**Christmas Shoe Box Appeal – Monday 5th November**

It is that time of year again when we ask you to join with us to support the Christmas shoebox appeal. This is organised by FSCI (www.fscinet.org, reg. charity in England & Wales 1107914) for the people in Southeast Europe who are finding life so hard at the moment. We can take action by filling shoeboxes with appropriate items and sending them to people in need.

We thought we would do something a little different this year and find a lower-cost option to help you at home and give more folk the chance to experience the joy of giving unconditionally. Instead of individuals making up boxes, we are asking you to bring suitable items into our church/business/community group. Together with this letter is a list of items. Simply choose one of these items (or two, or four, it’s up to you!) to purchase/provide and bring them in. For example, buying a bulk bag of sweets, such as Haribo, which can then be subdivided between several boxes, is a cost effective way of contributing. Same goes with the many of the other items on the list.

Not all items have to be new but they should be in good condition. Please bring items in by Monday 5th November. We will also need shoeboxes and wrapping paper to cover them with, so don’t throw away the box when you next buy a pair of shoes (max size 395mm long x 240mm wide x 118 deep)…

We will spend some time making up the boxes at church/business/community group; time 7 venue tba. We would love to make up at least N boxes (although it would be fantastic if we could do more than that!). This will ensure that everybody will have the chance to join in preparing a box.

Please let us know if you could join us to help wrap the boxes too.

Thank you

From: X