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Transnistria

Anya and Vasya live with their grandmother in Transnistria. Their home is cold and damp and their grandmother struggles with alcoholism. They were delighted to get Christmas presents and Vasya especially loved all of the cars in his box!

Romania

Gabi and Raul are 12 & 9 years old. Their house is not connected to the sewerage network and they have no running water. Both of them are doing well in school, and their parents encourage them to study, as they said: "Education is the only way to escape poverty and to have a bright future".



Burkina Faso

Leonel is in Burkina Faso is 12. He speaks a little French, Dioula and Bwamu! His dream is to be an engineer but his mum can't afford to send him to school at the moment. He loved his Christmas Shoebox and everything in it!

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Ntokozo in Eswatini is 8 years old. He said he liked the water bottle in his Christmas Shoebox the most because it will help him to carry & drink fresh water.



Elio lives in Albania. He walks 90 minutes each way to school! He came all that way just to get his Christmas Shoebox too! He had the brightest smile in the room.

Eswatini: Bandile is 8 years old and lives with her ill mother and 5 siblings. She and her brothers and sisters work in the markets selling avocados after school. Her teacher mentioned that this gift will really help Bandile both in school and at home.

