

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

Geoff & Marilyn Barrington encourage *Treasury* readers to put some Christmas goodwill into a shoebox and send it to a child in need! It is, they say *love in a box!*

When you start planning your Christmas this year, why not share some of the joy and fun? For hundreds of thousands of desperately needy children, there will be no Christmas coming at all in 2009 – unless you send it to them - in a shoebox! What a wonderful way to celebrate Christmas.

Even as you read this, tens of thousands of people throughout the UK are busy packing shoeboxes to send out through Operation Christmas Child. The shoeboxes are easy to fill, and the simple toys that they contain will impact the lives of destitute children in Eastern Europe and Africa this year.

Operation Christmas Child is a project run by Samaritan's Purse International, a Christian relief and development charity. Last year 1.23million needy children in Eastern Europe, the former Soviet Union and Africa received shoe-boxes from children, families and individuals in the UK. For many of the children who receive a shoebox it will be the first Christmas present they ever receive.

So how do you send Christmas to a child in a shoebox? It's easy! Simply take an empty shoebox, wrap it in gift paper (lid and box separately) and fill it with toys, educational supplies, hats and scarves and other items that will bring joy to a child's life.

Many of our churches take part,

and if you would like to contribute a box, contact us (see below) or visit www.samaritanspurse.uk.com for more information. In the last two years close to 6,500 churches have taken part in the UK and many people outside the church have offered help, including many schools.

There is a leaflet we can send you, full of ideas of what to put in the shoe box, plus an identifying label to stick on the front of your box and a donation envelope so that you can include the £2.50 per box required by Samaritan's Purse to cover the distribution, transport, processing and promotion costs. People take their wrapped and filled shoebox to a church on the Shoe-Box Celebration Service on a Sunday in November. To make an even bigger impact, why not involve your whole family, neighbours and friends and bring them all along to the church. There is also a DVD to show in the service.

Other people like to get involved in the driving of the lorries and the checking of the boxes. Some have taken the parcels to the children.

Operation Christmas Child is the world's largest children's Christmas project. This community project brings together churches, schools, groups and businesses throughout the UK in a wonderful way, and since 1990 the project has brought the real joy of Christmas to millions of boys and girls throughout the world. The shoeboxes are given unconditionally, regardless of nationality, political background or religious beliefs.

If you want more information or would like a presentation to be made at your church please contact: Geoff and Marilyn Barrington, (01656) 653150.

FROM OUR TIME



Officers of the General Assembly at Bethel, Newtown 1967

Mr Emrys Jones (Treasurer), Revd R. Leslie Jones (Minister of Bethel, Newtown), Revd Melville Jones (Clerk and Moderator-Elect), Revd Ieuan Phillips (Moderator 1965), Revd J. Price Williams (Moderator), Revd J. P. Davies (Retiring Moderator)

WELSH CHURCH NEWS

Prom Praise returns to Llandudno

This popular event that embraces a unique blend of live music, word and worship combining



the spirit of *Songs of Praise* and the world famous *Last Night of the Proms* will be held at Venue Cymru, Llandudno on Saturday, 19th September at 7.30pm. The host this year is former Bishop of Chester, Michael Baughen, and the guest soloist is to be David Erik Gross. Tickets range from £7 - £12 (including programme). Group booking discounts are available from 01492

872000. Any other information may be obtained by calling 01745 825779.

Former Minister and Missionary dies

Revd Glyndwr Jenkins, one of our missionaries in NE India and afterwards a minister in Rossett (Cheshire, Flint & Denbigh Presbytery), was called home on 14th August. Prior to living in retirement in Swansea Valley he was minister of Borras Park Evangelical Church, Wrexham. He continued to preach the Gospel he had faithfully proclaimed until he was in his nineties. One of his sons, Phil is an Associate Minister at Highfields, Cardiff.

NOTICE

Crescent Christian Centre, Newtown

The Inaugural Service in the refurbished building will be held on Friday, 11th September at 7pm when a sermon will be delivered by Revd Dr Elfed ap Nefydd Roberts (Wrexham).



Children listening to the story at Showstoppers (SU) Holiday Bible Club in the Gower Pastorate during the first week of the school holidays. In the afternoons they performed in a musical, Spoonfull of Disney.