



## Asociația Neemia

Prayer Notes  
September 2019

In contrast to the first week of August when there is an influx of Romania expats returning home, the final weekend of the month sees their departure for foreign parts and a degree of relative calmness and normality returns. The summer peak in construction activity is past but local people can continue to build for several more months. Many poorer families are dependent on the earnings from casual work so they value the chance to earn a bit more money before the end of the season.

The end of the holiday period also introduces the need to prepare for the coming winter. Agricultural work will continue for a while but once the harvest is brought in most of the effort will go to preparing for next year's growing season. This is mainly a mechanical process, using implements drawn by tractors or horses, and so does not offer the intensity of manual labour that casual labourers need. This year the situation is compounded by a lack of rain at a critical time prior to harvest. Too much rain makes the ground impassable by machinery but too little stunts the growth of the crops as well as making the ground too hard to work.

September also brings the start of a new school year. We expect to receive many requests for help with the essentials – uniforms, stationery and bus fares. Fortunately we have good supplies of appropriate clothing as well as exercise books, pens, paper, etc, which have been sent earlier in the year, plus we have some classroom equipment suitable for donation to kindergartens.

### Give thanks ...

1. For a good stock of 'back to school' items ready for the new academic year.
2. Generous support for individual families, both via our designated gift box scheme and via managed sponsorships.

### Please pray ...

1. For an end to the drought in north-east Romania which is threatening to compromise this year's crops.
2. For reassurance for our staff during the current time of uncertainty.
3. For four-year-old Samira who continues to be very ill with cancer.

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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.

As with many businesses and organisations that operate on both sides of the Channel, we await the outcome of the Brexit process with a certain degree of disquiet. The transport of aid is not likely to be high up on the list of matters to be resolved but God is in control and his blessing on this work is obvious so we can be quietly confident about the eventual outcome.

### Give thanks ...

1. For good stocks of items awaiting transport to Dorohoi and the opportunity to send an extra load this month
2. For the continuity of funding which allows the lorries to keep rolling.

### Please pray ...

1. For the combined load from west Wales and Billingshurst leaving on 7<sup>th</sup> September.
2. For a clear understanding of how Brexit will affect our aid deliveries.

### This month's photos ...

Items awaiting transport ~ Recipient family ~ Preparing for Autumn



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