

Asociația Neemia

Prayer Notes
November 2017

EU policies designed to protect Romania's forests have led to a shortage of firewood this year and prices have risen. This will have severe impacts on the many households that rely on wood for cooking and for winter heating. AN has not been able to repeat the practice of previous years of donating firewood to needy families and we anticipate that this will lead to an increase in the number of families seeking help with electricity bills and gas bottle purchases.

At Casa Neemia: the priority has been on final preparations for residents to move in. The last jobs before the outside construction season ends are the laying of footpaths and the installation of balustrades to the balconies; these tasks are now substantially complete. The first resident, Elena, has already moved into one of the lower rooms and started in her role of caretaker. She has agreed to take care of the communal areas - kitchen, living, hall - and indeed has already demonstrated her ability to make sure all is well looked after. It may come as a surprise that the first resident is female but she comes highly recommended both as a competent custodian and as a potential stabilising influence. She is 27 and grew up in care, alongside many boys and is quite capable of looking after herself and making sure the other residents keep the house rules too.

Evenings are getting dark and winter is nearly upon us, and the requests for warm clothing increase. The yellow jackets are particularly popular – mainly for their warmth rather than any road safety benefit!

Give thanks ...

1. For good stocks of warm winter clothing and bedding.
2. For the donated food which will replenish our stocks and enable us to continue our support of households in need.
3. For the location of spare parts that will help keep the Kangoo running.

Please pray ...

1. For decisions about the choice of further residents for Casa Neemia.
2. For the distribution of Christmas shoeboxes – a reduction in the overall number means that there will not be enough for all who want them.
3. For the resilience of our staff during a busy and difficult time of year.

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RoAF is essentially a faith-based organisation that relies on prayer. Prayer is our connection with God's ultimate power source and, without prayer support, this work would achieve nothing of lasting value. This month sees 25 years since Jon and Richard's first venture into delivering aid to northern Romania. Like most of the early trips, it was envisaged as a one-off, but this month will also see the 8th and 9th lorries for this year alone. Typically, over 10 tons of aid is carried on each lorry, meaning that since consistent records started in 2007 over 1,100 tons of aid valued at over £1 million has been taken to north-eastern Romania

Give thanks ...

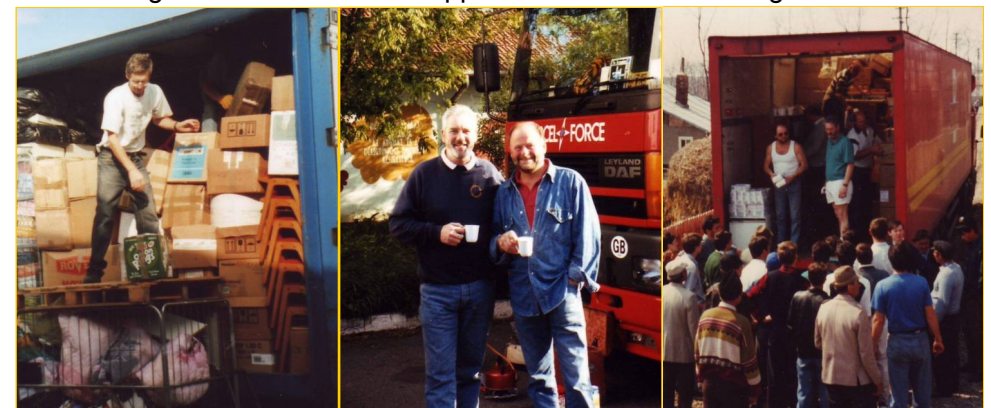
1. For God's provision for all the needs of the past 25 years, despite the vagaries of warehousing, vehicles, road conditions and border crossings.
2. For all those who are or have been involved – collecting, packing, driving, distributing, sponsoring, praying – all valuable contributions.

Please pray ...

1. That a spiritual harvest might one day arise from the hearts of the people that we have been helping in God's name.
2. For God's guidance in the future of these activities.

This month's photos come from the archives...

Loading at Salfords ~ A cuppa en-route ~ A village event



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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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