

Asociația Neemia

Prayer Notes February 2020

In rural Romania some 95% of households (and 25% of schools) are heated with wood. Due to environmental concerns, firewood is becoming increasingly difficult to obtain legally but, as a result of specific sponsorship, we were once again able to acquire a supply of firewood from a legitimate source and distribute it to some families who were unable to obtain their own.

However, this form of heating does come with its risks. AN has, on a number of occasions, been asked to provide emergency help for those who have suffered house fires. Most recently, at the end of January, two of our regular beneficiary households who both had lodgings in one house were rendered homeless by a fire which destroyed a major part of the premises. For one of them, it was the second time that a fire in a shared building had made him homeless, through no fault of his own. It is in these situations that stocks of bedding and clothing, plus essential household items, prove their worth. We cannot replace all that has been lost but we can at least help with immediate needs.

The dates for this year's children's camp have been decided. It will take place from 15th to 20th June, the first week of the summer holidays, and space for 40 children has been booked. As in previous years, this opportunity of a holiday is likely to be over-subscribed and it will be necessary to exercise some discretion in selecting the children and also the young people who will act as group leaders.

Give thanks ...

- 1. For stocks of essential items with which to respond to emergencies.
- 2. For those young men like 'T' who have responded well to the stability offered by Casa Neemia.
- 3. For the food which has been a major part of our winter donations.

Please pray ...

- 1. For those households who have been made homeless due to house fires.
- 2. For a young man, 'M', whose erratic behaviour is undermining his desire to become an accepted member of society.
- 3. For those building relationships with the residents of Casa Neemia.

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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.

For the 'first time in living memory' the Horley team has managed to achieve an empty warehouse – well nearly. There was a suggestion about using the space in a more orderly fashion but, as with most new years resolutions, that remains to be seen. Such is the generosity of our donors that by the time that you read this the team will have started to restock.

Give thanks ...

- 1. For the achievement of an empty warehouse and the confidence that it will not stay that way for long.
- 2. For those who continue to donate, both in bulk and on a smaller scale.
- 3. For confirmation of funding for this year's camp.

Please pray ...

1. For guidance in what items can be accepted in what may become a more stringent customs inspection regime.

still some space

insufficient space

This month's photos ...

plenty of space ~

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