

## Asociația Neemia

### Prayer Notes August 2016

July and August are holiday months - actually the school holidays last for some 90 days, traditionally so that the children can help bring in the family harvest. In practice, very few children now have this duty and those families who can will try to fit in a trip to the seaside. Conversely, it is also the season when many expat Romanians come 'home' to visit family and to continue work on their project houses. It is a good time for purveyors of construction materials and home improvements, and is an opportunity for local handymen to cash in on their skills.

For some of our beneficiaries too, it is time to improve their conditions and we have frequent requests for tools or paint, or for help with the costs of buying some cement or roofing panels. For the majority their needs are more basic: help with food, fuel, medical costs and rent, plus the goods that we supply in kind - clothing, bedding, bicycles, household items, pushchairs, etc. During July we were able to respond to 88 requests for cash help (totalling some £750) and gave out goods to a value of some £11,000. The goods and cash come, essentially, as result of the efforts and generosity of many people in different parts of the UK, co-ordinated by RoAF's centres in Horley, Lampeter and Swansea. On behalf of our beneficiaries, the AN team would like to thank you all for your interest and support.

#### Give thanks ...

- 1. For a generous donation, by a local installer, of solar panels and related control equipment for use at Casa Neemia.
- 2. For positive feed-back from those who attended the children's camp this year.
- 3. For a small surplus of income which has allowed us to help people with more than just the necessities of life.
- 4. For a large quantity of vegetables from the garden at Casa Neemia, which have been donated to needy families.

#### Please pray ...

- 1. For AN team member Valeria who has acute DVT-like symptoms and cannot stand or sit for long periods, making hospital visits very painful.
- 2. For guidance as to how best to work with a young evangelist from Scotland who will be moving to Dorohoi shortly.
- 3. For progress on Casa Neemia and the management challenges that will arise.

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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.

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 additional donations towards the work on Casa Neemia, the new house for ex-orphanage boys. Several of the prospective residents are taking a keen interest in its development and regularly turn up to help at the site.
- 2. For a new offer of sponsorship for the Bibles that AN gives to those who show an interest in receiving one.

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- 1. For decisions about the timing of lorry departures during the autumn
- 2. For two new Churches that have expressed an interest in the work in Dorohoi.

Three photos illustrating work at Casa Neemia during the past month: getting plastered digging-in knowing your onions.







The Romanian Aid Foundation and Asociatia Neemia

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