



## Asociația Neemia

Prayer Notes  
November 2021

Romania continues to be in the grip of the COVID pandemic. Official figures published at the end of October showed an infection rate of 10.6 per 1,000 residents (the UK equivalent was shown as 8.5). These are national figures; areas of greater population density are generally higher. There is widespread scepticism about vaccines and, in the absence of a stable government, it is left to local authorities to enforce such restrictions as they think appropriate. Additionally, the concentration on COVID has diverted resources from treating other health conditions. Several people known personally to members of the AN team have died recently.

In addition to the health crisis, Romania is experiencing severe economic problems. Food is plentiful after the harvest but it is becoming increasingly expensive, with some items now costing 50% more than last year. Energy prices are out of control and unemployment is rising. These factors combine to ensure that there is no shortage of people asking AN for help. We are grateful for the loads received recently and are in a good position to help people with clothing and other household essentials. We can offer food including rice sent by the team in Wales and other food items acquired locally but firewood - essential for most rural households - has become difficult to obtain legally.

Not surprisingly, there are many requests for financial assistance. Items for donation remain free of taxes but items that are intended for the shop now incur an import duty. This, together with increases in AN's own operating costs, means that our ability to help is very limited.

### Give thanks ...

1. For the replenishment of stocks of winter clothing, just in time.
2. For continued co-operation with other local organisations.

### Please pray ...

1. For our staff as their workload increases during the winter months, and whilst they are having to comply with diverse restrictions.
2. For those of our acquaintance who have been bereaved this month.
3. For a stable government that will address the health issues and the economic problems currently facing Romania.

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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.

A load has been dispatched from the Swansea warehouse and preparations are well in hand for a second load to be dispatched from Billingshurst in the near future. This load will be a joint venture between the English and Welsh teams. The procedures for sending aid seem to have stabilised now and we anticipate more frequent loads next year.

RoAF is one of the charities supported by this year's Harvest service at Horley Baptist Church. We are grateful for the donations received and for an opportunity to publicise the ongoing needs in Romania.

### Give thanks ...

1. For the successful delivery of this year's first load from Swansea.
2. That packing and warehousing can continue within the restrictions.

### Please pray ...

1. About plans for a further load before Christmas.

### This month's photos ...



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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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