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Prayer focus and news from HAMPSHIRE



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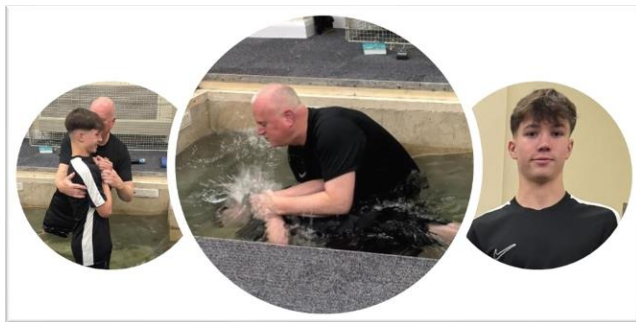
12 days before Christmas Penny fell over at Kid's Club and managed to badly fracture her wrist! Traction and a week in plaster didn't help so surgery was planned for Christmas day then bumped at the last minute to Boxing day!



A metal plate and 8 pins are now holding her wrist together and everything is gradually healing! Please pray for patience and that she can adapt her ministry to fit her current restrictions!

BAPTISMS:

Just like the expression, *"You wait ages for a bus, and then several come along at once,"* it is encouraging to know of at least 4 young people, from 3 different Churches all being baptised at the start of this new year. They have all been regulars at our Youth Events and Camps, and it is a privilege to have been a link or two in the chain of their Christian development.



Archie, in the photo above, is a great illustration of our need to work with patience! As a child he was brought along to our Kids Club, and then made his own way to Youth Club, plus he has been a regular on our houseparties and Camps, and this was where he came to faith in Christ. Archie is a reminder that often we are in it for the long haul!

Making Jesus known: inspiring and equipping local churches

MOLDOVAN MISSION 2024:

Moldova is the smallest and poorest country in the EU. I travelled there with Jamie Broadey, who is a friend and fellow evangelist (former Counties trainee). Jamie came as my assistant and was a great asset to our meetings, sharing his testimony fluently and with passion. It was a 10-day gospel mission, involving three to four meetings a day.

The F.R.A.N.K. model used by the mission requires Christians to invite their friends and neighbours to their home or a local communal setting (e.g. supermarket carpark!) for some food and to meet the ‘Westerners’, we prove an attraction because Moldova is the least-visited country in Europe. Previous to this invitation the Christians will have been encouraged to pray for three people (a **F**riend, **R**elative, and **N**eighbour or **K**in) every day, for three months. As in previous years, the ‘on-the-day’ formula is simple: we are in someone’s home where the visiting Evangelist preaches, someone else shares a testimony, there is then an appeal and the local pastor follows up with anyone who responds.

People do often make a commitment on the day, and the Pastor’s job is to offer them a discipleship course over the following weeks. This course will include a session on being baptised and this is the most challenging aspect for most Moldovans as baptism is seen as a very public declaration that they are leaving the Orthodox religion. These new Christians often experience persecution from their families, communities and the local priests, and all sorts of problems arise as evangelical Christianity is considered a ‘cult’ in Moldova. Please pray especially for these vulnerable new followers of Jesus, and for those trying to nurture and disciple them.

It was fantastic to return to Larga Noua with Pastor Alexander, last year they had begun a church plant there in a community centre, reaching out to young people by loaning them guitars. When we were there about 18 youngsters were having guitar lessons and learning Christian songs. The Christians had a piece of barren land they intended to build on and Pastor Alexander told me:

“When our church building is completed, we will hold concerts, and all their parents will come to hear their children play, and that will be the link with their parents.” And it has worked! A year later, there is a brand-new building there, and we were able to attend it’s opening, please pray for that bold and creative outreach.

I love to preach in Moldova for a number of reasons, (1). The spontaneity of adapting my talk to each group of people, (2). To sense the leading and enabling of the Holy Spirit in often bizarre or unusual situations. (3). The joy of taking folks through a Bible passage they have never read. (4). The thrill of seeing folks respond to the gospel.

I always return a better preacher and a more focused evangelist when I return home to continue our regular ministry.

'MOLDOVAN MISSION 2024 PHOTO GALLERY:



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MID-JANUARY:

18th: DRC Elders Retreat Day – Southampton, Hants.
Good News Camp Leaders Reunion Meal - Southampton, Hants.
19th: Morning Service – Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants.
Afternoon/Evening: Speakers Corner, Hyde Park. London.
20th-22nd: Penny and I Attending FEW (Fellowship of Evangelical Workers) Conference - Yarnfield Park Conference Centre, Staffordshire.
23rd: Penny @ 'Noah's Ark' Carers & Toddler Group – Duncan Road Church.
24th: Kids & Youth Clubs – Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants.
26th: Morning Service – Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants.
Afternoon/Evening: Speakers Corner, Hyde Park. London.
Penny @ M.A.S.H. - Youth Event. – Duncan Road Church, Southampton,
30th: Penny @ 'Noah's Ark' Carers & Toddler Group – Duncan Road Church.
31st: Kids & Youth Clubs – Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants.

FEBRUARY:

2nd: Sunday Services - Cannon Court Evangelical Church, Fetcham. Surrey.
5th: Assemblies (x2) - Sarisbury Junior School. Southampton. Hants
6th: Penny @ 'Noah's Ark' Carers & Toddler Group – Duncan Road Church.
7th: Kids & Youth Clubs – Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants.
8th: 'BodyBuilders' inter-Church Youth Event – Duncan Road Church.
9th: Morning Service – West End Chapel. Fareham, Hants.
Afternoon/Evening: Speakers Corner, Hyde Park. London.
11th: Morning Service - Hawthorne Court Nursing Home. Southampton.
'The Net' (Inter-Church Outreach) Men's BBQ - Durley. Southampton. Hants.
13th: Penny @ 'Noah's Ark' Carers & Toddler Group – Duncan Road Church.
14th: Kids & Youth Clubs – Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants.
16th: Appleyards Bible Church, Horsham, West Sussex
Afternoon/Evening: Speakers Corner, Hyde Park. London.
17th to 21st: Holiday Club - Swanfield Chapel. Chichester.



23rd: Morning Service - Swanfield Chapel. Chichester.
Evening Service - Bethany Christian Fellowship. Holbury. Hants.
Penny @ M.A.S.H. - Youth Event. – Duncan Road Church, Southampton
27th: Penny @ 'Noah's Ark' Carers & Toddler Group – Duncan Road Church.
28th: Kids & Youth Clubs – Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants.

MARCH:

2nd: Morning Service – Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants.
Afternoon/Evening: Speakers Corner, Hyde Park. London.
3rd: Assembly – Marchwood Church of England Infant School.
5th: Counties CLG Group - Fareham. Hants
6th: Penny @ 'Noah's Ark' Carers & Toddler Group – Duncan Road Church.
7th: Kids & Youth Clubs – Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants.
8th: 'BodyBuilders' inter-Church Youth Event – Duncan Road Church.
9th: Morning Service – Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants.
Afternoon/Evening: Speakers Corner, Hyde Park. London.
10th: 'BodyBuilders' inter-Church Youth Event Prayer & Plan - Fareham.
11th: Morning Service - Hawthorne Court Nursing Home. Southampton.
'The Net' (Inter-Church Outreach) Men's BBQ - Durley. Southampton. Hants.
12th: Penny Speaking @ Coffee Morning - Alverstoke/Solent Church Gosport
13th: Penny @ 'Noah's Ark' Carers & Toddler Group – Duncan Road Church.
14th: Kids & Youth Clubs – Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants.
16th: Morning Service – Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants.
Afternoon/Evening: Speakers Corner, Hyde Park. London.
17th: Counties Evening - Everyone Welcome – Duncan Road Church. SO31 1BD - (7.45pm refreshments. 8.00pm start)
Livestreamed on YouTube - visit website/Facebook for link



A Counties Evening - Join with us live in the building or online!

18th: Hope Explored Course (#1) - Duncan Road Church, Southampton,
19th: Assemblies (x2) - Sarisbury Junior School. Southampton. Hants
20th: Penny @ 'Noah's Ark' Carers & Toddler Group – Duncan Road Church.
21st: Kids & Youth Clubs – Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants.
23rd: Morning Service – Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants.
Evening Service - Gospel Hall. Fair Oak. Hants.
Penny @ M.A.S.H. - Youth Event. – Duncan Road Church, Southampton
25th: Hope Explored Course (#2) - Duncan Road Church, Southampton,
27th: Penny @ 'Noah's Ark' Carers & Toddler Group – Duncan Road Church.
28th: Kids & Youth Clubs – Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants.
30th: Morning Service – Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants.
Afternoon/Evening: Speakers Corner, Hyde Park. London.

APRIL:

1st: Morning Service - Hawthorne Court Nursing Home. Southampton. Hants
Hope Explored Course (#3) - Duncan Road Church, Southampton,
3rd: Penny @ 'Noah's Ark' Carers & Toddler Group – Duncan Road Church.
4th: Kids & Youth Clubs – Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants.
5th: 'BodyBuilders' inter-Church Youth Event Prayer & Plan - Fareham. Hants
6th: Morning & Evening Services - Alverstoke Evangelical Church. Gosport.
Afternoon Service - Gospel Hall. Stanford. Bordon. Hants.
7th to 11th: Holiday Club - Duncan Road Church, Southampton,



8th: 'The Net' (Inter-Church Outreach) Men's BBQ - Durley. Southampton.
13th: Morning Service – Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants.
Afternoon/Evening: Speakers Corner, Hyde Park. London.
20th: Morning Service – Velmore Church. Chandlers Ford. Hants
Afternoon/Evening: Speakers Corner, Hyde Park. London.
22nd-23rd: Preparation (Quiet Time Notes tc) for 'BodyBuilders' Houseparty
24th: Penny @ 'Noah's Ark' Carers & Toddler Group – Duncan Road Church.
25th: Kids & Youth Clubs – Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants.
27th: Morning Service – Norreys Church - Wokingham. Berks.
Afternoon/Evening: Speakers Corner, Hyde Park. London.
Penny @ M.A.S.H. - Youth Event. – Duncan Road Church, Southampton,
29th-30th: Sermon Preparation for 'BodyBuilders' inter-Church Houseparty



(May 2nd to 5th: 'BodyBuilders' inter-Church Youth Weekend Houseparty - Bournemouth. Dorset)

In addition to the activities listed, more schools & other meetings will be added, your prayers are also requested for the times taken up in studying for & preparing messages, visual aids & all the extras that seem to take up so much time!