



## Asociația Neemia

Prayer Notes

April 2020

Spring has officially arrived in north-eastern Romania although it feels like it has been here for several months already. Trees and flowers that should be starting to produce buds are well advanced. However, the absence of a proper winter has its downsides. Snow which would have melted slowly into the soil has been replaced by rain which runs off into ditches and this may compromise this year's crops.

In a normal year the arrival of Spring would bring increased opportunities for employment in construction and agriculture. This year the situation is very different, with local residents competing with those who have returned from abroad.

A nation-wide curfew means that activities are now very limited. The office remains open, with reduced hours; the numbers of those asking for help is lower than normal and we are having to ration the amount of food that we can give. We are unable to provide any cash help at present. The shop is still open, but again with limited hours. At present it is covering its staff costs but little else. At the warehouse we still have good stocks of clothing and bedding, and knitwear suitable for the elderly and very young. We do have a quantity of gardening and DIY tools that we can give to those who can make use of them to help themselves.

The residents at Casa Neemia are confined to the premises and a strict hygiene regime has been introduced. We are able to supply daily meals for them and they are still able to work outside in the garden and polytunnel under certain conditions.

### Give thanks ...

1. For stocks of clothing, bedding and other household items which should last until the next supplies arrive.
2. For the health of our staff to date and their ability to continue to work.

### Please pray ...

1. For health and protection for our staff and our supporters.
2. For opportunities to continue our work of helping local people.
3. For the speedy resolution of the transport restrictions which currently prevent the aid reaching those in need.

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## The Romanian Aid Foundation

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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.

The clothing collection box at St Francis Church in Horley has been renovated. Our thanks to Jim for doing this and, of course, to all those who will make good use of the box once the restrictions are lifted.

Our packing and transport activities **have been suspended** during the present crisis; you can keep up to date via our website at '[www.roaf.org](http://www.roaf.org)'.

### Give thanks ...

1. For abundant stocks in our warehouses, ready for transport as soon as it is possible to do so.
2. For reserves which will allow direct support to AN if necessary.
3. For those who continue to support RoAF and AN with prayer and finance despite difficulties of their own.

### Please pray ...

1. For those of our supporters who find themselves affected by the virus, either with symptoms or by the measures required to tackle the outbreak.

### This month's photos ...

Clothing Box at Horley ~ Aid awaiting Transport ~ Breakfast at C.Neemia



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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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