

Dear friends,

Since my last newsletter, things have been quiet due to holidays, as many of us have been on a wee break. Some of the Hungarians, Poles and other Eastern Europeans have managed to visit their homeland for a few weeks and have seen how the floods have in some parts, left their towns and villages in a very bad state. Looking back, the flooding this year has been most severe, and the loss of livestock, farmland and infrastructure are of great concern to many of us, trying to help in anyway we can.

The last shipment was 3,418 kilograms of which 2,320 kilograms was food from the large supermarkets in Perth, Blairgowrie and Edinburgh, and clothing and toys, children's cycles from charities in Pitlochry and Blairgowrie, as well as locals in Aberfeldy. At the present time we are planning a new shipment for mid October, so all donations are welcome for this. For this next shipment, we have allocated 26 kilograms for medicines, which will include Paracetamol and Vitamin C tablets - the only two drugs for which permission has been granted by the Hungarian authorities.

### **CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL**

Yes, Christmas is approaching and we thought it would be a great idea to kick-start the shoebox appeal for eastern Europe. Plans are to ship all boxes during the first week of December, so these will be on time for the festive season. Shipping will be done to the R.C. Church in Ujpest Hungary and the R.C. Church Warszawa in Poland. The R.C. Church in Ujpest will also be doing the transport of shoeboxes to the other R.C. Churches in Romania and Sofia (Bulgaria)

**SHOEBOX CONTENTS:** sweets, wee toys, crayons, coffee, tea, can foodstuffs. (No shipment is allowed for liquids, medication, cigarettes and alcohol.) At the moment there are over 300 shoeboxes in storage, so if you are in need of a shoe box please reserve one with us. We would also kindly like to ask everyone planning to send a shoebox, to put contact details and postal address inside the box.

Thanking you for your time and support which is very much appreciated.

Shall, I say until our next newsletter?

Kind regards,  
Friends of Hungary