

Asociația Neemia

Prayer Notes February 2019

During 2018 Asociatia Neemia received over 70 tons of donated goods. About 95% of these items came via our teams in the UK and the rest was received from local sources in Romania. In terms of documentation and transport, once Romanian joined the EU in 2007 then the processes became quite simple: a brief listing of the lorry's contents plus confirmation of donation and acceptance were all that was required.

Some of the goods received are turned into cash via AN's shop in Dorohoi. This cash then provides a resource for helping people with essential expenditure — in some ways this form of donation is more important than the simple donation of the goods themselves.

The current confusion and uncertainty surrounding Brexit is causing some concern amongst our team in Dorohoi. What will change? Will we still be able to receive the aid? Will there be a return to the former arrangements, with the need for more detailed documentation, a Hungarian translation of the inventory and a customs inspector counting the load off the truck? They were stressful times for our warehouse managers and there is no enthusiasm for a return to the old regime.

Interactions between countries within the EU have changed a lot even since 2007, trade and travel have created a web of inter-dependency that cannot be easily broken. It may well be that the realities of commerce will achieve what political ambition has been unable to do.

We have seen God working in marvellous ways through RoAF and AN and, irrespective of the eventual outcome, we can have the confidence that He will not abandon those whom He has asked us to help.

Give thanks ...

- 1. For the safe arrival of another consignment of aid from Billingshurst.
- 2. For reports of more goods being readied for transport later in the year.
- 3. For the continued enthusiasm of the Asociatia Neemia team.

Please pray ...

- 1. For post-Brexit arrangements to be clarified soon.
- 2. For the continuity of deliveries to Dorohoi.
- 3. For healthy relationships amongst the residents of Casa Neemia.

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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.

Graham Howard stood down from his role as RoAF treasurer at the end of January. His contributions, over many years, have also included coordinating the warehousing and transport arrangements at Billingshurst,

Craig Buchanan will be taking over the duties of treasurer whilst Brian Gawn will co-ordinate the Billingshurst warehouse activities and Steve Flegg will look after any administrative matters for the Horley team.

Responsibilities for RoAF's activities in south Wales remain unchanged.

Give thanks ...

1. For those who have agreed to take on the roles that are essential for RoAF to continue to provide help to those in need.

Please pray ...

1. That God will restore Graham to full health and enable him to continue to have an active involvement in his various interests in Romania.

This month's photos ...

Craig Buchanan ~ Brian Gawn ~ Steve Flegg



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