



Asociația Neemia Prayer Notes May 2016

The majority of Romanians celebrate Easter in accordance with the Orthodox church calendar which means that Easter Sunday falls on 1st May this year. There is a higher awareness of the meaning of Easter and for a few days the general greeting changes to “Hristos a Inviat” - ‘Christ is risen’. It is a time for family gatherings and special meals and, although the Orthodox context predominates, people are often more open to discussing the significance of the greeting.

Those who have the resources prepare traditional dishes (such as the salata de boeuf shown below) but there are still many households where this is difficult and we have had many requests for food in the period leading up to Easter.

Give thanks ...

1. That we have been able to seed the land at the warehouse and at the boys’ house with potatoes, onions and maize (see photo). These crops will be donated to needy households later in the year.
2. For good progress with the work at the boys’ house during the past month.

Please pray ...

1. For AN team members Valeria and Cornelius who are both on medical leave this month; this is having an adverse impact on the activities at the shop.
2. For adequate rainfall and good crops - water levels are well below normal.
3. That the outcome of the UK vote will not hinder our help for the needy here.



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RoAF is essentially a faith-based organisation that relies on prayer. 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 of lasting value.

The teams in Lampeter and Swansea have prepared another trailer-load of items, to be sent later this month. The load comprises some six tons of clothing and bedding, plus shoes, bicycles, mattresses and household items. We are grateful to those people in south and west Wales who have donated these items, and collaborated in getting the load under way.

RoAF’s activities in the UK are all undertaken by volunteers, giving of their time and often covering their own expenses to help those in need in Romania. By contrast, there is no similar pool of volunteers in Dorohoi and so the aid distribution is undertaken mainly by salaried staff. Expenses such as wages and vehicle operating costs are covered by the shop in Dorohoi, the lease of which is due to expire next April. The RoAF trustees have already put aside some two-thirds of the cost of purchasing the freehold, and we look forward to God’s provision of the rest. Finally, we have already received two separate enquiries about this year’s shoeboxes - perhaps it really is never too early to think about Christmas!

Give thanks ...

1. For the large quantity of new fleeces received by the Swansea team (photo).
2. For promises of knitwear and shoeboxes for next winter.
3. For the provision of funding that enables our work to continue.
4. For the positive resolution of a potential problem with the electricity supply at the Billingshurst warehouse.

Please pray ...

1. For the lorry and drivers due to leave Swansea on 13th May.
2. For the organisation of the loading of the lorries due to leave in June (from Billingshurst) and in July (Swansea).
3. Finances to ensure the ongoing transport of aid from the UK.
4. For those visiting Dorohoi this month - that both they and the AN team will be encouraged by their visits.

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