

Spiders Lane Open days in 2019 -

1st Wednesday in each month

10 am till 3pm

also

3rd Saturday in each month

10am till 1am

**** Except August ****

Wednesdays 10am to 3pm	Saturdays 10am to 1pm
6th March 2019	16th March 2019
3rd April 2019	20th April 2019
1st May 2019	18th May 2019
5th June 2019	15th June 2019
3rd July 2019	20th July 2019

Thank you

CR2EE Management Team