



Asociația Neemia

Prayer Notes

October 2016

The new school year has begun and, as usual, there is the usual scramble to be ready. School buildings need to be fumigated and cleaned, teachers allocated to classes and mountains of paperwork to be prepared. (They have had three months to do this but it all happens in the last week.) By contrast, the pupils have a relatively easy start to the new term - just provide some stationery, get some clothes corresponding to the uniform and turn up. But it is not necessarily so simple - classes may be over-subscribed and have to operate two sessions per day, or so under-subscribed that two or three academic years are merged into one. But surely the uniform and the stationery do not present much of a problem?

Last month, a financial analysis found that some 35% of households in this region have incomes below the official poverty level, whilst World Vision recently indicated that in rural areas almost one third of families with children don't have enough income for day-to-day living expenses. Uniforms and stationery do not get a high priority in many households.

Fortunately, AN has good stocks of new uniform-style shirts, trousers and skirts, and in addition to the stationery received from the UK we have received some sponsorship to cover the costs of providing what these pupils need. Education is key to ending the cycle of economic depression in these needy households, and we convey their thanks to the supporters who make these donations possible.

Give thanks ...

1. For a new consignment of aid items which has arrived safely from the UK.
2. For our stock of uniforms and stationery for pupils plus paper and other craft materials for direct donation to schools.
3. For a good crop of maize at the warehouse, despite the drought. This will be milled into flour and donated to needy families during the winter.

Please pray ...

1. For those of our supporters who will be visiting Dorohoi this month.
2. For continuing progress with Casa Neemia - installing the electrical and plumbing systems seems very slow compared with erecting the structure itself.
3. That the beneficiaries in Romania may understand and appreciate the effort that goes into making this help available, and the spiritual motivation behind it.

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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.

Christmas is coming so that means shoe-box time again. Simple gifts, presented in a decorated shoe-box still bring joy at Christmas time to children and lonely people who might not have any other reason to celebrate this special season. You can help - the RoAF teams have all the details - just remember that your boxes need to be ready by mid-November this year.

Give thanks ...

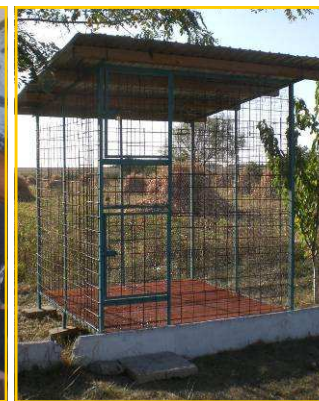
1. For the lorry drivers and loading team who stepped in at short notice to ensure that the recent load left Billingshurst in good time.
2. For the various groups throughout the UK who have contributed to this load.

Please pray ...

1. For the transport due to leave west Wales in a couple of weeks' time. These journeys are not always straight-forward; each safe arrival is a blessing from God.

Three photos illustrating our activities during September:

Back to school stationery ~ New store for maize ~ Spaghetti at Casa Neemia



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hope through the Christian message and **co-operation** through joint ventures

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