



Asociația Neemia

Prayer Notes
January 2018

The New Year optimism of this time last year has passed the way of so many New Year resolutions. Increased prices all round and the delayed impacts of excess spending on 'Black Friday' and Christmas are by no means unique to Romania but a further rise in the minimum wage will result in adverse effects for those households without a salaried income. It also has implications for AN as we have only limited options for increasing the shop-based receipts that fund our regular activities.

On the plus side, the winter has, so far, been warmer than the seasonal expectation and this has reduced the requirement for heating fuels. In co-operation with the Centre of Hope, we were able to distribute some firewood to a small number of families, but not on the scale of previous years. However, a prolonged lack of precipitation can lead to drought problems and poor crops later in the year.

The annual distribution of Christmas gift boxes went well, helped once again by the quality of the boxes and their pre-preparation in the UK prior to dispatch. Some management of expectations was required but in all some 2,000 boxes were given out this year. Many thanks to donors and packers alike.

Four residents enjoyed a warm and secure Christmas at Casa Neemia where they are trying out the facilities and identifying the snags prior to formal completion later this year. Six more bedrooms and some communal areas remain to be decorated and furnished in the next few months.

Give thanks ...

1. For God's provision, just in time, throughout the past year.
2. For good stocks of food, including oil, rice and flour, which will last much of the remaining winter.
3. For the fine quality knitwear that we have ready for the winter period.

Please pray ...

1. For wisdom in dealing with the inevitable challenges coming this year.
2. For the final funding to complete the first phase of Casa Neemia.
3. That the north-east of Romania will not be bypassed by the economic benefits being observed elsewhere in the country.

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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.

Despite anticipating a short break our teams have continued to receive donations during the months since their respective 'last lorries of the year'. Both main depots report 'about half a load' ready for dispatch and we anticipate a fairly rapid increase in stocks in the next few months. More hands on deck, please!

Give thanks ...

1. For safety and encouragement during our activities of the past year.
2. For a solution to the defective forklift problem at the Swansea depot.
3. For those who have promised to continue their support during 2018.

Please pray ...

1. For each of our packers – every one is a year older and for some that has implications for continuing their physical involvement.
2. For those deciding this year's lorry programme.

This month's photos look at boxes ...

Christmas Shoebox

~ Donated Food

~ Personal Gifts



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