



Asociația Neemia

Prayer Notes

August 2012

Summer temperatures remain in the high 30s C but more significant is the lack of adequate rain. Such rainfall as occurs is often sporadic, with one side of a village battered by short heavy showers that damage the crops whilst the other side receives none at all. All this has serious implications for food supplies during the coming winter, when scarcity and poor quality will raise prices once again.

During July, the office made donations of clothing, household goods, etc, to 112 households or institutions. These goods had a total value of £2,675. The equivalent figures for July 2011 were 117 and £1,631 respectively. Unfortunately, this year many people requesting food have had to be turned away empty-handed.

Give thanks for:

1. The resources necessary to be able to continue supplying needs in this area.
2. The safe arrival of a fresh load of aid items from the team in Swansea. This is the first consignment sourced, loaded and financed exclusively by the team there, and we praise God for the success of their efforts.
3. Despite the critical conditions elsewhere, the warehouse land is producing a viable crop of maize. We hope to mill it into flour for donation later in the year.
4. A further donation of Bibles, and the increasing level of interest in spiritual matters amongst our clientele, several of whom have been baptised recently.

Please pray for:

1. The political crisis in Romania, with various factions in the government being at loggerheads. The resulting ambiguity and insecurity are delaying provision of essential services. There are signs that voter frustrations are starting to turn into more direct action.
2. The return of normal weather patterns, so that those crops which have not been destroyed may recover in time to provide some food stocks for winter.
3. Elena Balan, has been in and out of hospital several times recently. She has said that she is ready to die, but she is concerned for her 14 year old grandson, Rares, for whom she is the sole provider.
4. Chiprian (7), his grandmother Stela died last week. She was his sole provider.

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The RoAF Prayer Meeting takes place at 8 pm on the second Tuesday of each month; the actual venue can vary so please check with Brian (01293 432026) or Sarah (01293 776161). However, you don't need to be in Horley to join in - just remember to pause and pray wherever you are at that time (or, indeed, at any other time). Below and overleaf we offer some prayer pointers, but please feel free to add your own items as they come to mind.

Prayer is our connection with the ultimate power source and, without prayer support, this work would achieve nothing.

Give thanks for:

1. The efforts of so many people in helping to collect, prepare and load items to send to Romania, and for those who provide financial and prayer support.
2. Thank God for His guidance and encouragement in this work, and for His 'just in time' provision which allows it to continue.

Please pray for:

1. Joy in a Box - the time is fast approaching when we need to start promoting this scheme again. In a time of austerity and donor fatigue we need to pray that many people will still think it worthwhile preparing these gifts for others in need.
2. Harvest collections - these are increasingly important sources of food, especially in the absence of the bulk consignments of previous years. Please pray that the RoAF team will be able publicise the needs effectively, and that many people will respond.
3. The Johnson family in Southend have been keen and generous supporters of RoAF for many years. Please pray for Johnny, who has been diagnosed with the return of a previous cancer and which is causing the family concern.
4. Jon Norman is one of the founders of RoAF. Please pray that God will give him confidence and encouragement as he too battles cancer.
5. Please pray for the forthcoming visits by Tom Jackson and Russ Boulton-Lear in September, bring more items from County Durham and Dyfed respectively.

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Working with Romanian people to bring **help** to the needy,

hope through the Christian message and **co-operation** through joint ventures

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