



Asociația Neemia

Prayer Notes
December 2018

The AN team is now entering our busiest time of the year, which also coincides with the onset of bad weather and difficult working conditions. The main occupation is the checking, sorting and distribution of the Christmas shoeboxes.

The giftboxes have to be inspected to check for the suitability of the contents for the age and gender of the intended recipient, and for a sufficient diversity in the contents. These are intended as Christmas gifts so toys and sweets need to be present alongside any other items and, of course, the box has to be reasonably full. A large box that is half-full will be disappointing even if its content amounts to more than that of a smaller well-packed box. Fortunately, many of the boxes come already inspected and well-labelled and we are extremely grateful for that. For the rest, we have stocks of sweets, toys and stationery that can be used to supplement the donated contents.

Shoeboxes are distributed to children in kindergartens and churches, and to our registered needy families and individuals. Many of the families will come to the office for boxes and it is necessary to be wary of excessive or duplicated demands. Representatives from kindergartens and churches will submit requests for a certain number of boxes but since there is rarely enough to satisfy everybody we need to exercise a degree of discretion in responding to these requests.

Those who receive these boxes are grateful for the effort that goes into preparing them and despite the difficulties we are pleased to be able to help bring some joy into many lives at Christmas

Give thanks ...

1. For the safe and prompt delivery of this year's final load.
2. For a generous quantity of assorted groceries which will be used in addition to our stocks of oil and rice to help people during the winter.

Please pray ...

1. For discretion in the allocation of Christmas shoeboxes and for safety in the travelling involved in their distribution.
2. That those receiving boxes will see the deeper meaning of Christmas.

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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 final lorry for this year has been dispatched from Billingshurst but the work has not finished. Items continue to arrive and the packing teams resume their work as soon as each lorry leaves. However, they will be having a short break over the Christmas and New Year period, when they will renew their strength for the coming year's activity.

Give thanks ...

1. For all those who have contributed to the 74 tons of clothing, food and other items that have been sent to Romania by our teams during this year.
2. That RoAF has been a channel of blessing for so many people this year.
3. For a substantial quantity of goods ready for dispatch in mid-January.

Please pray ...

1. That some clarity will be forthcoming from the current Brexit debate, so that our teams can make their transport plans with confidence.

This month's photos ...

Transfer to Romania ~ Checking and Selection ~ Delivery to a family



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