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MID SEPTEMBER TO DECEMBER 2011

Dear Christian friends,

Many thanks for your prayerful and practical support over the last few months, this is very much needed and appreciated!

'BOOMERANG HOLIDAY CLUB' is an inter-Church event run by Churches in the Fareham Western Wards during the first week of the school summer holidays. Five hundred children attended the three venues this year. Gordon & Richard Cole (Decade Ministries - www.decadeministries.co.uk) led the programme for school years 3 & 4 (7 to 9 yr olds), known as 'Surfers'. One hundred enthusiastic children attended their 'Surfers' venue each day and during the week a number of children came to 'Quiet Row' with a variety of questions.

The August **'GOOD NEWS' CAMP** was full to overflowing, and it was sad to have to turn children away.



So many prayers were answered in the run up to Camp, and we could fill many paragraphs with stories of how God not only provided a team of forty helpers, but the right helpers, best suited to fill the many roles. It was great to be a part of and lead a team of keen volunteers whose hard work and commitment helped camp run so well!

Despite the mixed weather there was a very positive spirit among the 55 Campers and

attention during the sessions was excellent. It is good to report that a number of Campers made commitments or re-commitments to Jesus Christ and others have testified as to how Camp has helped them! One mum recently told us that; "She felt her two boys had turned a corner spiritually and that their faith had become their own!"

'THE 2:42 EXPERIENCE' is our self-catering, all-age Camp run over the August bank holiday weekend. This year we enjoyed having Andy Hodson (www.growingshoots.co.uk) as our guest speaker and many have said that the weekend was a real blessing. It was a great thrill when one man told me, "Last night I became a Christian". This makes all the hard work of Camp and the months of preparation worthwhile!

'THE ALRESFORD SHOW' is described as 'The jewel in the crown of Hampshire agricultural shows'.

This year thousands of people attended the show which takes pride in being traditional and quintessentially English. It was great to join with the fellowship from New Farm Chapel, Alresford who each year provide a Christian witness to the visitors and stall holders at the show.

New Farm Chapel set up a small marquee and tea area, where Penny & Naomi Burden were able to offer face painting to the children (and teenagers!) while I was able to provide a second hand bookstall selling a mixture of Christian and secular books.

Good conversations were had, lots of literature was taken and hundreds of books were purchased including a number of Bibles. Please pray that the tracts taken, the books sold or conversations enjoyed will prompt the start of many people's journey of faith!



FIRSTSERVE

is a gap year programme designed to give young adults (18-25) a taste of service in the UK and overseas. Not only will they have the chance to help, support and encourage others but 'FirstServe' (www.first-serve.org.uk) also includes a discipleship and missions training programme.

Gordon is part of the steering group and believes it is a valuable investment of his time to be involved in this project.

You can get the latest news from those on the project via Facebook - just type in 'Firstserve'.

FAMILY NEWS: Penny writes: "School has started again, plus all the regular activities that go with the new term and to be honest I think we are all exhausted before we've even started!

The summer was brilliant and Arlo loved being a camper for the first time on 'Good News' Camp, especially as two of his best friends from school came along too!

MID SEPTEMBER:

11th: Morning Service - Manor Road Evangelical Church, Guildford, Surrey.

13th: Bible Teaching (1) - Gospel Hall, Tower Road, Liphook, Hants.

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

16th: Kids & Youth Clubs - Duncan Road Church, Park Gate, Southampton, Hants.

17th: Bristol Evangelists Conference - Bristol.

18th: Morning Service - Southfield Church, Nailsea, Somerset.

Evening Service - Roath Road Chapel, Potishead, Bristol.

Penny @ M.A.S.H. inter-Church Youth Event - Fareham, Hants.

19th: Bristol Evangelists Conference - Bristol.

20th: Bible Teaching (2) - Gospel Hall, Tower Road, Liphook, Hants.

22nd: Kids & Youth Clubs - Duncan Road Church, Park Gate, Southampton, Hants.

Assembly - Sarisbury Green Junior School, Southampton, Hants.

23rd: Kids & Youth Clubs - Duncan Road Church, Park Gate, Southampton, Hants.

24th: Harvest Supper - West End Chapel, Fareham, Hants.

25th: Harvest Family Service - West End Chapel, Fareham, Hants.

Evening Service - Titchfield Evangelical Church, Titchfield, Hants.

26th: Assembly - Park Gate Primary School, Southampton, Hants.

'BodyBuilders' Prayer & Plan - Fareham, Hants.

27th: Bible Teaching (3) - Gospel Hall, Tower Road, Liphook, Hants.

29th: Penny @ 'Noah's Ark' Carers & Toddler Group - Duncan Road Church, Southampton.

30th: Kids & Youth Clubs - Duncan Road Church, Park Gate, Southampton, Hants.

OCTOBER:

1st: GC - Preaching Seminar (with Ivor Cooper) - Southampton, Hants.

Penny speaking at Ladies Conference - Luton, Beds.

2nd: Sunday Service - Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants.

Penny @ M.A.S.H. inter-Church Youth Event - Fareham, Hants.

Kathy has launched into her final year at Primary School with enthusiasm and by the time you read this will have been on her first visit to her proposed secondary school!



I seem to be picking up more speaking engagements as the year goes on and I am also enjoying my increased involvement with the 'LIFE' Exhibition (www.lifeexpo.co.uk). Please pray that I am able to balance and prioritise my new and current commitments in a way that honours God. Thank you again for your prayers and interest, this makes such a difference to us as a family!"

- 3rd: 'The Net' (men's outreach) Prayer & Plan - Fareham, Hants.
 4th: Assembly - Boxgrove Primary School, Chichester.
 HRF Committee Meeting - Southampton, Hants.
 6th: Penny @ 'Noah's Ark' Carers & Toddler Group - Duncan Road Church, Southampton.
 Assembly - Meoncross Junior School, Stubbington, Hants.
 7th: Assembly - Meoncross Senior School, Stubbington, Hants.
 Kids & Youth Clubs - Duncan Road Church, Park Gate, Southampton, Hants.
 8th: 'BodyBuilders' inter-Church Youth Event - Southampton, Hants.
 9th: Sunday Services - Buckskin Evangelical Church, Basingstoke, Hants.
 13th: Penny @ 'Noah's Ark' Carers & Toddler Group - Duncan Road Church, Southampton.
 14th: Kids & Youth Clubs - Duncan Road Church, Park Gate, Southampton, Hants.
 16th: Sunday Services - Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants.
 Penny @ M.A.S.H. inter-Church Youth Event - Fareham, Hants.
17th: 'Counties' Evening (Everyone Welcome) - Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants.
 18th: Ladies Meeting - - Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants.
 Bible Teaching (1) - Charminster Chapel, Bournemouth, Dorset.
 19th: Ladies Meeting - West End Chapel, Fareham, Hants.
 20th: Penny @ 'Noah's Ark' Carers & Toddler Group - Duncan Road Church, Southampton.
 21st: Kids & Youth Clubs - Duncan Road Church, Park Gate, Southampton, Hants.
 23rd: Morning Service - Velmore Chapel, Chandlers Ford, Hants.
 Evening Service (1) - Swanfield Chapel, Chichester, West Sussex.
28th-30th: Counties Conference – Bournemouth, Dorset.
 30th: Evening Service (2) - Swanfield Chapel, Chichester, West Sussex.

NOVEMBER:

- 3rd: Penny @ 'Noah's Ark' Carers & Toddler Group - Duncan Road Church, Southampton.
 4th: Kids & Youth Clubs - Duncan Road Church, Park Gate, Southampton, Hants.
 6th: Sunday Services - Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants.
 Penny @ M.A.S.H. inter-Church Youth Event - Fareham, Hants.
 7th: Assembly - Park Gate Primary School, Southampton, Hants.
 8th: 'The Net' Outreach to Men - Fareham, Hants.
 10th: Penny @ 'Noah's Ark' Carers & Toddler Group - Duncan Road Church, Southampton.
 Assembly - Sarisbury Green Junior School, Southampton, Hants.
 11th: Kids & Youth Clubs - Duncan Road Church, Park Gate, Southampton, Hants.
 12th: 'BodyBuilders' inter-Church Youth Event - Southampton, Hants.
 13th: Sunday Services - Methodist Church, Shirrell Heath, Hants.
 15th: Bible Teaching (1) - Manor Road Evangelical Church, Guildford, Surrey.
 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.
 22nd: Service - Hawthorn Court Senior Cits Home, Southampton, Hants.
 Bible Teaching (2) - Manor Road Evangelical Church, Guildford, Surrey.
 24th: Penny @ 'Noah's Ark' Carers & Toddler Group - Duncan Road Church, Southampton.
 25th: Kids & Youth Clubs - Duncan Road Church, Park Gate, Southampton, Hants.
 27th: Morning Service - West End Chapel, Fareham, Hants.
 Evening Service - Bethany Gospel Hall, Holbury, Hants.

DECEMBER:

- 1st: Penny @ 'Noah's Ark' Carers & Toddler Group - Duncan Road Church, Southampton.
 'FirstServe' Committee Meeting - Bath, Somerset.
 2nd: Kids & Youth Clubs - Duncan Road Church, Park Gate, Southampton, Hants.
 3rd: Elders Retreat Day - Fareham, Hants.
 4th: Sunday Services - Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants.
 7th: Bible Teaching - Bethany Gospel Hall, Holbury, Hants.
 8th: Penny @ 'Noah's Ark' Carers & Toddler Group - Duncan Road Church, Southampton.
 9th: Kids & Youth Clubs - Duncan Road Church, Park Gate, Southampton, Hants.
 10th: WWCT Christmas Outreach - Locksheath Centre, Fareham, Hants.
 'BodyBuilders' inter-Church Youth Event - Southampton, Hants.
 11th: Morning Service - Wellington Road Community Church, Hounslow.
 13th: 'The Net' Outreach to Men - Fareham, Hants.
 15th: Penny @ 'Noah's Ark' Carers & Toddler Group - Duncan Road Church, Southampton.
 16th: Kids & Youth Clubs - Duncan Road Church, Park Gate, Southampton, Hants.
 18th: Sunday Services - Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants.