



ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Having served in Lock and Port Lincoln since May 2016, Mr Kyle Graham received a call from both congregations to become their minister. Sunday 5th November 2017 saw his ordination to the Christian ministry and installation as minister. The congregations came together for the day in Port Lincoln where, during the morning service, Rev Philip Gardiner (Perth) brought a charge to the congregations from Colossians 4 meditating upon Tychicus, a beloved brother, and a faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord. Following

the service, the congregations shared lunch, with the ordination and installation service to follow.

The service was conducted by Rev Gardiner, who also put the necessary questions to Mr Graham. Rev Ralph Hall oversaw the ordination and installation before bringing a charge to the minister from the early part of 2 Timothy 4.

Despite the slightly unusual circumstances, given that the Grahams have been among the congregations for the past eighteen months, official words of welcome were offered by Mr

Trevor Spiers on behalf of the Lock congregation and Mr Lloyd Glover on behalf of Port Lincoln. Mrs Carol-Ann Glover also made a presentation to Mrs Eppie Graham, before Rev Graham gave some words of thanks and a brief testimony to the grace and leading of God.

Please continue to pray for the congregations in Port Lincoln and Lock that God will bless them mightily in the days ahead. Please remember Rev and Mrs Graham as they now go through the process of applying for permanent residency in Australia.

MAXWELLS CELEBRATE THIRTY YEARS' SERVICE

On Monday 30th October 2017 in the Dungannon Church Hall over one hundred and twenty people gathered for a special informal evening organised by the Mission Board and Missionary Council. This was to mark thirty years of faithful service in the Lord's work by Colin and Olive Maxwell. Rev. Harris (Board Chairman) thanked those gathered, representing many of our congregations from across the province. He gave a special welcome to Mr and Mrs Maxwell and their family. A lovely meal served by Top Nosh Caterers from Annalong was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

After dinner Rev Samuel and Mrs Karen Murray had prepared a special power point presentation for the evening. Everyone enjoyed the trip down memory lane reviewing as it did Colin's thirty years of ministry. It certainly lived up to its billing of being humorous and serious and certainly very challenging.

Rev Harris made a presentation to Mr and Mrs Maxwell on behalf of the Mission Board. He paid tribute to Mr Maxwell's steadfastness in faithfully witnessing the Gospel all across Ireland, and thanked Mrs Maxwell for

supporting her husband's ministry and for her own unstinting service in the Master's harvest field. Tribute was also paid to Mr and Mrs Maxwell's children, Ruth and Andrew, and the best wishes of the Board were conveyed to the whole family for the years ahead.

Rev David Park (Chairman) then made a presentation on behalf of the Missionary Council. He thanked Mr and Mrs Maxwell for their labours for Christ in the Republic of Ireland. Only eternity, he said, would reveal all that had been accomplished. Rev. Raymond Robinson, the Interim Moderator of Enniskillen church, Colin and Olive's home congregation, also made a presentation. He spoke of the high regard in which they and their family were held by all in the church at Chanterhill. He wished them God's blessing in their future service.

Mr Maxwell thanked all who had come and expressed appreciation for the gifts presented. He thanked God for saving grace in their lives and for the thirty years that God had given to him and his family in the Lord's service. He recognised that without the support of so-many of God's people, who from day one of their ministry had supported them, it would not have been possible.



Rev Gordon Dane (Deputy Moderator) brought the proceedings to a close with a timely message from God's Word. During their studies together in the Whitefield College, he had been Head Boy and Colin had been his Deputy. He likewise paid tribute to the vision that God had given Mr Maxwell to reach into the Republic of Ireland, noting that he was instrumental in starting the Gospel Outreach at the Irish Ploughing Championships. Over the years thousands had been reached with the Gospel through such means.

Rev John Gray, former Minister in Enniskillen and member of the Mission Board, brought the evening to a conclusion in prayer. All who were present testified of God's presence and a very special time of fellowship and blessing.

GOLDEN JUBILEE OF BALLYMONEY MISSIONARY WEEKEND

This year marks the fiftieth anniversary of the Missionary Weekend hosted by the Hebron congregation, Ballymoney. Over the years this event has given a platform for countless missionaries, raised awareness of

missionary endeavour, and presented the challenge of the mission field to those attending. In addition, hundreds of thousands of pounds have been raised. The weekend began under the ministry of Dr Alan Cairns, and it is appropriate the he should be

the keynote speaker for 2018. There will be a special focus on Uganda, with contributions from Miss Noreen McAfee and Mr Stephen Miller. Local minister and Mission Board Secretary Rev Park assures friends old and new of a warm welcome. (Details, Page 24)

UGANDA PLAY PARK - AND MORE



When Rev David Park visited Uganda in April 2017 for the official re-opening of Emmanuel Christian School, he came back with the thought: 'Wouldn't it be wonderful to have a play area for the children?' He shared this burden with his family, and two of his children, David and Andrew, volunteered to go. Permission was granted by the Mission Board for this project, and two other members of the Ballymoney congregation came on board as part of the construction team, Nigel McAuley and Hugh McClenaghan.

The mission was accomplished last

August. The team members, together with the senior boys at the school and some of the girls, are to be commended for their hard work. Rev Park is very thankful to family members and friends who contributed the finance to make it possible. You can imagine the excitement when the first swing was hung and the children queued up for their turn!

An I.T. installation was also undertaken, the necessary equipment being financed by the Randalstown congregation. Northern Ireland Volleyball Association kindly donated a net, and so a full sized volleyball

court was installed during the visit. Hundreds of clothing items were also brought and distributed to the poor and orphaned children. Thank you to the friends at Hebron who made this possible! The team took part in the final end of term School Assembly and also at the church service on the Sunday, and enjoyed meeting the people from the local community.

Subsequently, a borehole was sunk, providing clean, drinking water, and a sufficient supply for washing, cooking and cleaning. What a blessing to see the tanks and taps installed and fully operational!



WORK TEAM TO THE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY IN KENYA (NOV - DEC 2018)
Please contact Rev Ian Kenny

MISSION TRIP TO SPAIN (APRIL 2018)
Please contact Rev Andrew Patterson

EVANGELISTIC TEAM TO AUSTRALIA (SEPT - OCT 2018)
Please contact Rev David McMillan

(Places for no more than eight young people, eighteen years or over, September - October 2018 (Springtime in Australia), for approximately three weeks, to help the churches with outreach, children's meetings and special Gospel meetings. Cost is expected to be in the region of £2,500 to £3000 per person. Viability dependent on the level of interest.)



SENDING FORTH SERVICE FOR ANDREW FOSTER

On Tuesday evening 24th October 2017 a large congregation gathered in Comber church for the special Sending Forth Service of Mr Andrew Foster to the work of God in the Emmanuel Christian School in Uganda. The service, organised under the auspices of the Presbytery Mission Board, was commenced by Rev Thomas Murray, local minister and Moderator of Presbytery. He welcomed everyone to Comber, and spoke of his special joy in seeing one of their own young men being sent forth as a missionary into the Lord's service.

Rev I Harris (Mission Board Chairman) led the remainder of the service. Rev G Wilson and Mr Barry Stewart (Mission Board members) opened in prayer. Rev Paul Foster, Andrew's brother, read from the Word of God, and brought greetings and best wishes from the entire family circle. Rev. David Park (Mission Board Secretary) briefly explained the background to the denomination's acquisition of Emmanuel Church and School in Uganda. He told how Mr Foster had felt led of God to apply to work under our Mission Board in the school and of the work in which he would be engaged.

Mr Alastair Hamilton (Mission Board Treasurer) made a presentation to Mr Foster, wishing him God's blessing, and assuring him of the best wishes and prayers of the Mission Board and Missionary Council, and of the Lord's people in the Free Presbyterian Church. Mr Foster thanked Mr Hamilton for the gift. He thanked God for the opportunity to serve under the Board and looked to Him to undertake for the days ahead. He paid special tribute to his mother for all her

sacrifice in his upbringing and that of his brother Paul. Her godly example had been pivotal in shaping both their lives.

Rev. David McMillan, who, with Mr George McConnell, was one of the first members of the Mission Board to visit Emmanuel Church and School, preached the sermon. He based many of his remarks on the life of James Hannington, the martyred Anglican Bishop of Uganda, one of the first to open up East Africa for the Gospel. Hearts were stirred as the Word was preached. In closing Rev. McMillan reminded the congregation of the words of the English Evangelist Leonard Ravenhill.

*Could a mariner sit idle if he heard the drowning cry?
Could a doctor sit in comfort and just let his patients die?
Could a fireman sit idle, let men burn and give no hand?
Can you sit at ease in Zion with the world around you damned?*

During the singing of the final hymn Members of Presbytery came forward to join Mr Foster, where he was solemnly set aside for the work in Uganda through prayer and the laying on of hands, the Moderator leading in prayer. Supper was served in the Church Hall by the ladies of the Congregation, and everyone had the opportunity to speak with Mr Foster and wish him well.

Update: Mr Foster arrived safely in Uganda on 3rd November. He continues to adapt and adjust to his new surroundings, and already has been busy already in his work around the compound. Please continue to remember him in prayer.

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