



## Asociația Neemia

### Prayer Notes

### December 2012

During November, AN made donations of clothing, household goods, etc, to 195 households or institutions. These goods had a total value of £4,663, averaging some £24 per beneficiary. The equivalent figures for the same month last year were 142 recipients, total value £2,842 and £20 per beneficiary respectively.

In addition to the goods donations, AN was able to make 17 sponsorship payments and 45 additional cash payments, together totalling some £900. This money comes from the proceeds of the shop and is given to families to help with medical expenses, energy bills and domestic emergencies.

#### Give thanks for:

1. The arrival of 3,000 Christmas boxes and other aid from donors in the UK.
2. The receipt of some 240 Christmas boxes from HCI in Dorohoi - these boxes were prepared by donors in Germany and this arrangement allows us to give Christmas boxes to families who visit the office during November.
3. The satisfactory repairs to the VW van, and the extraordinary provision of the £1,100 necessary to cover the costs.
4. The relatively mild weather which continued throughout November, reducing the need for heating and allowing work outside to continue. By contrast, so far December has been much more wintry, with wind and snow, which bodes well for next year's crops but which makes life more difficult in the meantime.

#### Please pray for:

1. The distribution of the shoeboxes and food in advance of Christmas - that the distribution may be fair and that those who receive these gifts may see the love of God in providing for them.
2. Safety for AN personnel as they drive and work in difficult weather conditions.
3. Many families who are being priced out of the energy market, and cannot afford to heat their homes or prepare hot food.
4. Sunday 9th December is election day. Please pray that the new government will recognise its responsibilities to the nation and all its people, and that it will not be distracted by political ambition or personal agenda.

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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 God's ultimate power source and, without prayer support, this work would achieve nothing.

#### Give thanks for:

1. A good turnout to help with the Christmas loading. As usual, these lorries seem big to start with but soon fill up as the teams get into swing.
2. Joy in a Box - a significant increase in the number of boxes this year. Many thanks to all those who prepared, packed and loaded shoeboxes.
3. Finance for the Christmas lorry was available in good time and we thank God for good progress towards the costs of the next lorry, in February.
4. Donations of food which will help many people this winter. 2012 was a poor year for crops and many families have not been able to store their usual reserves.

#### Please pray for:

1. Christmas is a season of heightened expectation and, often, disappointment. Pray that the spiritual dimension of the season will have special significance.
2. Since the early days of Joy in a Box we have benefited from help from Parcel-Force. Circumstances change, but pray that the company will continue to offer the support of past years.
3. Those planning to visit Dorohoi during the coming year, that they may gain a better understanding of what is being achieved and renew their own commitment.
4. There is always a good turnout on loading days but we need more people to get involved in the day to day operations of RoAF, in each of its locations. Pray that our pensioners can renew their strength and the younger ones can support them.

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

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