



## Asociația Neemia

Prayer Notes

August 2017

AN has acquired ownership of our shop premises in Dorohoi. A combination of bequests and donations from RoAF supporters has allowed us to redeem the freehold and thereby achieve longer-term security for the work that AN is doing. The freehold was previously offered for sale some 11 years ago, and we are grateful to Richard and Linda Burgess for stepping in to prevent a third party from taking control of the shop then.

AN has some 3,000 registered beneficiary households and distributes over 100 tons of aid each year. An operation on this scale requires staffing and facilities, and the shop is an effective way of funding AN's day to day activities. The shop also generates a surplus which is used to provide cash payments towards family expenses, such as medical costs, electricity bills, school fees, etc. In 2016 these payments averaged some £700 per month.

The shop sells a proportion of the aid items that AN receives. This proportion is governed by statute to a maximum of 15% of the value of goods received. (The actual figure for 2016 was 13%.) The shop does not sell any food, hand knitted garments or designated gifts, or any items where the donor has specifically requested direct donation. The shop is run in a professional and friendly way and has a loyal clientèle, some of whom travel from 25 miles away on "new stock" days.

The premises are also used for the sorting and packing of aid for those families who have registered their needs with AN. These packages are then transferred to the office for collection by those families. In short, the shop is an essential cog in the process of providing help to the needy, and we thank God for this step towards maintaining continuity of service.

### Give thanks ...

1. For those whose bequests and donations have allowed AN to purchase the freehold of the shop.

### Please pray ...

1. For imminent decisions about the first residents of Casa Neemia. As we get to know the boys better those decisions become more daunting!
2. For a resolution of paperwork problems relating to aid that AN is storing pending onward transmittal to Ukraine.

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## The Romanian Aid Foundation

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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 Horley team is taking a break during August; Friday packing will resume on 8<sup>th</sup> September and the Billingshurst warehouse is closed for deliveries (except by arrangement) until 9<sup>th</sup> September. At Llantrisant, Paul will be doing a 'stock take' but otherwise will be operating as usual.

The next lorries are pencilled in for October when, hopefully, they will carry the first tranche of this year's Christmas gift boxes.

### Give thanks ...

1. For the bulk supplies of wheel chairs and other medical aids – these are awkward to store and load but are in great demand in Dorohoi.
2. For a resolution of the transport arrangements in south Wales.

### Please pray ...

1. For those groups from Reigate and from Paisley who will be visiting Dorohoi during this month.

### This month's photos feature the shop ...

An attractive frontage ~ A loyal clientèle ~ Preparing donations



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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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