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**Rosemary Osuru—a  
wonderful story of  
saving grace**

**Missionary updates  
from around the  
world**

# “If you want to win many, win one.”

BY CAROL GRAHAM

In our last issue prayer was requested for Mrs. Rosemary Osuru of Kenya. Rosemary's story is a thrilling example of saving grace and unusual courage. Rev.

Ian Harris had the joy of seeing this lady come to Christ when he was in Kenya. When he returned nine years on, he found that there were many who had been profoundly influenced by this one.

Noreen chatted to

Rosemary a few weeks ago. It is a shame that the printed word does not do justice to this brave lady's faith and spirit. Here is her testimony...

“When I got saved, the Lord really turned my life around. Before that, I was only interested in the world and I used to

brew beer and sell it to my neighbours to get money to survive. It was a miserable existence.

Rev. Harris came to tell us the Good News of the Gospel about Jesus Christ. We just met outside on a vacant piece of ground, under



Rosemary and some friends

a tree.

The Word he preached really touched my heart and I knew I needed Jesus Christ to save me. I wept and confessed my sin and asked the Lord for forgiveness. From that day, His peace filled my heart and I knew that old things had passed away, all things had become new.

I told my husband what had happened and that I would not be brewing beer any more. He wondered how we would manage but I knew the Lord

would provide. The neighbours said I would soon be back to the beer but God has kept me by His grace.

I was able to get casual work which helped provide our basic needs. At the same time I prayed that God would continue to work in my family. He has already answered prayer in some of their lives and I keep on witness-

ing and praying for the others to come to know Him too.

When I got sick, people said that it was a curse and that I should go to see the witch-doctor for help. I knew that was not what I needed. After I was admitted

to hospital, the pain in my leg got so bad, I prayed that God would just take me home to heaven and end my suffering. I was longing to die.

I thank God that He touched people's hearts and they were able to organise for the surgery which saved my life. God has been so good in sparing and providing for me that I just have to praise Him every day. I know that if it hadn't been for the Lord and my faith in Him, I would never have made it through.”



## New teacher for the Bible school

BY MARGARET RUSSELL

It has been good to see the sunshine these past two days after weeks of torrential rain! On returning from one month's leave I could not believe the change in the state of the roads and fields of maize which people are hoping to harvest in the next couple of months. Pray that the Lord will be gracious in sending some dry weather now.

Things are heating up for the country's elections, expected in December. There has been a lot of movement from party to party—all hoping to succeed! Pray much for peace and stability.

There is a lot of sickness around these days. Lee is a young boy undergoing chemotherapy for

bowel cancer. A neighbour has discovered she has ovarian cancer. Sadly she is indifferent to the things of God. A widow in the church has commenced treatment for AIDS, being an innocent victim. Pray for her and her family.

We have opened Bible College for the final term. One student was unable to finish last term but we are thankful to see him in class again. Three of our four students will finish their courses soon and we are seeking the Lord for new students. God has answered prayer in providing another teacher this term. Rev. David Dicanio (photo) arrived two weeks ago from the USA. Do pray for him that God will give wisdom as he teaches and adapts to life in Kenya.



It is good to see people with varying backgrounds frequent our bookshops and purchase Christian literature. Please remember the need of premises for both our bookshops. In Makutano the place is too small and we are looking for a better place in a good location. In Kitale we have an ideal spot but the lease expires in two years and the landlord seems decided not to renew it. Pray that God will overrule and provide. *'The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.'*

## Profitable times with the teens

BY GILLIAN GILLESPIE

It is hard to believe that I am back in Kenya almost four months, how the time flies! Since I returned it has rained almost every day. Many of the mud roads we use in North Western Kenya and in and around Mumias are now impassable, meaning we cannot reach some of our churches. Pray for us as we travel



on these roads, that God will keep us all safe.

The Psalmist says, "It is good to give thanks unto the Lord", and truly I have much to thank Him for. We had our teens Bible Class exams at the end of August. It was encouraging to see that many of the teens had made an effort in their memory work and in answering the exam questions. God's word has been planted in young minds. Pray that it will bring forth a harvest in their lives.

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# “Faith without works is dead.”

**BY KATHY WALKER**

Thank you for your continued pleas at the Throne of Grace for us. I am so grateful for the progress on the mission house in Bendera (see below). I hope to move in when I return from Nairobi in a few days. Pray that electricity will be supplied to the area, as it would be such a help and convenience.

The choirs are going on well. It was



a joy to hear them at the wedding of Pastor Emmanuel and Lilian, ably di-

rected by Mr. Francis Asiligwa. There were forty-five from the three main choirs, singing with joy in their hearts to the Lord and it was such a blessing.

The challenge now is how to include other BCFC churches who would like to participate but are unable to get to the practices. Pray that the Lord would raise up those who could

assist in this ministry, who would be able both musically and spiritually. We are hoping to have some kind of outreach with them at Christmas and choir members are already learning some new pieces.

The Women's Conference held in August was enjoyed by all. The theme for the week was "Faith without works is dead". The afternoon

cooking sessions (above photo) were filled with much laughter, and the samples were delicious! They included



Mandazis (a kind of doughnut) and chapatis (similar to soft tortilla). Pray for the weekly women's Bible studies held in the churches.

Finally, I would ask you to pray that the Kenyan people would have the courage to stand against the pressures of cultural situations that are contrary to God's Word. We rejoice in Christ our Saviour "...who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works" (Titus 2:14).

As always, life continues at a brisk pace here at the Christian Academy. Here are just a few highlights to bring you up-to-date with all that has been going on over the past few months:

**New DVD:**

We wish to thank Rev. David Park, Mr. George McConnell and their team for all their efforts in producing our latest DVD. We trust you will be blessed and challenged as you view this update of the work.

**Salvation:**

The salvation of our children remains our

## Laying a firm foundation

**BY NOREEN MCAFEE**

chief concern as we approach the end of another school year. Pray that God would do a saving work in the hearts of our students

**Exams:**

We are again preparing our Standard Eight candidates for the national KCPE examinations in November. Pray for them and all our other students, most of whom will sit external examinations this term.

**Staffing:**

Following the recent government recruitment of six of our teachers, we have welcomed some new staff. Pray that God would enable them to settle in quickly and that He would raise up others to fill support staff vacancies which will arise in De-



*(Gillian Gillespie's Report  
continued from p. 2)*

I also thank the Lord for the good times we had with the teens at our joint rallies in Lityei and Kitale. An encouraging number attended the meetings, where prizes were given to those who had passed the exams. Please continue to pray for these young people, especially for those who attend boarding schools. We will not have them with us until they return from school at the end of November.

Since returning to Kenya in June I have been involved in translating notes for our teens' teachers to use. Work is also ongoing with revamping the Nursery School Scripture lessons.

I would ask for specific prayer as I move to Western Province in Kenya. Finding a suitable house is proving a major hurdle. I go to Kakamega twice every month for a long weekend, helping in the Bible Christian Faith Church in Mumias. This little work needs your prayers.

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2008. Pray that the Lord would enable us to complete the work on time and that He would bless all those who have supported us prayerfully and financially.



**Conferences:**

We thank the Lord for His blessing during August at the BCFC Ladies' Conference, the Nursery School Teachers' Seminar and Teens and Youth Rallies (photo

above). We are now making arrangements for the BCFC Teens and Youth Camps which are scheduled for December and would value your prayers as we prepare the programme.

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# Preaching every day

**BY JORGE RUIZ**

The work at Miranda de Ebro has changed drastically during the last three months. At the beginning of June we saw with sorrow the little group which met with us deserting the meetings. The problem was the lack of acceptance of our pastoral guidance and biblical preaching. Some Sundays our family met alone in the chapel.

But the Lord is faithful. On the first Sunday of July Ivan arrived, a believer from Chile, and continues to attend faithfully. The services took

on a new ambiance. In total, from the beginning of July, more than twenty different people have attended the services.

In August two elderly people, Domingo and Sebastian, began to attend. They are of gypsy origin, and Domingo has attended an evangelical church for years. Immediately they asked us if we could have a service every day. We saw the Spirit of the Lord in this. The services were begun without delay.

Now there is a service every day in the chapel and two services on Sunday. Sometimes Domingo and

Sebastian are alone with us, but sometimes six other people are there. We open the door of the chapel and many people in the street can listen to the preaching of the Gospel. A group of young radicals meet in the storefront next to the chapel every day just at the same time! There is only a thin wall between us. The preaching is loud enough for them hear and we wait on the Lord, praying that He would bring salvation to them.

We are going to continue the daily services, if the Lord permits, for an indefinite period. Please pray that the Spirit of God will come in revival by the Word preached, and testifying to it with power!

# Equipping pastors in Liberia

While the work in Liberia is under the North American Mission Board, we here in the UK have been happy to contribute to the furtherance of the work. The book shop has been largely funded from here and we are glad to report that sales have been very encouraging all year. In our last issue of the Harvest Times we



made an appeal for funds to supply some of the pastors with copies of the TCR Bibles and Matthew Henry's Commentary.

We are glad to report that we had a great response to our appeal and on 3rd July we were able to send twenty-eight large boxes of books and Bibles. The freight alone cost £1360. All arrived safely and the sets were distributed to the pastors. We hope to have a picture of this for our next issue. There is still a need for new and second-hand Bibles and books for the shop.

Three brethren from the United States—Dr Mark Allison, Mr. Paulcy Cangé and Mr. Dyke Habegger—will be visiting Liberia again in October. They will be joined by Mr. George McConnell. Prayer is requested for this visit.



**BY REV. PAUL FITZSIMONS**

Greetings in our Saviour's great and wonderful name. It has been almost three months since we left Northern Ireland to take up the work once again in Little London, Jamaica.

We had no sooner arrived when we felt we had never been away. Jamaica is really home from home and we have settled in very happily once again to the Jamaican way of life. Having said all that we do of course face all the ongoing difficulties in connection with the climate. The heat and humidity are just as oppressive as ever. Therefore we certainly appreciate the generosity of God's people that enabled us to purchase an air conditioning unit that makes life a lot more bearable—especially in the study—as the long hot days are more conducive to sleep than to sermon preparation!

We would also appreciate the prayers of God's people in regard to the education of our children. Amy and Aaron have both returned home to continue their schooling. The splitting up of our family has been the most difficult aspect of living once again in Jamaica. Pray much that God's hand will be upon Amy and Aaron and that the Lord will bless them as they live so far away.

Those who know anything about Jamaica will of course be aware that the island has in the past been ravaged by various hurricanes. Hurricane Dean was, I think, the third most powerful hurricane ever to strike Jamaica and it did so furiously. Many people lost their homes and some even lost their loved ones. In preparation we packed up all our valuables and electronic equipment; raised our furniture off the floor in case of flooding; boarded up our windows; nailed down the roof and trusted in God. All through the night the howling winds threatened to tear the mission apart. Amazingly

as the storm approached our part of the island the Master of the winds turned Dean in another direction and we did not so much a loose a nail from off the roof. The Lord was truly merciful!

Having arrived in the summer many of the services in connection with the children's work did not start again in earnest until September. While numbers in the Sunday School and Children's meeting are still relatively small we rejoice that God has brought precious souls in under the sound of the Gospel. We also rejoice to report that three young women have professed faith in Christ. One young lady who lives next door attends all the services and has been rejoicing in the grace of God. Others have been so entangled by sin that it is very difficult for them and they need much prayer that their lives would be sorted out for the glory and honour of God.

I would ask special prayer for two young men who have attended since their childhood days. Nico and Ramon have spoken to me at length about getting right with God. Everyday I expect to hear of them calling upon the name of the Lord but at the same time I tremble lest they continue to harden their hearts.

Another step forward in the work has also taken place in September with Brian Morris commencing his training for the ministry. Do pray much for Brian as he studies and for me as I try to lecture and counsel him as well as pastor the congregation. I do not believe this can be done unless God's people support us with unceasing prayer.

There is so much that could be written and so much to request prayer for, but I must close by thanking all the Churches and individuals across the world who by their faithfulness at the throne of grace and through their generous financial support have made our return to Jamaica possible.



Las noticias de...

SPAIN

## Wanted: prevailing prayers

BY REV. JOHN HANNA

After the summer break, which here is from the beginning of July to the middle of September, we are trying to get the spiritual wheels moving again. In all the years we have been in Spain this is something in the Spanish culture I can never get used to.

As we organize ourselves for the renewed activities I am reminded of a timely saying, "We need to agonize as well as organize". How conscious we are of this truth! It is

relatively easy to organize (although it's not my speciality), but it is more difficult to agonize. We are grateful to all who faithfully agonize in prayer for us and the work in Alcorcón and for all who support us financially, allowing us to continue in the work the Lord has called us to.

We have had a working holiday this year, as we had two weddings in the States. Thank you for remembering us in prayer. The Lord abundantly answered and a witness was given to the unsaved present on both occasions. After returning from the States, I preached in

Alcorcón and then Noranna and I went to Ulster for two weeks. I had the privilege of preaching in Ballymena and Rasharkin.

We ask you to continue to agonize with us for the unsaved attending our weekly services. Please remember in particular, Alejandro, Angel's mother and another man by the same name, Angel. Before the summer break I commenced an evangelistic Bible study with Cynthia. Although coming from a strict Roman Catholic background, she had been attending our services for about nine months. Her interest in spiritual things had increased to the extent where she requested the Bible study. We believe she is

## R.C. promises to pray for soul of F.P. missionary

BY JOY GILLESPIE

Greetings in the name of our Saviour. It is with heartfelt gratitude to God that we write this update of our work in Spain. In July we had our five-day club in Siles. The children who came were attentive and asked many questions. The family camp was in August and I was responsible for the children during the morning conferences. We trust that God will bless each one who heard His Word.

In September a group of young people (and some not so young) came to distribute tracts at the procession in Cortes.

Some went to the church where the idol of the Virgin Mary is kept during the town's fiesta, others to the sanctuary where she is kept throughout the year. Those who went to the sanctuary



ran out of tracts so next year we will have to order double. The other group

had some interesting conversations.

One man was very cross, for that day was supposed to be the birthday of the Virgin Mary. He would have liked to warn people against the Protestant literature and said he was going to pray for the soul of the lady who was speaking with him. An angry lady said that if there was no Virgin Mary there would be no Christ,

therefore we have to pray to her. What a small god she is worshipping!

Others willingly accepted the tracts. One listened to the way of salvation and received a New Testament and some booklets. In all, four thousand tracts were given out at Cortes and another fifteen hundred in the towns in which I work.

I would like to thank the group who came. It was a joy to have them in my home and to fellowship with them. We thank God for all He has done and all

He has yet to fulfill.

# Sowing in tears—reaping in joy!

In August people from various locations of Spain attended the annual camp in Antequera. We had prayed that God would come down in a special way, and we were not disappointed.

There was a spirit of expectancy from the start. Each day began with devotions, a time of prayer and then the morning conference, its theme being 'Spiritual Backsliding'. A meeting was held each evening, followed by a time of questions. On Wednesday night the presence of the Lord was with us and a brokenness came over the gathering. It ended late with a time of prayer.

On the last night I was just into bed, when a knock came to the door.

**BY REV. LYLE BOYD**

Some young people informed me a boy from Málaga was concerned about his soul. Then my son Matthew told me of other young people wanting to



get right with God. Five professed faith in Christ, and soon afterwards another young girl accepted the Lord (pictured below). It was a blessing to see children of Christian parents hugging them, with tears flowing, telling what had happened.

Sad to say, some of the young hardened their hearts and went to bed early—usually unthinkable for a camp. They felt out of place, for there was so much talk about the things of God that the camp was full of His presence.

Please pray for the new converts. In the meetings they have been warned of the dangers facing the Christian, so pray that the Lord will give strength and courage, and that they will be used for His

glory.

On a personal note, please pray for our sons Samuel and Matthew studying in Ulster, that the Lord's hand would be upon them and that He would keep them from this evil world.

## Starting a new life together

**BY REV. ANGEL ALVAREZ**

Greetings to our brothers and sisters in Christ. Kelley and I are just back from our wedding trip in the USA. We were blessed by our Lord to have a wonderful wedding and honeymoon. My family and some of our friends from the church in Spain were present at the ceremony, which the Rev John Hanna performed. We were also glad to have a small party from our friends in Ulster attend the wedding. It was a great opportunity to have the gospel preached, especially to my family, not of who are saved.

At the minute we are living in a flat which we are renting until our house in Barciencia is ready to move into. For both Kelley and me it is a little bit of an uncomfortable time due to the

fact that I have no room for a proper library and place to study. However, we are thankful to the Lord that the work here in the church is going well.

As for Kelley is concerned, she is currently looking for a new job. Pray that the Lord will bless her search and lead her in His will.

Lord willing, we will move into the new house in about two months. In the meantime, we are planning to start having prayer meetings with the families of the church already living in Barciencia.

Pray that the Lord will bless the meetings and that "a great door and effectual is opened" to the gospel, as we will also commence our outreach in the area through personal testimony.

We are very thankful to the Lord for your continual prayers and support in the

work of our Saviour. Please, continue to remember us before the throne of grace so the kingdom of our Lord and King will be spread abroad for His own glory.





## South Australia update

BY ARMEN AND MELANIE THOMASSIAN

### PORT LINCOLN

It's hard to believe over eight months have passed since our arrival in South Australia, and each month seems to bring its own unique blessings, along with the Lord's protecting hand upon us as we travel many miles each week. The people have thoroughly enjoyed the visits from our ministers and their



wives, as they have taken time out from their labours in Tasmania, to visit us in South Australia.

In Port Lincoln we have been encouraged by the spiritual growth evident in the lives of some of God's people, and also to have a new young attendant at both services on the Lord's Day.

The work with the children is also continuing steadily, and we have known the Lord's blessing in the past months, with new children coming in on a regular basis. At present we have around eight children attending the four to eleven age group, and twenty-five to thirty attending in the older group. Recently, we have also been very encouraged to have four Aboriginal children attending these meetings

regularly.

In October we hope to begin a young people's meeting, which will be open to teenagers, and anyone older who wishes to attend. The meeting will be held twice each month on a Saturday evening. It is hoped that this will be a time of fellowship for the young people, and

also a time where important subjects can be addressed, and where the young people can feel free to ask questions. We trust it will be used to help them to grow spiritually.

### LOCK

Both the works in Lock and in Elliston are continuing steadily. In Lock we have been encouraged by recent visitors on the Lord's Day. These are folks that, by and large, attended the church in the past, but have not attended for a very long time. Please pray that the Lord will be pleased to cause these families to attend on a regular basis again.

The brethren in Lock continue to distribute the monthly leaflet to a large percentage of the homes on the Eyre Peninsula. The people have been greatly encouraged by recent feedback from a lady in the area, who has enjoyed reading these leaflets. We realise the great potential of the leaflet as it reaches many homes which we are un-

able to contact, and we pray that the Lord will use this witness as a means of saving souls.

The children's work in Lock remains



small, with around eight children attending. We have been encouraged by the recent consistency in attendance of this little group, and by their willingness to learn God's Word, and listen to the Bible stories.

The works here are small, and truly the labourers are few, but we pray that the Lord of the harvest will send forth labourers, and that many souls in Australia will come to know the Saviour, for His honour and glory alone. We greatly appreciate the prayers of God's people, and would ask you all to continue to plead that God would grant us a Spirit-empowered ministry here in South Australia.



# My visit “down-under”

BY REV. DAVID PRIESTLY

I had the privilege of preaching in our church in Kingston, Tasmania, during July. (photo lower right)

Tasmania is approximately the size of Ireland. Forty per cent is forested, some areas so dense they have never been penetrated. It is an island of great beauty and diversity, with a magnificent coast line, pristine sandy beaches, stunning cliffs, crystal clear water and unspoiled forests. Kingston is a commuter town for Hobart, the capital (see photo above).

During the fifties many families from Holland settled in Tasmania, bringing with them their skills and the Gospel. The island is known as



the ‘Bible belt’. Modern trends caused some Christians to look to the Free Presbyterian denomination, with its

emphasis on preaching the Word. At present around fifty people attend the morning service and twenty in the

evening. Join them in praying that their pastor, Rev. Mark Peden,



a brother beloved by his people, will be restored to full health. Tasmania

is known as the Apple Isle. Pray that the Lord will make it a fruitful place spiritually.

We also visited Mr.Armen Thomasian and his wife Melanie in South Australia and on the way home we stopped in Western Australia, conducting services for two weeks while Rev. Michael Patrick took a well-earned break. Perth, with its numerous skyscrapers, is a beautiful, sunny, vibrant and modern city. Our church meets in a Christian school and attendance is around thirty. Naturally, Perth needs copious showers

to replenish its reservoirs. In the hearts of the people of God there is a longing that the Lord will open the windows of heaven and pour out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it. Remember the Rev. Patrick, that he

will have good health and be blessed mightily in his service for Christ.

# Advancing in adversity

BY PAUL THAPA

Nepal has faced one of the worst monsoons in many years, with many villages devastated and lives lost in the floods. During this period a couple of church buildings were swept away but thankfully gifts from God’s people enabled the rebuilding of these churches, as well as providing for the physical needs of the believers with such things as clothes and rice.

In spite of these problems the work of God continues to flourish, with people being converted on a daily basis and new churches being formed. Paul’s own church building is becoming too small. The Mission expected to have ten new churches established in 2007 but five have already been established with six more close to

constitution.

The radio work is proceeding well, broadcasting from six stations. Up to the present about one thousand Nepali “New Beginning” booklets have been sent out since last year. Paul has told us that a number of people have come to faith in Christ as a result of this witness. We have also been able to send money for the printing of two thousand Shorter Catechisms in Nepali and these are being distributed among the churches.

The nineteen children of the or-

phanage (photo below) have been greatly blessed with the provision of their new house and they are excelling in their studies, with each of them gaining 70% or more in their recent examinations.



Please continue to pray for the spread of the gospel in this needy land and that wisdom be granted as advice is given and the future is considered.



## Children seeking the Saviour

BY CHRIS KILLEN

We would like to thank everyone who prays for and supports us as we continue to serve the Lord. We have been really encouraged in the work lately and are conscious that this has been in answer to much prayer.

During the summer months we held five-day Bible clubs in our Garvagh, Lisburn, Tullyvallen, Antrim and Liverpool churches. It was a blessing to see so many children at the meetings and a number of children sought the Saviour for salvation. In Matthew

chapter 18 we read how the Saviour "...called a little child unto Him and set him in the midst..." It is our desire that the Saviour will bless these children likewise.

A number of Ulstermen went to Liverpool to assist us with the children's mission – Ryan Smyth, Colin Gibson, Andrew Gibson and



Jonathan Fielding. There were some fifty-five children's names on the role that week. On the Lord's Day evening we held a family and friends night.

Prizes were awarded and the boys and girls took part, singing choruses, etc. It was tremendous to see a good number of visitors at the meeting and remaining behind for a time of fellowship and refreshments

At the moment we are concentrating our labours on addicts in the Ballymena area. Sadly our visitation list continues to lengthen, as more and more young people are entangled with drugs and alcohol. Please continue to pray for the Lord to step into these ruined lives – we can labour and try to help in various ways, but it is only the Lord who is able to meet the real need of the heart.

Once again we want to thank you for all your prayers and practical support, praying that the Lord will bless you in return for your kindness and faithfulness.

## Reaching R.C. children with the gospel

BY JOYCE WALSH

As I look back over the last few months, I have much to thank the Lord for. Space does not permit me to share all that has happened but I can tell you that God has been answering your prayers.

At the end of May open-air meetings were held at the request of our Mullaglass Church in the village of Whitecross, which is predominantly Roman Catholic. The first day the children eyed us with suspicion but by the end of the week they were sitting with us. It was a thrill to hear them recite Bible verses. Each child received a copy of God's Word and we trust the Lord will bless these homes.

July to September have been especially busy with open-air meetings in housing estates and gardens. At one estate a Roman Catholic grandmother, her daughter and two granddaughters came every day. We trust the Lord to use His Word in their lives.

As always, Camp was a blessing (even though there wasn't much sleep). It was wonderful to see children trust the Lord and hear of young people being challenged regarding their walk with the Lord. Holiday Bible Clubs were also part of the programme and many children heard God's Word including a number of Roman Catholics.

It has been a time of sowing the seed. Do pray that

we will see a harvest in the coming days. I believe only eternity will reveal all that has been accomplished.

Once again, a very sincere word of thanks to all who support the work in prayer and by your generous giving. Please continue to remember the work as there are tremendous needs in the lives of the children we meet each week.



# Ploughing a straight furrow

BY COLIN MAWELL

As I write these words, we are preparing for our witness at the National Ploughing Championships



(DV). About a dozen Free Presbyterian ministers and laymen are ready to chat the people who come in to our tent for a 'cuppa' and to look at the displays. We intend to distribute 12,000 Scripture calendars, 9,000 fridge magnets and 1,000 CDs with gospel preaching and singing. We were delighted to hear of a

man who was converted to Christ through last year's witness.

It has been a busy summer for us, but very enjoyable. We made good use of our evangelistic call cards, taking advantage of price reductions which our printer introduces from time to time. We have fifteen designs in circulation. Many of these cards, with "Cead Mile Failte!" ("One hundred thousand welcomes!"), were given to tourists at Blarney Castle, with a short message based on the welcome which the Lord Jesus gives those

who come to Him. He will not cast them out.

The debate on "The Church does not need a Pope" was poorly attended, but the chairman volunteered to pay the hotel room expenses and to print a summary from both sides in his advertising newspaper. I

made further discreet enquiries and he is happy to receive a monthly devotional article. Truly, God makes no mistakes.

Ballymena Church gave us a generous gift enabling us to run an advert every night for some months in the Irish Independent, advertising our telephone hotline. It contained a short verse of Scripture and we know that God's word cannot return unto Him void. On the home front, Ruth has gone back to work in Belfast while Andrew commenced primary school this year. As ever, we appreciate your prayers and support for the work of God here.





## Missionary addresses

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