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It is unbelievable to think our Christmas Shoebox Appeal has started once more. Whatever happened to the past year? With only a couple of months to before loading about 4,000 beautifully filled Christmas Shoeboxes it is

worrying wondering if we can achieve such a huge target again this year. Please encourage your friends, neighbours, Churches and schools to join in.

If people could see the children's faces when they are given a Christmas box and hear the shouts of joy, huge anticipation as they receive their Christmas box wondering what beautiful things lay inside for them; chocolates, toys, jewellery, games! What will they find? The beauty of not having a specific list is that every Christmas Shoebox is different, the excitement is incalculable. Whilst the children look excitedly towards Christmas their parents and most old people will be anxious at the prospect of the long and bitterly cold winter that lies before them. Do they have enough wood for the fire? The harvest this year has not been good for the basics, potatoes etc. so will there be sufficient food for themselves and their families? A seriously worrying time. Whilst we concentrate of our Christmas Appeal we must not forget everything else, our family Support programme, the need to provide winter fuel, wood, for vulnerable families, maintaining our Soup Kitchens, the great clothing that is sorted, medical aid etc. and all our other activities. There is so much to do and without our wonderful team of volunteers to sort through everything and the magnificent people who support us with donation none of this would be possible. We must remember the families we help are in great need. There are so many families we know who are in great need and although some families conceal their plight others cannot hide their situation. Take the lavorscail for example: Dad and mum work hard every day but their income is so little, not enough to provide for their five children, all girls. Both parents have to work therefore granny who is almost blind has to help care for the children, five girls from the age of twelve to just one year. The eldest daughter Cecelia and her sister Juliana who is seven often work with their father. If not working then they will be doing essential work at home, cooking, cleaning, caring for their younger siblings. Iulia can be seen preparing the meal for her family. With little wood they will use old cloth as a fuel when necessary.



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Our next Prayer Support meeting will be on
Monday 19th November 2018, 7.30pm
St Leonard's Church, Topsham Road, EXETER EX2 4NG
ALL are welcome

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'open days' for Spiders Lane collection point in 2018 / 2019 -

**1st Wednesday in each month
10 am till 3pm**

**** Except December, January & February **
also**

**3rd Saturday in each month
10am till 1am**

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Future dates:-

Wednesdays 10am to 3pm	Saturdays 10am to 1pm
	20 th October 2018
7 th November 2018	17 th November 2018
28 th November 2018	1 st December 2018

Last Dates for Christmas Shoe boxes & Family Parcels:-

Wednesday 28th November 2018 10am to 3pm

Saturday 1st December 2018 10am to 1pm

Thank you
CR2EE Management Team

Thank you for your support

See website for more details - www.cr2ee.org.uk