



## JAMES HANNINGTON PIONEER MISSIONARY IN UGANDA

**J**ames Hannington grew up in the South of England. He was from a wealthy family. He had money, education, position, and opportunity, but there came a day when he gave it all up to be a missionary in Uganda.

### CONVERSION

Hannington was converted through the letters of Rev E C Dawson, a college friend. In his diary he summed it up like this, 'Dawson opened a correspondence with me today which I can only describe as delightful, it led to my conversion'. The first qualification for missionary work is to be converted! The primary purpose of all missionary work is to see others converted, as the Great Commission says, 'to make disciples of all nations'.

Psalm 68:31 reminds us that 'Ethiopia shall soon stretch out her hands unto God.' Keep in mind that the kingdom of Ethiopia in Bible times was much larger than it is today. This is a great promise for missionary work in East Africa.

### CALL

Hannington received extracts of letters that missionaries in East Africa were sending home. As he read these letters the call of God began to sound louder and louder in his heart. In 1882 the news came of two missionaries who had been murdered on the shores of Lake Victoria. Immediately he offered himself for service and was accepted.

The need for missionaries is still as great as ever. The hymn writer said, 'I can hear my Saviour calling'. If God has called you to serve Him on the mission field, you will never be happy, regardless of what else you achieve, unless you obey that call.

### COUNTRY

In Uganda Hannington had to walk almost everywhere; good water was scarce; warrior tribes abounded; and because of fever and dysentery, he was often weak in body. This gives some idea of 'the hardness he endured' to bring the Gospel to the Ugandan people. What is it that keeps you back from being a missionary? Is

it the comforts of home? 'The call of God it is so clear, but friendships call and home is dear'.

### CHALLENGE

Killed by Ugandan nationals on 29<sup>th</sup> October 1885, Hannington's last words were, 'Go and tell Mwanga (the king) I have purchased the road to Uganda with my blood'. Such sacrifice has opened Uganda today for the Gospel. Will we do all we can to establish the Gospel there while we have the opportunity? Will you give your supplications, your substance, yourself to further Christ's Kingdom in that land?

Hannington was consecrated the first Bishop of Eastern Equatorial Africa. But more important, he was consecrated to the Lord's work in Uganda. Are you willing to make the same consecration of your life? Ponder carefully the words of King David, 'And who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the LORD?' (1 Chronicles 29:5).

:: Rev David McMillan

# PASTORS' CONFERENCE IN UGANDA



**M**y first visit to Uganda, with Eric Graham in 2015, tasked us with looking at upgrading missionary accommodation and preparing a deputation video for deputation. Our

transport was a little minivan kindly provided by Pastor Joel Kamugisha. Hungry and tired, we stopped in the centre of Kampala for refreshments. Pastor Joel said quite unexpectedly, 'I'd like you (the Free Presbyterian Church) to take over my churches.' I replied, 'How many churches are you talking about?' He said, 'Seventy!'

We intimated that we were seeking to take over the running of one church and Christian School, but, perhaps a conference for pastors would provide a little teaching and encouragement. He wrote to the Board formally requesting such a Conference. The Mission Board asked me to preach, and requested the assistance of Youth Council President, Rev D Brown. We are due to conduct

these meetings and visit Emmanuel Christian School and Mission Station in April.

Pastor Joel wrote, 'Dear Rev. David Park, remember that we will have between five hundred and six hundred...' We really don't know what to expect, but we will seek to present sound Biblical teaching. The Conference will span three days, with doctrinal subjects each morning and practical matters in the afternoons.

We are indebted to Miss Noreen McAfee for her assistance at the Uganda side. Please pray for the blessing of God to attend the conference.

∴ Rev D Park

## BALLYMONEY: 50<sup>TH</sup> MISSIONARY WEEKEND



**I**t would be impossible to recount all the times of blessing that have been experienced since Rev Alan Cairns first organised these meetings. The interest has never diminished, with hundreds attending, hundreds of thousands of pounds being raised for missionary causes, and many testifying to the challenge of missionary work.

Friday night is always attended by many Youth Fellowships and Missionary Council members. Rev Harris, Mission Board Chairman,

brought greetings and led in prayer. This year the emphasis was on Uganda, with the Millers and Miss McAfee at home, and also because Emmanuel Christian School and Mission Station is a new work needing adequate funding. The missionaries give stirring and challenging reports. Eric Graham outlined the acquisition and funding of the borehole. Andrew Park spoke of the Play Park and IT Installation. A PowerPoint on the Missionary Council was shown, together with Philip Knowles' Deputation DVD. Dr Cairns delivered the Word of God with power

and blessing. A special presentation acknowledged his godly example and influence. His messages are available on SermonAudio.

We acknowledge God's mercy in all that has been accomplished. We rejoice in those sent forth from our own congregation, and in our three students presently studying in Bible College. Thank you for your presence, prayers, and financial support during these five decades!

∴ Rev D Park



## NOEL SHIELDS' COMMISSIONING SERVICE

**A** Commissioning Service has been held by Mission Board for Noel Shields who is to work under Presbytery as an Evangelist. Rev I Harris welcomed everyone, especially friends and family of Mr Shields, and Mr N Moody (Elder, Mullaglass) led in prayer. Rev D McMillan made a presentation on behalf of the Board. He spoke highly of Mr Shield's previous work under its care and assured him of prayers and support for the future. Mr Shields thanked God for saving him and for calling him, Rev McMillan for the presentation, and the Mission Board for giving him this new opportunity. He also thanked those who had prayerfully and financially supported him in recent days. He asked for prayer as he and his wife Joan set out together again in God's service.

The Moderator Rev T Murray brought greetings from Presbytery and preached powerfully from Luke 5: 1-11. Mr Shields was duly commissioned to the work of an Evangelist by prayer and the laying on of hands. Mr B Stewart (Elder, Magherafelt) closed in prayer and gave thanks for the supper which was enjoyed by all.

Please pray that God would use Mr Shields mightily. He is due to conduct a Gospel Mission in Gibson's Hill Mission Hall, near Lurgan, 11th - 25th March.



## INTRODUCING CHRISTINA LOGAN

**I** came to know Christ as my Saviour at the age of nine. The Lord directed me to the Whitefield College of the Bible, and I began my studies there at the end of school. It was at College that my interest in children's work began. During those two years my burden grew for the souls of boys and girls. After College, I had the opportunity to visit the Lord's work in Liberia. I thoroughly enjoyed my time, especially working with the children, and I learned a lot about serving in a foreign field.

However my burden for the children back in Northern Ireland intensified. I knew that the Lord was wanting me to go into full time service, but I was reluctant and afraid to take that step of faith. The Lord, however, challenged me with the words of Numbers 32.6: 'Shall your brethren go to war, and shall ye sit here?' And so I applied to be a full-time Children's worker under our Mission Board. I was accepted in December 2017.

Pray that the Lord would use me for His glory; that He would open doors to serve Him in Churches, schools and communities; that the Gospel would be spread amongst the boys and girls; and that Christ would bring little souls unto Himself.

**Rev Harris writes:** *Christina will be visiting all of our churches on deputation. I ask you to give her your support. We pray that God will use Christina to bring the message of salvation to multitudes of young hearts within and without our congregations.*



## SENDING FORTH SERVICE

**MR + MRS S MILLER**

**Portglenone Free Presbyterian Church**

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2018, 8pm**

**Everyone Welcome**

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