

From Argentina to Great Baddow

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In January and February an international team of nine young people visited Great Baddow all the way from South America. They were students at the Discipleship Training School in Argentina, run by the international Christian organisation Youth with a Mission. The team members came from Chile, Bolivia, Puerto Rico, Latvia and the USA, as well as from Argentina. They spent ten days working at St. Paul's and Meadgate churches, helping with youth and children's work. They hosted an International Evening at St. Paul's, and redecorated the youth Portacabin at Meadgate. The children of four local schools enjoyed the assemblies which the team led.

The team also staffed a double decker bus which was run for three evenings as a youth centre in Dorset Avenue. This was a great way of keeping the sometimes rowdy young people of this estate off the streets and doing something worthwhile. The bus was provided by the local charity Bar'N'Bus. Plans are being made to bring this bus to the area regularly. But this depends on funding, and on local volunteers, for sadly the team from Argentina has had to move on.



The team with Rev Mones Farah and Mark Petitt in the redecorated Portacabin.

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