



Asociația Neemia

Prayer Notes

September 2016

It is the harvest season in this area of north east Romania; crops are being brought in and the land prepared for the next seeding. The rural panorama shows large combine harvesters and multi-gang ploughs transforming the appearance of the commercial holdings whilst one man and his horse move slowly back and forth on an adjacent single-hectare field. At evening they both go home, the combine dominating the road whilst the horse-drawn cart humbly moves over for other traffic. But who is happier - the rich man working to pay off his debt or the poor man exhausted by his day of manual labour?

Jesus Christ spoke of a similar contrast between two representatives of the society of his time (Luke ch 16). The rich man was not condemned because he was rich but because he was selfish and refused to share the blessings that he had received. Elsewhere, Jesus described the rewards for those who help the poor and the condemnation of those who do not (Matt ch 25).

In the relatively sophisticated west the significance of harvest has become obscured by the year-round supplies in supermarkets. However, there is an upside - supermarkets have surpluses and special offers so Harvest becomes an opportunity to help yourself at the same time as helping others!

Give thanks ...

1. For enough items in stock for us to continue giving help during the summer.
2. For a successful visit by Ben and Trudi Van Nes representing Kit-Aid, a charity which distributes used and surplus sports kit to local amateur teams.
3. For good progress on the construction of Casa Neemia, the new house for ten young men with orphanage backgrounds.
4. For a large quantity of potatoes and other vegetables from the garden at Casa Neemia, which will be donated to needy families during the next few weeks.

Please pray ...

1. For progress on Casa Neemia and the management challenges that will arise.
2. For more rain! Crops have been poorer and harvesting them harder due to the near-drought conditions experienced during the past two years.
3. That donors will continue to recognise the value of their generosity despite negative publicity surrounding the activities of a misrepresentative few.

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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 new season of aid preparation has begun. Our packing team at Horley Baptist Church has recommenced its Friday afternoon sessions, the Billingshurst warehouse will be open as usual on Saturday mornings and the Swansea team has already half-loaded the next lorry. Please contact your local co-ordinators (details on website) for further information if you would like to be involved.

Give thanks ...

1. For all those willing to give their time and effort to help people in need.
2. For financing which has allowed the transport of aid to resume as normal

Please pray ...

1. For the reinvigoration of the packing, warehousing and transport teams.
2. For the safe delivery of the load leaving Swansea at the end of this month.
3. For the Harvest appeal for help for those in need.

Three photos illustrating our August activities:

New footwear for a workman ~ Kit-Aid recipients ~ Fruitful gardening



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