

Asociația Neemia

Prayer Notes January 2020

The end of yet another year and the beginning of the next provides the opportunity to both look backwards with thankfulness and to look forwards in anticipation. What will 2020 bring? Will the new Romanian government actually deliver anything any different from its predecessors? As we pin up a new calendar with its encouraging texts, we are unlikely to find one with the words of Jesus when He said that the poor will always be with you. For those of us working to help the poor this offers the prospect of continuing employment, tempered by the knowledge that as some move out of poverty there will always be those with needs still to be addressed.

During the past ten years AN has registered some 5,000 recipients, mainly households but also including schools, churches and other organisations. Of these, some 1,080 households received material help during the past year. On average these goods were worth about £75 per household or about 4 times the monthly child allowance. In addition, we provided some institutions such as schools with stationery or village churches with giftboxes for the younger members of their congregations.

Throughout the year we have been asked for financial assistance. The rapidly rising prices for food and home energy mean that many people find themselves in difficulty, particularly when they have not been able to make any provision for unexpected bills. In so far as we are able, we try to help in the most deserving cases, and we are grateful to those who have made additional financial resources available for AN to use.

Give thanks ...

- 1. For the opportunity to pass on giftboxes to families and individuals, and to be a part of their pleasure when they receive them.
- 2. For access to a source of firewood for distribution to those who cannot obtain it for themselves.

Please pray ...

- 1. For the situations that we will encounter during the coming year, and for God's guidance in how to deal with them.
- 2. For those who still depend upon our help, that we may treat them with respect and work with them to improve their circumstances.

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As 2019 drew to a close the RoAF teams and their supporters could look back with a certain degree of satisfaction that all their hard work had once again been blessed by God and that many people have benefited from their efforts. The challenges of the new year may well be different but we know that God has every aspect under control and we can, with confidence, echo the words of Joseph Hart when he wrote

For Christ is the first and the last; His Spirit will guide us safe home; we'll praise Him for all that is past and trust Him for all that's to come.

Give thanks ...

- 1. For the many blessings surrounding our activities during the past year.
- 2. For those who have given generously of their time and money, which has allowed us to continue to be part of God's provision for many in need.

Please pray ...

- 1. For God's guidance in our planning for the coming year.
- 2. For preparations for the next lorry 11th January from Billingshurst.
- 3. For fresh blood to supplement our ageing workforce.

This month's photos ...

Joy - and warmth - comes in boxes



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