



REV AND MRS MAURICE BAXTER TRAVEL TO LIBERIA

A retirement service for Rev Maurice Baxter was held in Mulvin Free Presbyterian Church on 25th May 2018. Mr Baxter has been the minister of the Mulvin congregation since 1998. He had previously ministered in Coragarry and Mullaglass congregations. A representative from these congregations and also from Limavady, where he has served as interim moderator, reflected on his ministry. Various presentations from the Mulvin congregation were made to him and his wife. Mr Baxter has a keen interest in missionary work and has kindly agreed to spend several months in our mission work in Liberia while Miss Joanne Greer is home on furlough. Rev Baxter, who will be accompanied by his wife Chrismar, will assist Rev David DiCanio.



Top: Rev and Mrs Maurice Baxter pictured prior to his retirement service.
Above: The large congregation in Mulvin Free Presbyterian Church for the retirement service.

SCHOOL SPONSORSHIP AT EMMANUEL, UGANDA

Sponsoring children at Emmanuel Christian School will be a lifeline for its future. £30,000 has to be raised annually to keep the school functioning. This is used to help with food, uniforms, shoes, provisions and staffing costs. It takes approximately £120 per year to educate a Primary School child and £180 for a pupil in Secondary school.

There are 330 children enrolled in our School. These children are receiving an academic education in a Christian environment. The Word of God is taught every day, and many have professed faith in Jesus Christ. It is a joy to see them grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour.

We are glad to report that so far 163 children have found someone to sponsor them this year. Thank you to all who have signed up to this project. May the Lord be pleased to bless and reward you. The Scripture teaches: 'Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble' (Psalm 41:1).

If you can sign up to sponsorship, please contact Glenda at our Mission Board office for details.

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MISSIONARIES FOR KENYA

David and Rachel McAuley (Ballymoney) have received invaluable missionary training in New Tribes Mission. With a pressing need for personnel in Kenya, they have agreed to cover a period of three months under the Mission Board beginning in September.

Their main work programme will be in the Nyaporo Church, Kakamega bookshop and the new work at Kisii. There is a Tuesday lunch hour Bible Study in Kakamega, where David will be able to work alongside two Kenyan

pastors. David and Rachel will help to run and organise the bookshop ministry with local worker Josephine.

Kisii, where the new church and orphanage is located, is about three hours away. David will travel there once a month and teach in the Church and Sunday School.

The McAuleys will travel first to Kapenguria and stay there for approximately two weeks to get orientated. Miss Margaret Russell will then travel down with them initially to

Kakamega and introduce them to the local people.

We ask God's praying people to uphold them faithfully and continually at the throne of heavenly grace, that the Lord will be pleased to prosper the cause of the Gospel through them, and that they will be a real blessing as they minister in Kenya.

∴ **Rev David Park**, minister of Ballymoney Free Presbyterian Church and chairman of Missionary Council.

MALCOLM AND ALISON PATTERSON RETURN TO KENYA

A REPORT FROM REV MALCOLM PATTERSON

Alison and I left Northern Ireland for Kenya in January 2013. We lived at the Mission House in Kitale, in north west Kenya. Our ministry at first was to preach in the Bible Christian Faith Churches on Sundays and midweek services, and to lecture in the Bible Christian Faith Church (BCFC) Bible College. Alison was invited to speak at the ladies' meetings. Our ministry also included participating in conferences organised by BCFC. Later, when the Free Presbyterian Mission Society Africa registration was granted, we helped to pioneer the work of the new society, in addition to the work we were involved in with BCFC. Just as the new registration was granted, we were invited to take devotions for the workers in the local Nakumatt Store in Kitale. This was a new area of ministry and was an encouragement for us as we stepped out under FPC Mission Africa. Under the new society, we helped to locate suitable premises for a bookshop in Kakamega. The Rev. Leslie Curran and the Board of LTBS very kindly added Kenya to their list of countries; and we now broadcast on two stations, one in Kakamega at the university and the other at a Christian Station based in Kitale, which also broadcasts into Uganda. Each year, there is an Agricultural show in Kitale. During our last year in Kenya before furlough, we had an agricultural exhibit on solar drying and the successional sowing of vegetable seeds. In addition, we had a small tent from which we distributed Revival Movement Association literature and some of our own articles in English and Swahili; Gospels of John with a section included entitled Seven Steps to Knowing God were also freely



distributed. At the show, we made many contacts with pastors and Kenyans who had established orphanages and schools in Kitale, Eldoret and Mumias; and we were able to visit some and provide them with literature and shoes for the children.

During our furlough, Alison was diagnosed with colon cancer in March 2016, which necessitated surgery, treatment and a period of recovery. During her convalescence, I had the opportunity to return to Kenya for three months in the early part of 2017. I was able to take up the ministry I was involved in and to commence a correspondence course on homiletics with some pastors. It was good also to help Kathy Walker with the Bible Study that was held every Tuesday at lunch-time in the Bookshop in Kakamega.

During this time, Ebby, our faithful translator, continued translation work. She has already completed the translation of some of my sermons and articles and is presently completing the translation of series of four booklets on Mark's gospel, written by Mrs Foster. We would like to see these booklets published as one book in English and Swahili for the benefit of the pastors and others. We were able to leave a laptop with Ebby for this work, which improves the efficiency of translation. During my time at home, I have been able to produce the radio programmes which are broadcast on the two radio stations.

God willing, we plan to return to Kenya at the beginning of August since Alison has made a good measure of recovery. Alison will continue to be under

medical supervision and will have check-ups every six months. The surgeon is happy with her recent scan and is willing to work with us as we seek to return to missionary work. As we return to Kenya, we ask that you will labour with us in the place of prayer, firstly, in thanksgiving for Alison's recovery, and then for the opportunity to return to Kenya and continue in God's work.

Pray that God will direct us and help us as we:

- » Seek to improve our Swahili.
- » Continue to develop appropriate training for pastors and other church workers to help them in their ministry.
- » Train some pastors in the preparation and production of radio programmes so that they can provide these programmes for broadcast on local radio stations in English and Swahili.
- » Continue with the translation of Bible material from English to Swahili.
- » Continue to facilitate the supply of literature to help pastors in their work.
- » Continue to preach at services and conferences as we have the opportunity.

Finally, please pray for our family as we leave them behind and for us as we settle back into life in Kenya, for general safety, and as we travel on the roads

∴ Rev Malcolm Patterson

Photographs: Rev and Mrs Patterson at an agricultural show in Kenya



ANNUAL MISSIONARY COUNCIL MISSIONARY WEEKEND

FRIDAY 9TH -
LORD'S DAY 11TH
NOVEMBER 2018

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PORTRUSH

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