

Asociația Neemia

Prayer Notes February 2017

At first sight, February appears to be something of a boring month - it lacks the highlights of Christmas and New Year, and its chilly fogs do not carry the mellow fruitfulness of their autumn counterparts. On the other hand, for those with a monthly-based income, it does represent better value in terms of days per pound, even if it cannot quite decide how long to stick around.

All is not gloom however. Over 300 of our beneficiaries have their birthdays in February, as do some of our supporters. One such Februarian is Robert Norman who has joined the wider ex-pat team in Dorohoi. Robert is supported by his home church in Dingwall, Scotland, and his role will be to provide spiritual encouragement for young people in the town and for those of our beneficiaries who request his assistance. Prior to moving to Dorohoi, Robert spent two years elsewhere in Romania and is familiar with the language and culture. He has already started to get to know the young people at Dorohoi Baptist Church and is building his relationships with our 'ex-orphanage boys'.

Outside, the wintry conditions continue with fluctuating temperatures bringing floods as well as further snowfalls and making moving about difficult. As something to look forward to, we have received confirmation of sponsorship for a repeat of the children's summer camp. This year's camp has been booked for the final week of June, when the temperature could well be some 30C higher than this month.

Give thanks ...

- 1. for the safe arrival of another load of clothing, bedding and other items.
- 2. for a break in the weather which gave us the opportunity to prepare last year's maize crop ready for milling into flour for donation.
- 3. for good stocks of food which allow us to continue helping those in need.

Please pray ...

- 1. for those children who will be attending this year's summer camp.
- 2. for Robert as he builds relationships with the youth in Dorohoi.
- 3. for political stability in Romania after wide-spread protests against the government's mis-handling of a prison over-crowding problem.

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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.

Our 'Review of 2016' and the 'Joy in a Box' photo-leaflet are now available on our website. Those who read these notes online can follow the links directly whilst printed copies can obtained via our local co-ordinators. Many thanks to all those who contributed to these achievements.

Give thanks ...

- 1. for those who prepared and dispatched this year's first load of aid.
- 2. for the commitments given by so many people to carry the work forward during the current year.
- 3. for the development of personal contacts facilitated by RoAF and AN.

Please pray ...

- 1. for the continuity of transport arrangements during this year.
- 2. for success in the search for additional trustees for RoAF.
- 3. for those taking over new organisational responsibilities this year.

This month's photos ...

Robert Norman ... Preparing to mill the maize ... The work goes on



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Working with Romanian people to bring help to the needy,
hope through the Christian message and co-operation through joint ventures.

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