



KENYAN PASTORS' CONFERENCE

Beulah Christian Literature sponsored its first Pastors' Training Seminar 2-4 May 2017. The Lord blessed as 40 men gathered from Kenya and Uganda for ministry by Dr John McKnight, Rev David McMillan and Rev Ian Kenny. Mr Paul Haffey assisted with registration, allowing me to attend to other needs.

Men from Dr McKnight's Evangelical Methodist Church of Kenya joined with pastors from Bible Christian Faith Church, the new FP Mission in Uganda, and some from Kakamega. Dr McKnight spoke from 1 Timothy about pastoral life and ministry; Rev McMillan spoke from Jonah, and on Martin Luther in

this 500th anniversary of the Reformation; Rev Kenny spoke on the Inspiration of Scripture. We had two very able translators, Stephen Macharia (Kitale) and Patrice Makali (Nairobi), and a sound system from a local church – extremely useful during some noisy rain storms! Many expressed appreciation and requested more conferences soon. The Lord provided a very good venue close to the bookshop and undertook for all the arrangements, bringing help just when needed. Please pray that the Word will continue to speak and

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that this would be just a beginning to a much needed ministry here in East Africa. Thank you for praying for the conference.

It was also a blessing to enjoy fellowship with others from Ulster. Rev Ian Harris, Rev John Gray, and Mr and Mrs Barry Stewart joined Margaret Russell for a visit to Kisii to minister there,

and then all travelled to Kitale and Kapenguria churches and a visit to the BCFC Christian Academy.

∴ Kathy Walker

RADIO STATION COMMENCES IN LIBERIA

After a three-year application process, the Free Presbyterian Mission Church of Liberia (FPMCOL) was finally granted permission to set up its own radio station on the compound in Duazon, broadcasting on 92.5 FM throughout the greater Monrovia area. Broadcasts have been aired 18 hours a day for just over a month, and people are listening. I was in a shop about 45 minutes' drive from our property, and a man recognized my voice from the radio. That suggests that others too are listening.

We set up a 150-foot tower on the mission property, and are broadcasting on a 1000-watt transmitter. The station can be heard about 20 miles out in each direction. There are spots where other stations interfere 10 miles out, but for the most part the signal is really quite good.

We are broadcasting under a "test" status from the Liberian government, and have been promised a licence as soon as the government's test is done. The government agency have informed



us that they have received no indication of our broadcast interfering with other stations, so we are fairly certain that the licence will soon be granted.

Thus far just over \$20,000 USD has been raised and spent to set up the entire station. We hope to buy a new transmitter for about \$6000 USD and operate the used transmitter as a

back-up. The generator is running an extra 6 hours per day, which costs an additional \$600 USD per month. This allows the station to run from 5:30 am to 11:00 pm, 7 days per week. Readers can learn more about the project at fpcnamission.org

✪ Rev David DiCanio

EASTER IN ULSTER FOR SPANISH GROUP



This past Easter weekend, 12 people from the church in Alcorcón in Spain travelled to Ulster to celebrate John and Noranna Hanna's 40 years of ministry in Spain. Joy Gillespie did a great job organizing everything. On Friday night we enjoyed John Hanna's preaching at the Easter Convention, on Saturday we enjoyed a lovely day out at Giants' Causeway and Portstewart, and then on Saturday evening we had a great time as 200 people gathered at the Lodge Hotel to celebrate John and Noranna's time in Spain. Two elders from Alcorcón (Carlos and Santiago), as well as a deacon and the treasurer (Jesus), and Angel, all gave testimony to the faithful ministry of John and Noranna, noting the giving of their very lives for service to Him and to His people, and how much they are loved by the church in Alcorcón.

John Hanna also spoke about the Lord's grace through these 40 years of ministry in Spain, and highlighted how much George McConnell had helped with his steadfast prayers, support, and encouragement. He also mentioned the new church that Mark Witte (American missionary in Spain) has opened in the nearby town of Toledo (1 hour away), and requested prayer for the Lord to work there. On Sunday morning the Spanish group attended Magherafelt, where Ruth Stewart prepared a lovely lunch for us. In the evening, we worshipped at Ballymoney, with a delicious supper afterwards. We also had the opportunity to meet two brethren from Chile, and another brother from Argentina who wanted to come and get to know the Free Presbyterian churches of Northern Ireland and to have fellowship with them. As Monday and Tuesday were not holidays in Spain, most of the Spanish folk had to fly back on Monday morning. We all had such a wonderful time of fellowship in Ulster. Thank you to all who shared their time and their homes with us. And thank you to John and Noranna for their 40 years of service to the Lord in Spain, for their godly example, listening ear, and spiritual discernment and guidance over all of these years.

∴ Kelley Alvarez

NOEL & JOAN SHIELDS: THE NEXT CHAPTER



Not long after my conversion in January 1985 I began to seek the Lord for my future. Through the words of the Apostle Paul in 2 Tim 4:5 "But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry", I felt God was calling me into full time service. After completing the two year course at the Whitefield College, our evangelistic journey for the Lord began. Over the last 26 years we have had the privilege of serving in N Ireland, Australia, England and Scotland.

In February of this year, after spells in Kenya and Malvern, U.S.A., we arrived back and made application to the Mission Board to resume evangelistic labour. We are delighted we have been accepted for this ministry.

Through door to door visitation, open air preaching, children's meetings and gospel missions, we trust we will have the opportunity to proclaim the way of salvation to the lost. We are hoping to visit as many of our congregations as possible for deputation meetings to bring the needs of this work before the people of God. We would greatly value your support and prayers for this venture

∴ Noel and Joan Shields

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