

New Missionaries

Called Forth in Answer to Prayer



The words of the Saviour in Mathew 9:38, 'Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest', have inspired many prayers for additional Christian workers. Included in this command to pray lies an assurance that the Lord of the harvest will supply the needed labourers. Several years ago, the Mission Board, conscious of the pending retirement of some missionaries, began to pray for five new missionary individuals or families. Almost immediately, the Lord began to work in hearts, and over the past years we have been thrilled to see answers to those prayers.

Presently, three recent graduates from the Whitefield College of the Bible are preparing to go to the Mission field. Mr Glenn Hamilton (Ballymena) is engaged in deputation meetings as he and his family look forward to the work in Kenya. Mr David McAuley (Ballymoney) is also visiting congregations on deputation as he and his family prepare to serve in Uganda. Miss Elizabeth Edwards (Lisburn) has a schedule of deputation meetings for the remainder of this year as she plans to minister in Kenya alongside the Hamiltons. The Mission Board is grateful for the ongoing support of our congregations. Deputation meetings are a vital part of garnering prayer support and raising the necessary funds to permit our mission work to continue. Our new missionary candidates appreciate the opportunity to visit our congregations; and it is our prayer that, even in the deputation meetings, the Lord of the harvest would call others, and send them forth as labourers. Please pray with us and for the missionary endeavour that the Lord has opened for our denomination. ■

✉ Rev Colin Mercer, *Mission Board Chairman.*

MISSION VISION 50
A special conference to focus on *Mission in Action.*
Hosted in Lisburn Free Presbyterian Church
6-8 MARCH 2024 each night @ 8pm

Wednesday – Rev. Colin Mercer
Subject: The Priority of Evangelism

Thursday – Rev. Ryan McKee
Subject: The Purpose of Discipleship

Friday – Rev. David McMillan
Subject: The Pattern of Church Planting

Video reports from our Mission Fields

SATURDAY 9 MARCH 2024 @ 8pm

- Special Anniversary service to recognise the work of the Mission Board over the past 50 years
- Special Speaker – Rev Samuel Murray (Moderator of Presbytery)

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Building & Vehicle Appeal

- Safe housing required for new missionary families
- New larger vehicle required for Missionary Team

Total Budget = £280,000
£130,000 already raised

Funding Target = £150,000

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Encouraging Developments at Nyaporo



Nyaporo Glory Bible Church, which is situated in Western Kenya, three quarters of an hour's drive west of Kakamega, has a growing congregation. During the past year, thirteen people were baptised, and twenty one children attended a dedication service. This work was established during Rev Ian Harris' missionary service in Kenya.

Later, Miss Gillian Gillespie laboured there amongst the children and ladies, and Miss Kathy Walker used her talents in the musical ministry in that congregation. Presently, Mr Benson Osundwa, who has completed the Mission Board Bible Training Institute Course, carries the main responsibility for the preaching ministry there.



There is a growing Sunday School in this congregation. In August 2021, the congregation commenced an Early Childhood Development Education Centre (nursery school). This has two classes, Pre-primary 1 and 2 (PP1 and PP2). This school uses the main church building for the two classes. The school has now over 50 children enrolled so the present premises have become too small.

The Mission Board granted permission for the church to extend the present building to facilitate an additional classroom which will serve both the Sunday School and ECDE. This church extension has been completed in early January 2024 in time for the ECDE to commence its fourth year.

The church in Nyaporo is a rural area without electricity, and the water is obtained from a local spring which is not of good quality and needs to be carried a considerable distance to the school.



To enable the school to function, a small solar system was installed that enables the staff to run a laptop and printer.

The school provides two meals each day for these children, so there was a great need for dependable supply of clean water. A borehole was successfully drilled beside the church for the use of the school and the community. ■

✉ **Rev Malcolm Patterson,**
Missionary to Kenya.

MISSIONARY VISION

Providing Emergency Aid

following the Nepal Earthquake

On 3rd November 2023, at just a few minutes before midnight, a major earthquake struck the far western region of Nepal. It was reported that 153 people lost their lives, with about half of those being children, and some 375 people were injured. Sadly, some from the Free Presbyterian Church of Nepal were among the fatalities.

The after effects of such a catastrophe are also very damaging, with 10,000 people forced to leave their homes during the ongoing aftershocks and



5,000 people left homeless due to the damage. Sadly, it is now reported that the cold weather is taking further lives as many people are living outdoors or below tarpaulins. 300 schools have been destroyed, and landslides make it very difficult to bring in much needed aid.

We have been able to provide Emergency Aid Relief to our friends in the country, and they have travelled on multiple trips to the region to distribute rice, blankets, tarpaulins and tin to repair the roofs of houses.

Pray for the families that remain; many of their homes were destroyed along with the winter supply of food for the

people and animals and the seeds for the spring sowing season. Also, please remember those who are helping to deliver the aid support at this time. ■

✍ **Mr Alastair Hamilton,**
Mission Board Treasurer.



A very encouraging response to the **New Youth Devotional Book**

Last year, under the auspices of the LFPC Mission Board, we set about compiling and producing a new Daily Devotional book which was entitled, 'In All Thy Ways'. The book contained a devotional for every day of the year, and each month a specific Bible character was written about. The focus of the devotional was primarily for the youth of our churches because we felt there was a 'gap in the market' for solid and Scriptural teaching for teens and twenties.

The book was published and then distributed around all of our churches in November of last year. As this was very much 'new ground', we were

unsure just what the uptake would be. However, sales have been so encouraging, to the point that we ran out of copies by the start of December and had to have a second print run.

It has been particularly encouraging that many churches have bought copies for their own young people, ensuring that as many of our youth as possible have a copy of this devotional. The response has been very encouraging, with a lot of feedback relaying how helpful and instructive the book already has been to many.

Copies of the book have gone beyond our own shores, with many copies

going to Scotland, England, and even further afield. Copies are still available and can be purchased by contacting 07899 955255.

In all of this, we give the glory to God alone for how He has already used this devotional to edify and build up His own people. ■

✍ **Rev Garth Wilson,**
*Home Missions
Subcommittee
Chairman.*



Easter Missionary Rally

SATURDAY 30th MARCH, 7.30PM

MISSIONARY REPORTS & A MISSIONARY MESSAGE

Preacher:

Dr John McKnight Maryland, USA

Light refreshments afterwards



“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations...!”

Financial Update

As we look back over 2023, we give thanks and praise for the financial blessings which we have received in the work of Home and Foreign Missions. The Lord has truly blessed through the faithful financial support of His people, and we are really thankful for your ongoing support of the growing work. During 2023, the Lord has blessed in the following ways:-

- » Deputation support for new and existing missionaries and workers
- » Fundraising for special projects – especially through the work of the Missionary Council
- » Legacy support from those who have specified the missionary work in their wills
- » Monthly support from church offerings
- » One-off special gifts from individuals
- » Sponsorship and regular project offerings from Ladies fellowships, children’s meetings, etc

We are truly grateful for all of the gifts and donations, and as we look forward to 2024, the one area which I would leave with you for consideration, is that of regular monthly giving – sometimes known as Covenant Support. At present only about 12% of our monthly financial obligations are covered by committed monthly gifts, meaning that we depend on unknown gifts coming in each month to cover the majority of those costs. Our desire would be to increase the monthly committed gifts and to reduce the risks of our growth plans at this time. If you can help in this way, by committing even a small monthly gift, then that would be appreciated. Please remember that, if your circumstances change, you can alter or cancel that monthly gift at any time. Thank you for your support and consideration of this area of the Lord’s work. ■

✓ Mr Alastair Hamilton, Mission Board Treasurer.

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