

Mission Board TRAINING SEMINARS



evangelism, how to teach a memory verse, preparing and conducting a Bible lesson, counselling children, and personal preparation for the children's worker. Lunch will be provided for those in attendance.

We encourage all involved in the work among the children to sign up and attend one of these events. As a result, may all be better equipped at reaching the rising generation for the Lord Jesus Christ. ■

✓ **Rev Ryan McKee,**
Seminar Leader.

The work of evangelising children has always been a very important part of the ministry within the Free Presbyterian Church. This is based on Scriptural warrant. It is clear that the Gospel is to be preached to children from verses such as Mark 16:15, 'Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. . . ' and Psalm 78:4, 'We will not hide them from their children, shewing to the generation to come the praises of the LORD, and his strength, and his wonderful works that he hath done.'

We also see examples in Scripture of children trusting in the Lord and being used for His glory. In order to further encourage and equip children's workers, the Mission Board has set up three training events that will take place in September, just as the works are recommencing after the summer. These events are open to all who are engaged in children's ministry – whether teaching, supervising or bus driving.

The events will be hosted across the province in Sandown, Magherafelt, and Markethill Free Presbyterian Churches. The Children's Evangelists working under the Mission Board, Christina Logan, Joyce Walsh and Robert McConnell, along with Rev Ryan McKee will teach at the events. A range of subjects will be covered, including the basis of child

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CHILDREN'S WORKERS' TRAINING SEMINARS

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To encourage and equip children's workers to reach boys and girls with the Gospel.
Led by Rev R McKee and the FPC Children's Evangelists

Topics:
Biblical basis for child evangelism | Teaching a memory verse
Preparing and teaching a lesson
Counselling children | Personal preparation

Where and When
2nd Sep - Sandown FPC
9th Sep - Magherafelt FPC
16th Sep - Markethill FPC

All Seminars will run from 10.30am - 3.30pm, and will include lunch.

We encourage all involved in the work among the children to register and attend one of these events – registration form link is available at fpcmission.org Psalm 78:4

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A Profitable Trip to Uganda

Just after the commencement of the new school year in February, we were delighted to have a visit from Rev David McMillan, and Mr and Mrs Alastair Hamilton. Being such a busy time, it was great to have some extra help on the compound.

Rev McMillan preached at a number of our church meetings, including the special Thanksgiving Service for the 2022 examination results, the Lord's Day Worship Service, the Sunday evening fellowships and the prayer meeting. He also spoke at some joint morning assemblies, the senior afternoon assemblies, the staff Bible study, an open air meeting in Kyambala Trading Centre and the bi-weekly outreach meetings at Lukaya and Bukulula Prisons. The Lord gave help in all the sessions and seventeen souls were counselled for salvation at the prisons. Rev McMillan also conducted a joint meeting of the School Management Committee and the Board of Governors.

Mrs Jenni Hamilton taught God's Word to the children and young people in the Sunday School, and in the Junior afternoon assembly. She brought a



☒ Above: Miss McAfee with the girls on the Apprenticeship Programme

☒ Below: The Exam Thanksgiving Service.



word of personal testimony in the open air and at Lukaya prison. She also taught us some new choruses and boosted the adult choir with some music on the keyboard. Madam Jenni did some crafts with the younger children which they enjoyed immensely, and she worked wonders in the Mission House kitchen to keep all of us fed.

Mr Alastair Hamilton brought greetings at the various meetings. He also testified at the Bukulula prison outreach and showed the latest Mission Board video presentations on Emmanuel and

other works at the Sunday Evening Fellowships. He updated parents on the school's vocational and bursary programmes, gave an insight into plans for development at the school staff meeting, and steered us through business at the FPMSA Uganda Directors' Meeting. The team also found time to pay a courtesy call to the Local Chairman in Kyambala and the Local Education Office in Kalungu. They caught up with the young men engaged as apprentice mechanics in Lukaya and Nyendo, and the young ladies taking Fashion and Design at Nile Vocational Institute in Masaka.

A trip to Kampala gave opportunities to meet the advocate and architect, as well as source and price materials for the next work team. All in all, it was a very profitable time, and we thank them so much for coming over to help us. ■

☒ Miss Noreen McAfee,
Missionary in Uganda.

First Impressions of the Work at Emmanuel



I was grateful for the opportunity to visit our mission work in Uganda in February, along with Alastair and Rev David McMillan. So many

aspects of the work made an impact during my visit, but, in terms of scale, the school is a sight to behold! At the morning assembly, you look

across a sea of young faces, children ranging from the 'baby' class to the secondary school teens. 'Madam Noreen' oversees a staff of over thirty

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teachers, gatemens, cooks, handymen, who go about their daily tasks with and for the children, like a well-oiled machine. The children are not only physically well looked after, but also spiritually, being under the influence of the gospel every day, through the assemblies, classroom, and church activities, but also in the godly life of Noreen who lives out the gospel in her calling and work.

The church meets on the school premises, and it was a thrill to meet the members who attend regularly. It was especially encouraging to see their desire to reach out to the community, with a weekly open air in the local villages and a prison service every Sunday. A visit to the prison was an experience I will never forget. I went a little fearful, having been asked to give my testimony in what, to me, was an alien environment. Strangely, the atmosphere was friendly, and I



will always remember the faces of the men who listened to every word so attentively and joined in the singing with enthusiasm. The prison work is an open door for the church to reach these needy men with the gospel.

As I travelled along the roads and through villages, towns and cities, I was struck by the vast needs in the land of Uganda. I realised that our mission work was just a drop in the ocean. But

it is OUR drop in the ocean. OUR denomination had been given this opportunity to affect the lives in this community. This is the door that the Lord has opened for us – it belongs to all of us. Please continue to pray for the expansion of the work and to send practical support for the daily needs of the missionaries and school. ■

✍ **Mrs Jenni Hamilton,**
Ballymena FPC.

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Chris Killen's Latest Booklet on Alcohol

As a missionary to the addicted for several decades now, I have spent a great deal of time working to rescue ordinary people from the destructive and painful consequences of alcohol addiction and other drugs. Most importantly, I have the opportunity of sharing with them the good news of God's forgiveness and His gift of eternal life through the Lord Jesus Christ.

✉ **Below:** Chris giving out copies of one of his previous booklets



The prevalence of alcohol addiction across our land continues to grow, as does the number of people seeking help for their addiction. While the number needing help increases, the time we have available to work directly with individuals is limited.

The phrase, 'prevention is better than cure', could not be more applicable in addressing this crisis. With the kind and generous support of our Youth Council, we have printed 3000 copies of the latest booklet in the 'Teaching the Truth' series, and this booklet focuses specifically on alcohol. The booklet explains the devastating consequences of alcohol consumption and, demonstrates from Scripture, the importance and blessing of total abstinence.

It is my earnest desire and prayer that this booklet will help our young



people realise the dangers and consequences of alcohol, and that they will purpose in their hearts to avoid the lure of alcohol at every turn.

I am blessed and encouraged by the feedback I received about the Teaching the Truth about Drugs booklet. Readers commented on how they found the booklet eye-opening, cautionary and useful in discussing drugs with their children. Younger readers learned how easy it is to get caught up in this insidious sin through peer pressure or curiosity, and how to best avoid drugs in the first place by living in accordance with Scripture.

'Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word' (Psalm 119:9). ■

✉ **Mr Chris Killen,**
Missionary to the Addicted.

Jonathan Smith Steps Down



Mr Jonathan Smith has served in a part-time capacity under the Free Presbyterian Mission Board since 2015. His work has focused on young people and he has ministered in schools, youth fellowships and in association

with the Youth Council. His work in schools was greatly impacted by the Covid pandemic and many previous opportunities did not materialise when restrictions were lifted. It seemed that the Lord was closing this avenue of service for him.

In addition to his work under the Mission Board, Jonathan has assisted in the youth outreach connected with his home congregation, Bethany Free Presbyterian Church, Portadown. At the beginning of 2023, he indicated to the Mission Board that he felt working directly with congregations would achieve more by way of continuity with youth in that area and provide a base upon which to build the work.

Consequently, Jonathan has stepped down from the Mission Board to focus on local ministry and to be available to assist another local church or churches, if and when needed.

The Mission Board greatly appreciates Jonathan's service over the past years and wishes him every blessing as he continues the Lord's work in his local area. It is our prayer that the Lord of the harvest will use him, and that he will see fruit for his gospel labours in the years to come. We ask readers to continue to remember him before the throne of grace. ■

✉ **Rev Colin Mercer,**
Mission Board Chairman.

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