



## Asociația Neemia

Prayer Notes  
December 2019

Early last month we were shocked and deeply saddened to hear of the death of Costel Punga aged 30. Costel was one of our “ex-orphanage boys” who enjoyed working hard and was a great help with the more manual aspects of AN’s work. Photos of him at work appeared quite frequently in our publications, most recently in last month’s edition of these Notes when he was helping to unload the sunflower seeds. He will be sorely missed by those of us who became his substitute family.

Officially, Costel was regarded as having no fixed abode. This is a situation that affects many young people with similar backgrounds and makes it difficult for them to get access to state services.

One notable event of the coming month is the distribution of Christmas gift boxes. We have been doing this for some twenty years and, since January 2011 (when detailed records began) we have given out a total of over 18,000 boxes. Our thanks go to those to have donated these boxes and to those who check, pack and label them so diligently. Whilst it would be fair to say that the number of people who receive nothing else at Christmas is much less than when we started, nonetheless the boxes still bring joy to the faces of those who receive them.

Many rural kindergartens have a period during the final week of November when the children are encouraged to visit some of the elderly or disadvantaged in their village. They may take groceries, simple household necessities and some flowers, and sing to those they visit. AN has been able to contribute to those gifts from the supplies that we receive.

### Give thanks ...

1. For the safe arrival of another load of helpful items.
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 those mourning the sudden departure of a friend.
2. For safety in travel – the first snow of the season has already brought some stranded trucks and minor shunts.
3. For wisdom in managing expectations that exceed available resources.

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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.

Once again thanks are due to all those who helped to prepare and load the latest lorry from Billingshurst. Enough material remains to give a start to next year’s loads and the Horley-based team will be taking a break over Christmas. Rumour has it that the south Wales team does not understand the concept of a break and will continue to be active!

### Give thanks ...

1. For the safe dispatch of the final lorry for 2019 – 2020 is not far behind!
2. For those who have contributed gift boxes for Christmas.
3. For a total of 84 tons of aid items sent by our UK teams during 2019.

### Please pray ...

1. For God’s guidance in our planning for the coming year.
2. For preparations for the next lorry - 11<sup>th</sup> January from Billingshurst.
3. For the security of our warehouse stocks during the winter weather.

### This month’s photos ...

In Memoriam ~

Securing the Load ~

Children’s Visit



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hope through the Christian message and co-operation through joint ventures.

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