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May to August 2012:

Dear Christian friends,

Many thanks for all your prayerful and practical support over the last few months, life has been extremely hectic but also very rewarding!

'HOLIDAY CLUBS':

Over Easter there were two clubs which were similar in format but different in 'flavour'! **'Mission Rescue' Holiday Club**, was held at Duncan Road Church, Southampton and was based on a secret agent fun theme. Each day we discovered how God rescued the Israelites from slavery in Egypt, and how God continues to rescue people today through Jesus Christ. It was good to work with many children who were already known to us through our weekly 'Kids Klub'.

'On Your Marks' Holiday Club was held at Efford Christian Fellowship, Plymouth. A fun theme based on the 'Olympic games' with teaching from the gospels. Please pray that the 'good seed' of the gospel that has been sown in their young hearts and minds will, in time, bear fruit.

('Mission Rescue Holiday Club - Southampton)

('On Your Marks' Holiday Club - Plymouth)

'G.L.O.' TEAM:

In April it was great to help lead a team of six students from 'Gospel Literature Outreach' in a varied week of activities. Events included a women's craft night, a men's evening, kids & youth outreach, school assemblies and lots and lots of literature distribution. It was really encouraging to see new folk come along to each of the activities. Please pray that this will not only have been 'first contact', but that it will also lead to regular interaction and of course salvation!

'Bits & Bobs:

These last few months of meetings, school assemblies, kids & youth clubs & events, men's outreach, preaching occasions and other activities have provided hundreds of opportunities to share the message of Jesus Christ. Lots of booklets have been taken by interested enquirers, good conversations have been had and some individuals have responded to the message of the gospel by trusting Christ or making deeper commitments to him!

It is always a great thrill to speak at Baptism services for those who have been helped through our ministry.

'FirstServe' is a gap year programme designed to give young adults (18-25) a taste of service in the UK and overseas.
Gordon is part of the steering group and believes it is a valuable investment of his time to be involved in this project.
Please pray for the new candidates on the programme and for those currently being interviewed.
FirstServe website: www.first-serve.org.uk

Family News:

Kathy has begun her last term at Junior school and is working hard towards her S.A.T.S. which come up in mid-May. She is growing up into a beautiful sophisticated young lady and is becoming more independent and confident as the weeks go by. Her interest in how people live in other countries and how history affects us today encourage her to think about how being a Christian impacts how we live now and the decisions we make. Please continue to pray for her as she works out her faith in this increasingly complicated and confusing world.

Arlo has been away with the school for the first time this spring and as usual has engaged with the whole experience enthusiastically! He is an 'all-rounder', who's biggest issue is probably 'getting it right' and then having enough time afterwards to play football or have a go on the Wii.
We continue to be busy as a family, with a house that is frequently full of people and a phone that is rarely quiet, and we appreciate your continued prayers for us. We are all really looking forward to the holiday in June, this is an important part of us maintaining balance and sanity!

Prayer Diary:

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

May:

3rd-7th: 'BodyBuilders' Houseparty - Bournemouth, Dorset.
8th: 'The Net' (outreach to men) - Fareham, Hants.
10th: Penny @ 'Noah's Ark' Carers & Toddler Group - Duncan Road Church, Southampton.
11th: Kids & Youth Clubs - Duncan Road Church, Park Gate, Southampton, Hants.
13th: Morning Service - Charminster Chapel, Bournmouth, Dorset.
15th: Penny @ 'LIFE' Expo Committee Meeting - Westbury, Wilts.
17th: Penny @ 'Noah's Ark' Carers & Toddler Group - Duncan Road Church, Southampton.
18th: Kids & Youth Clubs - Duncan Road Church, Park Gate, Southampton, Hants.
20th: Sunday Services - Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants.
Penny @ M.A.S.H. inter-Church event - Fareham, Hants.
21st: School Assembly - Park Gate Primary School. Southampton. Hants.
Senior School Assembly (1) - Perins School A Community Sports College.
22nd: Morning Service - Hawthorne Court Nursing Home - Southampton, Hants.
Senior School (2) - Perins School A Community Sports College.
23rd: 'Counties' Prayer Day - Duncan Road Church, Southampton. SO31 1BD.
24th: Penny @ 'Noah's Ark' Carers & Toddler Group - Duncan Road Church, Southampton.

School Assembly (Junior) - Sarisbury Green. Southampton. Hants.
Senior School Assembly (3) - Perins School A Community Sports College.
25th: Kids & Youth Clubs - Duncan Road Church, Park Gate, Southampton, Hants.
26th: Morning Service - Manor Road Evangelical Church, Guildford, Surrey.
Evening Service - Swanfield Chapel, Chichester, West Sussex.
28th: Elders Meeting - Fareham, Southampton, Hants.
29th: 'The Net' - Review, Prayer & Plan - Fareham, Hants.
31st: Penny @ 'Noah's Ark' Carers & Toddler Group - Duncan Road Church, Southampton.
Western Wards Church Network Meeting ('LIFE' Expo) - Fareham, Hants

June:

1st: Kids & Youth Clubs - Duncan Road Church, Park Gate, Southampton, Hants.
3rd: Sunday Services - Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants.
Penny @ M.A.S.H. inter-Church Youth Event - Fareham, Hants.
6th-9th: Holiday Club – Wellington Road Community Church, Hounslow. Middlesex.
10th: Family Service - South Road Evangelical Church, Drayton, Portsmouth, Hants
Evening Service - Gospel Hall, Fair Oak, Eastleigh, Hants.
11th-25th: Family Holiday – Somewhere Hot & Sunny!
28th: Penny @ 'Noah's Ark' Carers & Toddler Group - Duncan Road Church, Southampton.
29th: Kids & Youth Clubs - Duncan Road Church, Park Gate, Southampton, Hants.

July:

1st: Sunday Services - Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants.
Penny @ M.A.S.H. inter-Church Youth Event - Fareham, Hants.
3rd: Bible Teaching (1) - Tower Road Gospel Hall, Liphook, Hants.
5th: Penny @ 'Noah's Ark' Carers & Toddler Group - Duncan Road Church, Southampton.
6th: Kids & Youth Clubs - Duncan Road Church, Park Gate, Southampton, Hants.
5th: Sunday Services - Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants.
7th: B-B-Q Outreach - Drift Road Evangelical Church, Clanfield, Hants.
8th: Sunday Services - Drift Road Evangelical Church, Clanfield, Hants.
9th: School Assembly - Park Gate Primary School, Southampton,. Hants.
10th: Ladies Meeting - Duncan Road Church, Park Gate, Southampton, Hants.
11th: Bible Teaching (2) - Tower Road Gospel Hall, Liphook, Hants.
12th: Penny @ 'Noah's Ark' Carers & Toddler Group - Duncan Road Church, Southampton.
School Assembly (Junior) - Sarisbury Green. Southampton. Hants.
13th: Kids & Youth Clubs - Duncan Road Church, Park Gate, Southampton, Hants.
15th: Sunday Services - Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants.
Penny @ M.A.S.H. inter-Church Youth Event - Fareham, Hants.
16th: Western Wards Church Network ('LIFE' Expo) - Fareham, Hants.
17th: Bible Teaching (3) - Tower Road Gospel Hall, Liphook, Hants.
19th: Penny @ 'Noah's Ark' Carers & Toddler Group - Duncan Road Church, Southampton.
20th: Kids & Youth Clubs - Duncan Road Church, Park Gate, Southampton, Hants.
22nd:-28th: Oasis Christian Holiday/Camp – West Runton, Norfolk.
29th: Morning Service - Solent Evangelical Church, Gosport, Hants.

August:

1st - 3rd: Preparation for Camp.
5th: Morning Service - Pinehurst Chapel, West Moors, Dorset.
7th -9th: Preparation for Camp & 'FirstServe' Conference Call.
11th:17th: Menadue Camp (Junior 2) - Tintagel, Cornwall.
19th:-23rd: 'Good News' Camp – Lockerley Water Farm, Hants.
24th:-27th: 'The 2:42 Experience' – Lockerley Water Farm, Hants.