



Asociația Neemia

Prayer Notes
April 2018

The allure of Spring disappeared very quickly. There was just enough time for small plants to bud and birds to start their nesting when winter returned. Official records show that temperatures dropped 20C in 24 hours and we had the deepest and longest continuous snowfall of the winter which itself followed a week of almost constant rain. However, these are showers of blessing and without them the prospects for good crops later in the year would be much less.

The promise of a large donation of seeds from south Wales brings encouragement to those whose livelihoods are dependent upon the success of their gardens. A limited range of common vegetable seeds is available locally but they can be expensive. The introduction of different varieties gives interest to the gardening and adds diversity in the household diet.

Of course, Romania is not alone in experiencing severe conditions this year and we are grateful to those who braved wind, rain and snow to ensure that our lorries were loaded efficiently. Thanks, too, to the drivers who would no doubt prefer to be settled in front of a nice log fire.

Last month we mentioned the plight of Marcel who has to walk between the two schools where he has responsibilities, and we expressed the hope that we might be able to provide a bicycle for him in due course. We are happy to report that a bike designated for him has arrived, less than two weeks after publishing his need. Another demonstration of the generosity of our supporters and another opportunity to witness God's timing.

Give thanks ...

1. For the safe delivery of goods from Billingshurst despite the severe weather conditions across Europe.
2. The resources to complete another two rooms at Casa Neemia.
3. For the miracle of the arrival of the bike for Marcel.

Please pray ...

1. About a proposal to give more emphasis to the pastoral aspects of our work, possibly by the appointment of a person with appropriate skills.
2. About the rapid rises in food and energy prices which are causing difficulties for many of those that we are helping.

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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.

They can't lift heavy boxes and they can't afford to sponsor lorries but all across England and Wales there groups of ladies who let their figures do the working – these are our Great Knits, whose endeavours have provided warmth and comfort for many families during the winter. In addition to the scarves, jumpers and blankets, knitted squares are popular with those who may not have the skill or time to make complete items.

Give thanks ...

1. For those who use their hobbies to help us to help to those in need.
2. For those who endured adverse weather in order to load our lorries.

Please pray ...

1. For the lorry from south Wales which will be en-route when these Notes are published.
2. For strength for those of our supporters who have longer-term illnesses.

This month's photos look at knitting...

Knitted blankets ~

Bumble bee

~ Knitting therapy



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