



Asociația Neemia

Prayer Notes
January 2017

Like the UK and the USA, Romania moves into the new year with a new government that the pundits would not have anticipated a year ago. Last month's election returned a party that has, historically, been more aware of the needs of the ordinary people of the country, and already a reduction in the price of domestic electricity has come into force. It is not a large reduction - some 2% - and it remains to be seen how long it lasts but for a household struggling to meet their bills it does represent a few extra loaves of bread. Help with electricity bills, gas bottles and wood for heating has once again been a significant expense for AN during the past year - some £2,000 has been used to help people with these bills.

A major activity during December each year is the distribution of Christmas gift boxes to needy households registered with AN and to kindergartens and churches in the poorer areas around Dorohoi. Our task was somewhat easier this year due to the high standard of boxes received and the appropriate mix of age groups, and to the pre-sorting of boxes undertaken in the UK prior to dispatch. Our compliments and thanks to all those who donated and prepared the boxes. There are photos of the boxes being donated in our online gallery.

The land at the warehouse has been ploughed in anticipation of the new growing season. Each year the land produces a crop, usually maize and sunflowers in rotation, which is then milled and donated to the families who are registered for help.

Give thanks ...

1. for healthy stocks of basic foods, woollen blankets and knitwear which will help to keep people warm during this colder period.
2. for over 3,000 gift boxes which were distributed in time for Christmas.
3. for a good crop of maize from our land, despite the poor growing season.

Please pray ...

1. for a more effective outreach to the majority of people who see AN solely as a provider of material goods.
2. that the new Romanian government will discharge its duties with integrity and concern for all the country's residents.

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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.

"16, going on 17" may describe the changes in the calendar but 24 going on 25 more accurately reflects the quarter-century of our concern for the people of north-eastern Romania. Throughout this time, God has provided all that we have needed and we can entrust the future to Him too.

Give thanks ...

1. for the generosity, dedication and hard work of many people resulting in over 100 tons of goods being sent by the RoAF teams during 2016.
2. for those who have committed themselves to continuing to help in 2017.

Please pray ...

1. for God's guidance as we seek to understand His will for the coming year.
2. for the correct choice of cargo for the next lorry later this month.

This month's photos ...

A delivery of food ~ Anticipating Spring ~ Ionut gets a present



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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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