

Thank you



Thank you to all who once again donated to the appeal for Bibles and Christian books for the bookshops in Kenya. The response this year was tremendous and 56 boxes were packed and are on their way to Kenya. Special thanks are due to George McConnell who so kindly gave of his time to sort and pack all the donated items. He delivered them to the Revival Movement Association for shipping.

Please continue to pray for the work of the bookshops in Kenya and also please continue to send in any Bibles and Christian books new or used. Donations can be given to your Missionary Council representative. ■

First Free Presbyterian Wedding in Uganda

During a brief visit to the Free Presbyterian Mission work in Uganda, the Rev Colin Mercer had the privilege of officiating at the wedding of Master Habaasa Israel and Madam Nasaazi Lillian. Israel and Lillian both teach at Emmanuel Christian School. This was a particularly momentous occasion as it was the first wedding in the church since the Free Presbyterian Church Mission Board assumed responsibility for running the school and church.

An extremely wet morning delayed the bride, who arrived two hours late, only to discover her groom had not yet arrived. The weather conditions delayed him for a further hour. A congregation of 150 guests gathered to witness the exchange of wedding vows. The marriage ceremony followed a familiar format with Rev Mercer leading the couple as they made their vows to one another before God and the witnesses gathered. Rev Stephen Miller assisted and brought a challenging message from Ephesians 5. Rev David Brown also participated and committed the newly married couple to the Lord in prayer. The whole occasion was a marvellous and memorable event for Emmanuel Christian School. ■





Setting aside Miss Christina Logan

Miss Christina Logan was set aside for home missionary work during a special service held in Rasharkin Free Presbyterian Church on Saturday 20th April. A large congregation heard her testify of the Lord's saving grace in her life and of His leading into full-time Christian service among boys and girls. Presentations were made to Christina on behalf of her home congregation and the Mission Board. Readers are asked to remember Christina as she continues with this essential work among children. ■

☞ **Above:** Miss Christina Logan with ministers, elders and missionaries at her sending forth service on 20th April.

Reports from Home Missionaries



God willing, during June, Rev David Smith and I are planning to conduct a two-week gospel mission in Loughbrickland. Following the mission, I have arranged to travel to the Isle of Man to do outreach and conduct special meetings in Port Erin. Later in the summer, I will be speaking at the Holiday Bible Clubs in Annalong and Cookstown Free Presbyterian Churches and also will be conducting five-day clubs around the housing estates in Annalong and Carryduff. I am thankful for your prayers in the past, and as the summer months are fast approaching, please continue to remember the work before the Lord. ■

✔ **Noel Shields**

Thank you for all your prayers and support over the past few months. Springtime proved to be a busy period with drug awareness meetings and door to door outreach and we are thankful to the Lord for every opportunity to serve Him. Drug awareness meetings were held in Portadown Town Hall and also in the Braniel Estate, Belfast. During the summer months, we plan to focus on the street outreach ministry that we have been doing with the homeless in Dublin City Centre. Please pray that the Lord will go before us. Thank you in the Saviour's name for your continual prayers. ■

✔ **Chris Killen**

Since the beginning of January, I have conducted many Bible Clubs in Primary schools. Some of the meetings took place during the day, and others took place after school hours. In some schools, I was able to hold two meetings, one for Primary 1-3 pupils and another for boys and girls in Primary 4-7. It is interesting to see the lack of interest in Primary 7 children, who think they are too old to attend, even though they attended well in Primary 6. Over the Summer I will be involved in teaching at two camps, Holiday Bible Clubs and some outdoor meetings. Please do remember the summer outreach in your prayers, that we will have the joy of seeing children saved and that those who are saved will be strengthened in their faith. ■

✔ **Joyce Walsh**

The summer period provides many opportunities to reach boys and girls with the gospel. I have the privilege this year to speak at thirteen Holiday Bible Clubs and Children's Missions organised by our churches in Northern Ireland and across the border. I trust and pray that these Bible Clubs will be used to share the gospel with many children and that it will help those children who are already saved to grow in their walk with the Lord. Please pray that the Lord would guide me as to what I should speak on at each Mission and that each week children would come and trust the Lord as their Saviour. ■

✔ **Christina Logan**

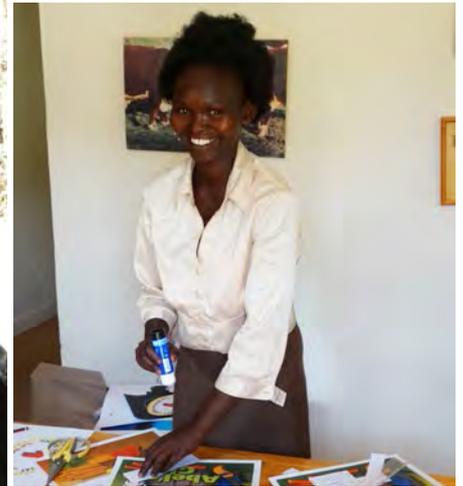
The setting up of various children's summer schemes is now the norm throughout July and August in many of the Province's civic centres and churches. Most of these events, however, are focused on promoting sports activities and entertainment. Although the children's clubs we are involved in allow for fun and games, our primary emphasis is to promote the Bible, the message of the gospel and a personal need of salvation. To that end, please pray for us as we conduct Holiday Bible Clubs in Mullaglass, Ballygowan, Garvagh, Aghalee, Larne, Aghnacloy, Comber and Newtownabbey. May many little ones be converted to the Saviour. ■

✔ **Robert McConnell**





Vacation Bible School: Kenya



Mercy Cheptoo, the wife of Pastor Andrew Cheptoo, conducted a three-day Vacation Bible School in Bikeke and Nyaporo in December 2018. She took as her theme the Wordless Book. I introduced the Wordless Book to the ladies in Kitale during the Ladies' Workshop on Salvation back in 2015. After the December VBS, Mercy and I decided to meet with Margaret Russell to plan the next VBS. It took place in April 2019 and we took as our theme the early chapters of Genesis.

As the VBS in Bikeke and Nyaporo were scheduled simultaneously, this presented a challenge for the workers, however, with assistance from Margaret and I, there were enough people to teach the stories. In Bikeke, Mercy was assisted by her husband Andrew, Jared, Ebby and Margaret. In Nyaporo, Benson, a teacher, was overall in charge and Evangelist Patrice and I assisted him. Others from the Sunday School staff participated in the meetings by leading the choruses or teaching the memory verses.

and worksheets for juniors and seniors. Each day every child went home with a copy of that day's memory verse. Please pray for the children who heard the Word and their parents, that they may understand the way of salvation. Please also pray for the workers, that they will be anointed of God to teach the great truths of scripture effectively. ■

We hope to continue the theme of Genesis in the next VBS in August.

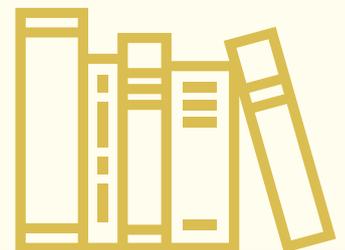
Mercy and I worked together to prepare choruses, memory verses, visual aids

✉ Mrs M Patterson

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