

Asociația Neemia

Prayer Notes July 2017

School is out! Romanian pupils now have 80 days in which to travel the world (and some of them do) but for many in the Dorohoi area the highlight of the holiday is their time away at a camp in the mountains near Voronet. Once again the children have had a good time, with relatively few problems although when 40+ excited children get to go away for a few days then don't count on a quiet uneventful time!

After two years of relatively cooler and dry summer weather, the normal summer conditions have returned. Hot temperatures often near to +40C plus dry winds make life uncomfortable and represent a threat to those who are elderly or infirm. The same conditions generate thunderstorms and heavy rain which damages crops and does little to relieve the parched ground. It is ironic that this is the time of year when we receive most of our winter clothing, but it is good to have it ready for later in the year.

Work at Casa Neemia is progressing well, with the first two bedrooms nearly ready. The solar panels are providing hot water at 70C and some of the boys working in the garden have already enjoyed the pleasures of a shower after their efforts. As the time for occupation of the house draws near the emphasis moves from construction to management, including choosing the 'likely lads' and setting the house rules. We tend to think of these young men as an homogeneous group, but that is certainly not the case - each individual has his unique characteristics and (occasionally conflicting) personality; this will be a challenge for the new community.

Give thanks ...

- 1. For a successful camp, and those sponsors and organisers who helped make it happen.
- 2. For another load of goodies (including knitwear and blankets!) that arrived from Billingshurst at the end of June.

Please pray ...

- 1. For those children who took an interest in the spiritual activities during their time at the camp.
- 2. For those who will have the responsibilities of choosing which young men will be living in the new house, and how they will be managed.

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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.

RoAF has three new Trustees. Steve Flegg, Howard Redwood and Brian Gawn have joined Roger Kidd and Jane Inman in taking responsibility for guiding RoAF's activities through the challenging times ahead.

Steve works for ParcelForce and has a background in logistics; he has supported RoAF's activities for some 18 years to date. Howard comes from a family with a long history of supporting RoAF; he is very 'hands-on' and takes pleasure in seeing that things get done. Brian has a background in aircraft engineering and has been an active supporter of both RoAF and GLIA since their respective beginnings.

Please pray ...

- 1. For the Trustees as they seek to take RoAF forwards through changing circumstances; especially as we await the outcome of Brexit.
- 2. For those groups preparing to visit Dorohoi during the summer.

This month's photos ...

Steve Flegg ~ Howard Redwood ~ Brian Gawn

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