

Asociația Neemia

Prayer Notes March 2018

The first day of March is generally considered to be the first day of Spring but this year has been the coldest start to Spring on record and it is somewhat disconcerting when a TV weather presenter describes minus 8C as "warm". It will come as no surprise to hear that the past few weeks have not been conducive to outside activities.

Men and machines alike have been reluctant to set about their duties so consider the plight of Marcel Manole who lives in a village to the east of Dorohoi. He is a school janitor – each school day, irrespective of weather, he leaves home at 4 am and walks two miles to his first school. In cold weather he has to light the wood stoves in each of seven classrooms and ensure that rooms are clean and warm. He then walks three miles to a second school where he does the same in three rooms. After that he chops the wood for the following day. His salary is about £80 per month. He is not one of our regular beneficiaries but we have given him a warm jacket and some other items, and hope to be able to provide him with a bicycle later in the year.

AN has been asked to administer a sponsorship arrangement for Vlad who, true to his name, has demonstrated his skill with sharp nails and planks of wood. His speciality is building cabins for outside toilets – not fine furniture but still very much an essential for life in a rural community. The sponsor has provided funding for tools and materials and we already have several people waiting to try out his handiwork.

Give thanks ...

- 1. The safety and good health of the AN team despite the cold weather and dangerous road conditions.
- 2. For the supplies of food that have lasted even through a period of high demand.

Please pray ...

- 1. For Vlad, that he will be able to use this opportunity to help to provide for his family.
- 2. For those in rural areas who feel that they are missing out on the economic improvements elsewhere in 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.

It has been interesting for our UK supporters to experience weather conditions more commonly found in Romania. Nevertheless the work of preparing items has continued and we look forward to sending the first lorries of 2018 during the next few weeks. As usual, volunteers to help with loading will be very welcome.

Advance notice: No packing at Horley on Good Friday (30th March)

Give thanks ...

1. For the continuing supply of goods arriving at our warehouses.

Please pray ...

- 1. For the next lorries, leaving Billingshurst on 17th March and south Wales on 6th April; for their safe arrival in Dorohoi.
- 2. For the ongoing management of the charity's activities in the UK.

This month's photos ...

Beni blows it ~ Marcel warming up ~ Vlad's hideaway



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