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Prayer focus and news from HAMPSHIRE



SCHOOLS

We love going into our local schools and sharing a Bible story with hundreds of children.

Sometimes the subjects or topics we are asked to speak on can be quite challenging, but with a good deal of thought and a little creativity we can always link them to a bible story.



It is particularly encouraging when teachers also comment on how much they enjoyed the assembly and that they found it personally helpful.

THE NET (OUTREACH TO MEN):

The Net is a monthly outreach to men. Many of those invited along are unchurched, i.e. a work colleague, a neighbour or a family member who isn't interested in Sunday Church. For some of them this may be their first, and possibly only, contact with Christianity. The activities are varied; a Curry Evening or a BBQ or a Blues Night etc. and at each event we have a guest speaker who will share a gospel message or testimony. To continue the fishing analogy; the 'bait' is the activity, and the 'hook' is the gospel.



Pray for these unchurched men... that these events will lead them into asking big, life-questions and eventually into faith.

MOLDOVA NOVEMBER 2025 PHOTO GALLERY:



MOLDOVAN MISSION:

This was my seventh trip to Moldova and once again it did not disappoint! This quirky little country always throws up singular opportunities and challenging surprises.

My companion for the trip was Leo Guzman Aldana who shared his testimony at each of our meetings. The team for Mission Week 2 also included Darien (translator), Andy Goode, Mary (translator) Ecaterina (translator & local organiser), and Dave Orange, with Mark McCormick of the Moldovan Mission joining us later in the week.



Our main remit was to preach at 2-4 house meetings a day, although this sometimes grew to 5 or 6 each day! However, variety is a word which springs to mind when you want to describe a mission in Moldova and during the week we also spoke in a number of Churches, in two factories, at a funeral wake and in a town council building, with the incumbent Mayor and her staff in attendance. The nine-day mission finished with a large outdoor meeting organised by the combined Churches of the Cahul area. It was a real thrill to preach to so many people on a glorious, sunny, Sunday afternoon.

An appeal to follow Christ was made at each meeting and it was a joy to see so many responses. The local Pastors will do the hard work of following up all those who indicated an interest and many will attend a discipleship course. In Moldova, when someone is baptised by immersion in an Evangelical Church, they are seen to be rejecting the commonly accepted form of religion, which is Eastern Orthodox Christianity. A frequent result of conversion and baptism is persecution from the village priests, family members, employers, and the community. Please continue to pray for these vulnerable, new believers.

PENNY WRITES:

I always forget how busy the Autumn can be for us and 2025 was no exception!! Preparation for and leading at regular clubs, groups, and activities, plus the individual conversations and prayer times certainly help the time to pass quickly!! I also managed a short holiday with Kathy in November on board the 'Aurora Borealis.' Five days during which we explored Bruges, Hamburg, and every cosy reading nook on the ship! Kathy has also had an offer accepted on a nearby flat and we are praying that the last part of the buying process goes smoothly for her.

Momentous times!

Arlo closed his eventful year with the wettest graduation day ever at Southampton Guild Hall, lots of soggy caps and gowns, but Gordon and I had a lovely day with him and Oana. We are so proud of how hard he has worked to finish this M.A. in Philosophy, whilst starting a job and moving etc. and now he is thriving in his role at the 'Dot Group', he is busy, but still making time to send pictures of the cat to his Mum!



I am very grateful for my recovering health and thankful to be able to return to many of my pre-op/exhaustion activities including Craft Night, one of my favourite bridge-building evenings. Please pray that we will remain close as a family over this coming year and especially that we each stay even closer to our Lord and Saviour, walking in step with Him. Thank you.

U P C O M I N G E V E N T S

thank you for your prayer support!

JANUARY:

7th: Assemblies (x2) - Sarisbury Junior School. Southampton. Hants

8th: Penny @ 'Noah's Ark' Carers & Toddler Group – Duncan Road Church.

9th: Kids & Youth Clubs – Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants.

10th: 'BodyBuilders' inter-Church Youth Event – Duncan Road Church.

11th: Morning Service – Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants.

Afternoon/Evening: Speakers Corner, Hyde Park. London.



13th: Morning Service - Hawthorne Court Nursing Home. Southampton. Hants

'The Net' (Inter-Church Outreach) Men's BBQ - Durley. Southampton. Hants.

15th: Penny @ 'Noah's Ark' Carers & Toddler Group – Duncan Road Church.

Zoom Meeting. Holiday Club Prayer & Plan - Swanfield Chapel. Chichester.

16th: Kids & Youth Clubs – Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants.

17th: Good News Camp Leaders Reunion & Meal - Duncan Road Church,

18th: Morning Service – Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants.

Gospel Service - Cannon Court Evangelical Church, Fetcham. Surrey.

21st: Gospel Talk @ Hot Potato Lunch Club - Swanfield Chapel. Chichester.

22nd: Penny @ 'Noah's Ark' Carers & Toddler Group – Duncan Road Church.

23rd: Kids & Youth Clubs – Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants.

25th: 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, Hants.

26th-28th: Attending FEW (Fellowship of Evangelical Workers) Conference - Yarnfield Park Conference Centre, Staffordshire.

JANUARY (CONTINUED):

29th: Penny @ 'Noah's Ark' Carers & Toddler Group – Duncan Road Church.
30th: Kids & Youth Clubs – Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants.
31st: Elders/Leaders Retreat Day - Duncan Road Church, Southampton.

FEBRUARY:

1st: Morning Service – West End Chapel. Fareham, Hants.
Afternoon/Evening: Speakers Corner, Hyde Park. London.
4th: Assemblies (x2) - Sarisbury Junior School. Southampton. Hants
5th: Penny @ 'Noah's Ark' Carers & Toddler Group – Duncan Road Church.
6th: Kids & Youth Clubs – Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants.
8th: Morning Service - Methodist Church. Shirrell Heath. Hants
9th: Assembly (x2) – Park Gate Primary School. Southampton. Hants
10th: Morning Service - Hawthorne Court Nursing Home. Southampton.
'The Net' (Inter-Church Outreach) Men's BBQ - Durley. Southampton.
12th: Penny @ 'Noah's Ark' Carers & Toddler Group – Duncan Road Church.
13th: Kids & Youth Clubs – Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants.
14th: 'BodyBuilders' inter-Church Youth Event – Duncan Road Church.
15th: Morning Service - New Farm Chapel. Alresford. Hants.
Afternoon/Evening: Speakers Corner, Hyde Park. London.

16th to 20th: Holiday Club - Swanfield Chapel. Chichester.



22nd: Morning Service - Swanfield Chapel. Chichester.
Evening Service - Bethany Christian Fellowship. Holbury. Hants.
Penny @ M.A.S.H. - Youth Event. – Duncan Road Church, Southampton.
23rd: Penny at Spring Craft Night – Duncan Road Church, Southampton.



25th: Counties Link Group - Fareham. Hants.
26th: Penny @ 'Noah's Ark' Carers & Toddler Group – Duncan Road Church.
27th: Kids & Youth Clubs – Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants.

MARCH:

1st: Morning Service – Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants.

Afternoon/Evening: Speakers Corner, Hyde Park. London.

2nd: Counties Evening - Everyone Welcome – Duncan Road Church.

(7.45pm refreshments. 8.00pm start - 9.00pm finish)

Livestreamed on YouTube - visit website/Facebook for link.



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

5th: Penny @ 'Noah's Ark' Carers & Toddler Group – Duncan Road Church.

6th: Kids & Youth Clubs – Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants.

8th: Morning Service – Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants.

8th-9th: Counties Cluster Group - Salisbury. Wilts

9th: Assembly (x2) – Park Gate Primary School. Southampton. Hants

10th: Morning Service - Hawthorne Court Nursing Home. Southampton.

'The Net' (Inter-Church Outreach to Men) – Fareham. Hants



12th: Penny @ 'Noah's Ark' Carers & Toddler Group – Duncan Road Church.

13th: Kids & Youth Clubs – Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants.

14th: 'BodyBuilders' inter-Church Youth Event – Duncan Road Church.

15th: Morning Service – Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants.

Afternoon/Evening: Speakers Corner, Hyde Park. London.

19th: Penny @ 'Noah's Ark' Carers & Toddler Group – Duncan Road Church.

20th: Kids & Youth Clubs – Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants.

22nd: Morning Service – United Reformed Church. Hayling Island. Hants.

Evening Service - Gospel Hall. Fair Oak. Hants.

24th: 'BodyBuilders' inter-Church Youth Event Prayer & Plan - Fareham.

26th: Penny @ 'Noah's Ark' Carers & Toddler Group – Duncan Road Church.

27th: Kids & Youth Clubs – Duncan Road Church. Hants.

30th: 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,

MARCH (CONT):

March 30th to April 3rd:

Holiday Club – Duncan Road Church.



APRIL:

5th: Morning Service – Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants.

Afternoon/Evening: Speakers Corner, Hyde Park. London.

11th: 'BodyBuilders' inter-Church Youth Event Prayer & Plan - Fareham.

12th: Morning Service – Manor Road Evangelical Church. Guildford. Surrey.

Afternoon/Evening: Speakers Corner, Hyde Park. London.

14th: Morning Service - Hawthorne Court Nursing Home. Southampton.

'The Net' (Inter-Church Outreach to Men) - Fareham. Hants.

15th: Coffee Morning - Alverstoke Evangelical Church. Gosport. Hants.

16th: Penny @ 'Noah's Ark' Carers & Toddler Group – Duncan Road Church.

17th: Kids & Youth Clubs – Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants.

19th: Morning Service – West End Chapel. Fareham, Hants.

Afternoon/Evening: Speakers Corner, Hyde Park. London.

21st-22nd: Preparation of Quiet Time Notes for 'BodyBuilders' House party



23rd: Penny @ 'Noah's Ark' Carers & Toddler Group – Duncan Road Church.

24th: Kids & Youth Clubs – Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants.

26th: Morning Service – Norreys Church - Wokingham. Berks.

Afternoon/Evening: Speakers Corner, Hyde Park. London. 15th: Coffee

Penny @ M.A.S.H. - Youth Event. – Duncan Road Church, Southampton.

28th-29th: Sermon Preparation 3 talks for 'BodyBuilders' inter-Church House

Note: May 1st to 4th: 'BodyBuilders' inter-Church Youth House party - Bournemouth. Dorset,

(3 Days, 3 Main Teaching Sessions – Pray for us!)