




A New Church Building in

Port Lincoln

At the beginning of July, the congregation in Port Lincoln took the exciting step of moving into a new church building.

 **Below:** The new church building



 **Above:** Rev Kyle Graham preaching in the new building

Since 1980, the church has met together in what was a converted home and is very thankful for the Lord's blessings known there over the years. There has, however, been an increasing awareness of issues which needed to be resolved. The building had gradually deteriorated and needed significant work done. There were also practical problems, such as difficult access to the toilet facilities for any with mobility issues.

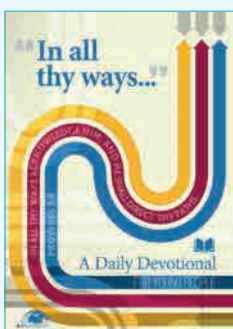
Having had a burden for the need, and bringing the matter to the Lord, the church became aware of the availability of a Church of Christ building and of a buyer for the old building. Through the leading of the Lord and the generosity of God's people in Port Lincoln, the

congregation has been able to purchase the new building outright.

The new property is in a much better and more visible location in the city. It has good toilet facilities with disability access. There is a cry room, a more spacious kitchen, and there is space that can be used either for catering or to extend the worship space. There is also land at the back of the property which can be used in the future as the Lord directs. The church is currently carrying out some minor improvements to fit the new property for its needs. There is reason for great thankfulness over what the Lord has done. ■

 **Rev Kyle Graham,**
Port Lincoln, South Australia.

A New Youth Devotional Book



In *All Thy Ways* is a new daily devotional produced by the FPC Mission Board. While it is aimed especially at young people, it will also be a valuable resource for Christians of all ages. The title was specifically chosen because, each day, different decisions in life are faced and the purpose of the devotional is to direct hearts and minds to the Word of God – to seek a word from Him 'in all thy ways' (Proverbs 3:6).

The devotional has been written by a number of our ministers, and each month a different Bible character is studied with practical application to be

of vital assistance to you in living and working for the Lord.

The book will be available in late 2023 and copies will be available to purchase through local churches. The cost of the book is £7 each, and after printing costs have been covered, proceeds will go to purchase Bibles for use by our home missionaries in their evangelistic work.

For further information, please contact Rev Garth Wilson on 07899 955255. ■

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

MISSIONARY VISION


Missionary Journey to

Nepal

The country of Nepal has the greatest altitude change of any location in the world. The lowlands are at sea level and the Himalayan mountains are the tallest in the world. Jayne and I had the privilege of visiting here in May on behalf of the Mission Board.

The day after we arrived, we visited churches towards the Chinese border. To get here, we travelled about one hour and forty minutes off the nearest tarred road on steep and twisty 'laneway' roads, the journey being completed in first and second gear. The first church we visited has twelve to fifteen people in attendance and it is run by the church elder in whose small house they meet. We had a great time here and brought a word on 'The Unmovable Foundation'. That evening, we spoke at another mountain church as we travelled back to Kathmandu.

On Friday, we visited the LTBS studio and, also, spoke at a church in the Kathmandu Valley. This church has between fifty to sixty people in attendance.

 **Below:** Rev Creane preaching at the Pastors' Conference



 **Above:** Visiting one of the Nepalese churches

Saturday is the day that Nepalese believers have their main meetings. Jayne spoke at the Youth Fellowship at 8.30am from Daniel chapter one, then I spoke at the morning service on 'Grace to help in time of need', after which Jayne spoke at the ladies' meeting on Hannah.

The Sunday meeting itself is shorter and has a much smaller attendance; I spoke on the subject of prayer. Afterwards, we were introduced to a young Nepalese lady who is studying medicine in Bangladesh and whose ambition it is to be a medical missionary doctor to her own people. Please remember the work that our friends in Nepal carry on in the orphanage. We had the opportunity to pass on some gifts for the children and hear of their progress as they grow up in such a supportive family environment.

Monday saw the commencement of ten meetings in the Pastors' Conference and the subject we chose was 'The Ten Plagues'. Approximately one hundred and eighty people attended and the folks there were very appreciative of the word that was brought. The people were hungry for the Word of God, and they sat on the floor throughout in very sticky 30° heat.

After the conference finished on Wednesday morning, there was a graduation service for the fourteen



 **Above:** Mrs Creane speaking at the ladies meeting

young ladies and two young men who had completed their respective Bible College courses. At this service, we brought a missionary challenge on 'The Mission Field on our Doorstep' from John chapter four.

God has opened a great and effectual door for the Gospel in Nepal. We do rejoice in the impact the Gospel has made, and for the many churches and fellowships that have sprung up. We trust that you will continue to pray for and support God's work in Nepal – its Moderator, officers, ministers, and people. Also, pray for our missionary in this land of 'the roof of the world', and that God's name will be exalted among the heathen (Psalm 46:10). ■

 **Rev Jonathan Creane**
Asian Subcommittee Secretary.

MISSIONARY VISION

Update on the Bible Training Institute



In February 2021, the Bible Training Institute, under the auspices of the Mission Board, commenced training with twenty-two students from Kenya, Uganda, Guinea, and the

Philippines. Three more students were added in 2022, two from Pakistan and one from Tanzania.

The subjects covered during the two-year course were Theology, Hermeneutics, Exegesis, Homiletics, Worship, Evangelism, Missionary Work, Book of Church Order, and one elective subject. The aim of the course was to give solid biblical training to young men seeking to serve the Lord in their homelands. A certificate would be awarded on completion of the course. The first students have now completed their course.

Like all new ventures, it was not without its challenges. For some, communication was a barrier. Although all of the students spoke English to varying standards, sometimes they

failed to fully grasp the meaning of what was being said in lectures. Another issue was the lack of access to computer equipment, with some of the students only able to type up assignments on their mobile phones. Several students also had limited access to the Internet, which prevented their receiving the lectures by email.

Pray earnestly for those students who have passed through the Institute, that God would build them up in the faith and help them to reach out with the Gospel in their own lands. Also, remember the Bible Training Institute as plans are being made for another group of students to commence their studies in January 2024. ■

✉ **Mr John Murray,**
Training Institute Administrator.

The Carscaddens Leave for Uganda

A large congregation of nearly 300 people gathered in Dungannon Free Presbyterian Church (kindly granted) on Thursday 8th June for the Carscaddens' Sending Forth Service. Rev Carscadden's brother-in-law, Rev Gordon Dane (Crossgar), committed the meeting to the Lord in prayer. After which Miss Tirzah Walker (Lurgan) brought two very fitting messages in song. Greetings were brought on behalf of the Coragarry congregation by Mr David Moore (Clerk of Session). Presentations were made to Rev Carscadden by Rev James Porter (Consider Christ Committee) and Mr Alastair Hamilton (Mission Board). Rev Carscadden, in response, thanked everyone for their support for them as a family and appealed for continued prayer as they leave to take up their labours in Uganda. Greetings were also read from Miss Noreen McAfee (Uganda).



✉ The Carscaddens with members of the Mission Board

The Scriptures were read by Rev Raymond Robinson (Kesh), the minister of the Carscaddens' home congregation. Rev Colin Mercer (Omagh), Chairman of the Mission Board, preached a missionary challenge from the Sending Forth Service in Acts 21:5&6.

Greetings were brought from Presbytery by the Moderator, Rev John Armstrong (Dungannon). Then, the members of the Mission Board and of Presbytery who were present gathered at the front of the church, and Rev Armstrong led in the prayer of dedication. Mr Jonathan McAuley (Ballymoney), Secretary of

the Ugandan Subcommittee, offered the closing prayer and benediction. After the service, an excellent supper was kindly served by the ladies of the Dungannon Church, and the time of food and fellowship was enjoyed by everyone.

The Carscaddens left for Uganda on Thursday 15th June, and they have settled in well on the Emmanuel Mission Station. They have been encouraged by souls that have been saved and new people coming into the church services. ■

✉ **Rev David McMillan,**
Chairman Ugandan Subcommittee.

MISSIONARY VISION

Mission Team 2023 Uganda

After months of planning, the Uganda mission team left Dublin on 22nd June. We arrived safely in Entebbe and were greeted by our missionaries in Uganda, Miss Noreen McAfee and Rev Ray Carscadden.

Our first day was spent at the Emmanuel mission station, meeting the children and staff there. On both Lord's Days, the team took part in all the meetings, including the two main services, the Sunday School, and the prison outreach.

Our first week was spent conducting fifteen VBS meetings which included crafts, games, singing, quizzes, memory verses, and learning about the life of Joseph. These were very special times as we all got to spend time with the children and teach them God's Word.

The programme also involved taking part in the weekly prayer meeting



and open air, and these were very blessed times as we saw such a hunger among the local people to listen to the preaching of the Gospel.

The trip concluded with a Youth Conference when David McAuley and I spoke on the life of Jonah. The young people listened very attentively, and it was so encouraging to see them 'drink in' the Word of God.

There are so many highlights of the trip, including the days off and trips to local areas. Perhaps one of the most memorable experiences of the trip was the bond we all made with the children, young people, and the congregation of Emmanuel. The team spent their lunch breaks playing and connecting with the children and showing them the love of Christ.

Yet, most especially, it was a thrill to see young people concerned about their souls and a joy to counsel them for salvation.



It was a joy to be a part of the team and I highly commend the group of young people for their exceptional work throughout the trip and the unity they all showed. May God bless their labours and, in His will, call some of the group to the mission field in a full-time capacity. We also pay tribute to the kindness and hospitality shown to us by Noreen, Ray, Rhonda, John, George, and Isla Grace, who looked after us so well. ■

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