



## Asociația Neemia

### Prayer Notes

### July 2016

Temperatures have been very hot recently - around 95F in the mid-day shade - and there have been many heavy storms in the past few weeks. The latter have provided the rain that was missing from last year's growing season and together with the warm soil have provided ideal conditions. There should be a good harvest for the large commercial farms (photo) that are geared up for it but for the small-scale subsistence farmer the heat and the storms have made work difficult. The summer months are also a good time for casual employment in construction or as agricultural labourers. Many people who have no regular income need to use this time to earn a bit of cash to help them through the coming winter.

#### Give thanks ...

1. For good growing conditions and opportunities for casual employment.
2. For recent deliveries of aid, which arrived as stocks were getting low (photo).
3. For a large donation of printer paper, which will reduce administration costs.

#### Please pray ...

1. For those children who have been to the camp, that they may have happy memories of the holiday and return with something to think about (photo).
2. About the future direction for AN and RoAF, not only post-Brexit but also in the context of the balance between our humanitarian and spiritual objectives.
3. About on-going problems with the vehicles that AN needs for its work.



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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.

So the vote has been cast, the outcome is known but the longer-term effects have yet to become apparent. The allures of established free trade will carry a great deal of weight in the decisions that will be made in due course, and certainly our first lorry 'post-vote' met no major hurdles at the border crossings. However, the needy in Romania do not have the chance to opt out of their situation. The benefits of EU membership have been enjoyed by the political classes and business leaders but at the expense of higher prices and a lower quality of life for those who are less privileged. For those with the initiative and resources there is the opportunity to head west in search of a better future but for the remainder there is little hope for improvements in the short term.

Please note that our packing teams will be taking a break during August. The drop boxes will be emptied as usual but warehouse opening times may vary. Please contact your local co-ordinators (details on website) for further information

#### Give thanks ...

1. For the safe delivery of two loads of aid items, from Billingshurst at the end of June and from Swansea in the last week.
2. For stocks that are building up again, anticipating that there will be loads ready for dispatch in September and October.
3. For those whose generosity has covered the costs of this year's camp.
4. For new contacts who have expressed an interest in the work of RoAF and AN.

#### Please pray ...

1. About the relationship between the UK and the other countries of the EU, especially with regard to any implications for the free movement of aid items.
2. That the beneficiaries in Romania may understand and appreciate the effort that goes into preparing these loads, and the spiritual motivation behind it.
3. For guidance as RoAF adjusts to meet the new challenges ahead.

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