

# BARNABAS MINISTRY EMBRACES THE STREAM PROJECT

**F**ollowing discussion with the Council of Affinity, formerly The British Evangelical Council, we have agreed to take responsibility for the ongoing ministry of their STREAM project. This will be integrated into our Barnabas Ministry.

## What is STREAM?

STREAM stands for "Support and Training Romanians in Evangelism and Mission". Since it was first established in 1993 the project has involved several visits each year to Romania, and more recently to Moldova, to provide training for lay pastors, preachers and Christian workers, many of whom have not had the benefit of formal training.

Until his recent retirement, Ken Morey headed up the project. He and his wife, Bep, had worked as missionaries in Japan and in the early years of STREAM lived in Bucharest. Later they returned to part-time pastoral ministry in the UK enabling Ken to make regular visits to Romania, accompanied by a number of UK pastors.

The work began in Romania, at the invitation Pastor Paul Negrut and Pastor Vasile Talos on behalf of the Romanian evangelical church leaders. In 2002 a request was received from unregistered evangelical Baptist churches in Moldova for assistance in training lay pastors and preachers and twice yearly visits have been made since then.

## What are the future plans?

An initial visit will be made to Romania and Moldova in the Spring to meet with church leaders to discuss the future development of this ministry. When the way forward has been agreed, men, with teaching gifts and pastoral experience, will be needed to undertake regular visits to participate in the training of lay pastors and preachers. The visits will normally be for up to 2 weeks. Hopefully the men's churches, and others, will be able to support both in prayer and financially.

Please pray that the Lord will clearly guide us in this new development. We are keen to provide much needed and much appreciated training to faithful men who preach and pastor churches while working fulltime to support themselves and their families. ■



## BARNABAS MINISTRY UPDATE

The Barnabas Ministry continues to develop and now includes 2 countries in SE Asia, Sierra Leone, Ivory Coast and Central Europe.

Regular visits into SE Asia continue to provide valuable training to pastors and Christian leaders who, on their return to their churches, train others. Recent visits have included teaching weeks in a neighbouring country. Those who attend very much appreciate the training given but have to be prepared for possible persecution for attending the courses.

There is now a regular programme in Sierra Leone working with Mike and Vi Webb's Travelling Bible School and Seminar programme. At the end of 2006 Stephen Dunning, from Ebenezer Baptist Church, Mold, undertook 2 weeks of teaching. In January and February this year Francis and Olwyn Paton, from Cornerstone Evangelical Church, Abergavenny and formerly in the Ivory Coast, will spend 4 weeks in Sierra Leone.

During the past year William Brown has made several visits to the Ivory Coast and has provided essential books for pastors and teaching materials for Sunday School leaders. During the coming year, William, accompanied by Ben Griffin, will make further visits to undertake Bible teaching and training in conjunction with the Bible Institute at Sassandra. ■

