

Missions report

Website

Can I encourage you to visit the **Elim Missions** website if you have access to a computer. The website is excellent, full of information and updates concerning the work of missions and the missionaries. You can read their blogs, keep in touch by e-mail and keep up to date with their work needs, and prayer requests.

Freedom Project

You may remember during last year we raised money for the Freedom Project to help those women and girls who had suffered terrible abuse and to help rebuild their lives in all its aspects giving them a future. Many thanks to all who gave so generously, the amount raised was £1350.

Mission Boxes/Globes

Probably like so many or perhaps it's just me, but in all the rush I forget to bring my globe on the first Sunday of the month, so with this in mind the mission's bucket will be at church every Sunday next to the storehouse box. Your offering however large or small makes a great deal of difference to a great deal of people. Thank you.

Prayer for the Persecuted Church:

This was passed on to me by Ann Judson. ***'Thank you to all who pray for our brothers and sisters in many lands throughout the world, where Christians are despised, rejected, attacked, lose jobs and homes and are often imprisoned because they follow Jesus. Prayer is the very best thing we can do for them. Prayer is powerful and it is what they ask of us, above all else. Please join us for corporate prayer on the 1st Tuesday of each month at OCC at 1pm. If this is not possible please, please pray at home, we can direct you to resources for up to date information. Prayer brings hope, encouragement and miracles. Thank you'***

Romania Mission October 2012 - Mission Accomplished.

Our mission trips to Romania have always proved successful and Oct 2012 was no different. Though to make trips successful it pays to remain flexible, as was the case this year. Our main project was to part build or build (time allowing) a garage for the centre vehicles. Winters are usually harsh lows reach -25 to -30, unfortunately due to legislation (it's hard to think of Romania and legislation) we were unable to build a garage on the preferred site. Another site is available but needs a moderate amount of excavation. So plan B. The children of the village have to work hard and so they generally play hard (ask Big Tim he will fill you in on how he was filled in!) An area of the children's grassed play area had become worn out and mud was being carried into both the centre and Bob and Edith's house. So approx 60 sq. metres of the worst affected area was prepared and turf was delivered and laid, hard work but a great team effort. A defective outside wall was rendered and painted along with the painting of other walls inside the centre. A leaking sink was fixed. The original footbridge was cleared of undergrowth, then repaired and treated with preservative. Also steps were built from the road up the verge to make access to the centre safer and easier for Bob, Edith and visitors.

The centre thrives under Bob and Edith's leadership in promoting unity and relationship between the local churches. It was through this that Pastor Robin had the opportunity to speak and minister at the Churches together meeting, his word, through excellent translation, was well received. The churches at Sardu and surrounding villages face challenging times. Each visit we make we see positive changes but they are not without opposition both internally and externally, so please pray for the people and leaders of the churches, that they will make a difference in their respective communities.

The team members were: Pastor Robin, Dave and Hazel Withey, Diane Tolson, Chris Elliott and myself. For me and I think I can say for the others it was a blessed time with great weather (not essential but very welcome), great company and fellowship, wonderful food, great banter, terrible jokes and a smattering of chocolate. **Prayer points: Bob and Edith's health and protection, for the right successors to take on the work and for the Church leaders of Sardu.**

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Please pray for John Martin, who works hard and travels much for Elim Missions.

Finally

Terry Mott has offered his services in helping with Missions at Oasis Redditch. If there is anyone else who would like to help, Terry, Ellen and myself, or who would like more information concerning missions please come and see me.

Many thanks

John Hill