



# Two Very Encouraging Summer Camps

Children's Camp has proved to be such a blessing to the children who have attended over the years. Friendships have been made during the camps, children have been saved, and Christians encouraged as they are taught the great truths of the Bible. I want to thank Mr Kyle Wenlock and Rev Timothy Ormerod for leading the camps this year. If you have children who will be aged between 8-12 next summer, consider sending them along to one of the camps as you read the following reports by our camp leaders.

✉ **Rev Ryan McKee, Camp Director.**

## First Camp



The first of two United Children's Camps was held in the Moyallon Centre, Portadown, from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July. We had forty-eight children in attendance and nine leaders who were responsible for the daily running of the camp, which included all meetings, activities, and outings. During the week the children were taught memory verses from Joshua 1:9, 1 Peter 3:18, and Matthew 6:33. Lessons were also taught on the life of Joshua and, during the missionary meetings, the life of Dr Bill Woods. Each day the leaders had devotions with the children. This was a very encouraging time with all leaders testifying of having been blessed to hear boys and girls pray, some for the first time. The camp concluded on Friday morning with the final Bible meeting at which we were joined by the parents of the campers. ■

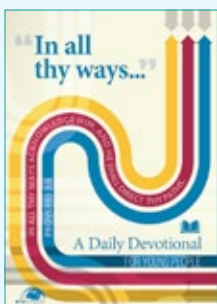
✉ **Mr Kyle Wenlock, Camp Leader.**

## Second Camp



Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July commenced the second week of Children's Camp with forty-eight children along with eight leaders, including all three of the Mission Board's Child Evangelists, gathered at Moyallen Centre for a week of activities, fun, late nights, and, most importantly, learning more about the love of God and the Gospel of Jesus Christ. During the week, each morning and evening included dorm devotions, five-minute practical talks on the importance of reading the Bible and prayer, along with Bible teaching meetings, and missionary meetings. We praise the Lord for His presence with us and help given every day. We are so thankful for safety as the children took part in various activities both on and off-site, including Airtastic Trampoline Park, Banbridge Swimming Pool, and Camp Olympics, to name but a few. One memorable night was the visit of Linfield and Northern Ireland footballer Keri Halliday (Ballymoney FPC) who came and coached the children before bringing a personal word of testimony. ■

✉ **Rev Timothy Ormerod, Camp Leader.**



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# Kenyan

## Mission Team 2023

I heard it said recently by a person who returned home after a Mission Trip to Africa, ‘You can leave Africa, but Africa never leaves you.’ This statement summarises the impact felt by the sixteen people who attended the Mission Trip to Kenya in August 2023: a trip kindly organised by the Mission Board and Youth Council.

The aim of the trip was three-fold: encourage the Glory Bible Church congregations in Kenya; see the work of God in Kenya; and get a taste of the mission field. I am pleased to say the Lord graciously fulfilled all three. Not only did the team get to see the great

work God is doing in five congregations belonging to Glory Bible Church, but we also got to meet, bond with, and work with the people of God in those congregations. While we were only in Kenya for fourteen days, God enabled the team to participate in ten Holiday Bible Club meetings, six Lord’s Day services, five Sunday Schools, five Prayer Meetings, and two Youth Conferences.

Much could be said about this trip, but let me mention two lasting impressions: God has not only raised six good-sized congregations in Kenya, ranging from 45-85 persons attending a Lord’s Day service, but He has made them stable



and steady with godly men who can humbly lead them and preach ably to them.

God has providentially equipped each congregation with lay persons who have a zeal and ability to reach out to children in their local area, many of whom are trained schoolteachers. A glimpse of this zeal is seen by the great number of children brought into the Holiday Bible Clubs.

In summary, God has opened a great door in Kenya for the preaching of the Gospel. The Mission Team and I are burdened more than ever to pray for it. Will you pray with us? ■

✉ **Rev Paul Foster**, *Team Leader.*



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# The Moderator Visits the ‘Pearl of Africa’


 **Above:** The pastors who attended the Conference.

It was in the final months of 1907 and into early 1908 that Winston Churchill journeyed across some of the Eastern parts of the vast continent of Africa. His travels took him to Kenya and Sudan. He also visited Uganda. On his return home, Churchill published a book, entitled *My African Journey*, which chronicled his 5 month trip. In it he wrote, ‘For magnificence, for variety of form and colour, for the profusion of brilliant life – bird, insect, reptile, beast – for vast scale – Uganda is truly The Pearl of Africa.’

It was on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August that Rev David McMillan and I set out on our visit to ‘The Pearl of Africa’. As Churchill discovered, the natural beauty, diversity of plant and animal life, and vastness of the country are something to behold. However, amid such beautiful scenery, we discovered the Lord’s work progressing

 **Below:** The Carscaddens with the welcome gifts given by the Emmanuel Church



 **Above:** The end of term Primary School Assembly


unrelentingly. We were met at Entebbe Airport by Rev Ray Carscadden, who is still getting settled into his new surroundings with his wife, Rhonda, and children, John, George, and Isla Grace. Miss Noreen McAfee greeted us on our arrival at the Emmanuel Christian School. Mr McMillan and I were able to see the school first-hand and meet many of the children. Morning assembly at 7:30 am was an enjoyable experience with the children singing hymns and the Ugandan national anthem and listening to a morning devotion. As the school term was drawing to a close, Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> was set aside for two special school assemblies. Reports were given, prizes awarded, and I was pleased to be invited to address both Primary and Secondary pupils.

The two Lord’s days were given over, of course, to the ministry of the Word of God. On the first Sunday, the morning service was followed by a visit to one of the local prisons, where Rev McMillan preached. The morning meeting the following Lord’s Day was set aside

as a special welcome service for the Carscadden family. The church was packed to capacity, with many visitors keen to share in the occasion. Another prison was visited in the afternoon.

Part of our itinerary involved conducting a Pastors’ Conference under the theme of ‘Pastoring a Healthy Church’. A variety of subjects were addressed, and over fifty pastors from across Uganda plus four brethren from Kenya attended – many staying in the school accommodation.

The busy schedule meant that our time away seemed to pass very quickly. We are grateful to the Mission Board and Presbytery for the opportunity to participate in the visit. ‘The Pearl of Africa’ is still resplendent, but we rejoice that Christ, the ‘Pearl of Great Price’, continues to be proclaimed in that beautiful land. ■

 **Rev John Armstrong,**  
*Moderator of Presbytery September 2020 - September 2023.*

 **Below:** Preaching at the open-air meeting





## MISSIONARY VISION

# Great Interest in the Training Seminars



☑ Above: The Seminar at Markethill

The Mission Board held training seminars for the children's workers of our congregations over the first three Saturdays of September.

Over 150 people attended the events, held in Sandown, Magherafelt, and Markethill Free Presbyterian Churches. The training was given by the Children's Evangelists of our

denomination, Christina Logan, Joyce Walsh, and Robert McConnell along with Rev Ryan McKee.

Feedback from the seminars was very positive, with many saying they felt better equipped to reach the children, under their care, with the Gospel. At the start of each meeting, all were reminded that children's evangelism is

commanded and practised in Scripture.

As a Mission Board, we are thankful for so many in our churches who have a heart for the children of our country, and we pray that the Lord will be pleased to use each who attended to lead many boys and girls to the Saviour. ■

☑ **Rev Ryan McKee**, *Seminar Leader*.

## Sincere Thanks to all Fundraisers

As we look back over this year, we would like to record our deep appreciation for the faithful financial support for missionary work under the Mission Board. This has been another year when our work has expanded, and where the funds to support that expansion have been generously provided. In addition to all of the offerings at deputation meetings, the regular monthly support through the Missionary Council, and the appeals and projects that you support, I would especially like to thank those who fundraise for a specific cause that is close to their hearts.

There are too many such fundraisers to report on each one separately, but we want to let you know that we really appreciate the work to plan and manage these events to raise funds in this way. So, whether it is the Coffee Morning for the Uganda School, or the sponsored hair cut for the Carscadden family, or the sale of pens at special events, or proceeds from BBQs, or the table quizzes, or the Craft Fairs, or the sale of knitted goods, and much more – all are really appreciated and make such a difference.

In addition to raising the funds, these are also great opportunities to provide more information about the supported cause, which is such an encouragement to those involved. As a Mission Board, we are encouraged by the reports of these special efforts, month by month, and we would like to take this opportunity to say, "Thank you!" in the Lord's name. ■

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