

# *Mourne Presbyterian Church*

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**“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold I am with you always, to the end of the age.”**

**Matthew 28:19-20**



This issue contains a Prayer Calendar for some of the work that is planned for the next few months. Details of dates and people involved appear in the centre pages. You are invited to be a partner through prayer in all of this ministry.

*Thank you for your support.*



*Together we are making a difference.*

# Celebration!!

**Try to picture the scene:** ladies dancing, a choir singing, a large crowd had gathered. There were ribbons to be cut, prayers offered, much cheering, many speeches, food and drink to be consumed, hands shaken, backs slapped. All work had stopped—as one person put it, “We’re in a party mood.”

The 22nd June 2014 was an anything but normal day at the David Gordon Memorial Hospital, Livingstonia, Malawi, as the new ambulance - a gift from the members of Mournie Presbyterian Church - was officially handed over to the hospital and community.

For most of the people the official presentation was the first opportunity to catch a glimpse of the new vehicle, but the Rev William Bingham and William Turner had actually met up with the Toyota Landcruiser the previous morning as they took delivery from Toyota in Lilongwe. Also present in Lilongwe were Penjani Sichinga , the Officer In Charge of the hospital and Lovemore Mkandiwire , Head of the Transport Department there.



Formalities completed, it was time to head north to Mzuzu, where the ambulance was dedicated for service by the Synod Of Livingstonia. After that all that remained was another 160 Kilometres, including the climb up the famous Girode where the new vehicle got a taste of what it’s daily life would be like!

In January, when the Mission Committee decided to provide a new ambulance for the hospital at Livingstonia, it was never envisaged that we would be taking delivery of it so soon. The response of our members and organisations was incredible and took us by surprise. As a result, the decision of the two Williams to travel to Malawi to take delivery of the vehicle was made at the last minute. On hindsight it was without doubt a good decision. The arrival of the ambulance was a major event for the whole community and without the presence of anyone from Mourne would have been much less of a celebration.



*In his speech, Penjani created quite a response from the audience by mentioning the price of the new vehicle in Malawian Kwacha—over 22 million! He reminded everyone that its purpose is to serve the patients and to share the love of Christ. He pointed out that few hospitals in the country have a vehicle of this quality and he committed his staff to taking care of the vehicle so that it would serve the people for many years.*

## ***Thank You***

We are taking this opportunity to pass on the thanks of the staff of DGMH, the Head of Station, the Synod Of Livingstonia and the community of the area to the people of Mourne who responded so generously to the need for a new vehicle. At a local level the Mission Committee, who are responsible for managing our partnership with the Livingstonia Mission, are deeply grateful for your support.

The short visit to Livingstonia gave an opportunity to spend time with Austin and Sam, our partners in SCOM. Please pray for the work of Austin as he continues to work with children, students and the community in evangelism and teaching. Also give thanks that his home is now connected to the electricity supply which should be a big help both to him and Lucy, his wife.



## What now?

Our first project in Livingstonia was in September 2002. The development and changes since then have been dramatic and the visitor gets the impression that it is now a place holding its head high. However, you do not spend long in the area until you are reminded that it is one of the poorest countries in the world. With our limited resources we continue to work with the people to show and share the love of Jesus. While we seek to help in a practical way, we are very aware that we must also give hope by sharing the message of the gospel.



Over the years we have been privileged to work with the Primary Health Care Department of the hospital as they seek to empower people to provide for themselves. During the remainder of 2014 the Mission Committee is planning to work with PHC to establish more farming clubs. Funding will be provided for irrigation, seed, fertiliser, basic tools and training.

With the development of the university campus at Livingstonia there is a severe shortage of accommodation for staff of the hospital and other institutions. We are planning to provide a limited amount of funding to enable the Head of Station, the Rev Geoffrey Kumwenda, to renovate two houses to make them fit for habitation.

Looking forward to 2015, we hope we will be able to undertake some of the items on the hospital development plan as we continue to work with our partners.

We are very aware that all of this depends on the continued support of the people of Mourné and we trust that we will continue to work together to make a difference to the lives of people in Malawi.

**See back page for details of Challenge 300**

# Prayer Calendar

*We apologise if any names have been omitted. The following details are correct at time of printing.*

DATE	GROUP	NAME
27th June	CEF Training Course, Seaview, Kilkeel	Adam Hanna
27th June –11th July	Down Battalion Boys Brigade Fields Of Life, Uganda	Catherine Graham Rebecca Glenny Laura Glenny
1st week in July	Holiday Bible Club—Dromara	Aimee Johnston
10th July—10th August	A.I.M. Madagascar	Amy McKee
14th—25th July	C.S.S.M. Cranfield	Emma Ewart Bethany Ewart Anna Annett John D McKee Rebecca Glenny Claire Annett Leonora Hanna Jenna Patterson Clare Chambers Stephen Bingham William Annett Amy Bingham Kathryn Hanna Alex McKee Suzanne Napier Grace Stevenson Aimee Johnston
19th—25th July	Mourne Junior CEF Camp	Sarah McKee
26th July—2nd August	Mourne CYIA Week (CEF)	Sarah McKee Hannah Skillen
26th July—2nd August	Donegal PCI Team	John McKee

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1st—2nd August	Challenge 300 300 mile relay and family event. See back page for details	Brian Niblock Andrew Niblock Gary Niblock William Annett Keith Bingham Alan Turner Andrew Annett William McKee
1st August—17th August	Ambassadors In Sport Letterkenny & Czech Republic	Andrew McKee
2nd—9th August	Elmwood Presbyterian Holiday Bible Club	Grace Stevenson
3rd—8th August	Dublin CYIA (CEF)	Laura Glenny
11th October— January	New Beginnings , Uganda	Andrew Patterson
21st December—9th January	New Beginnings, Uganda	Mark Cromie



Catherine, Rebecca and Laura are travelling to Uganda with a team from the Boys' Brigade, Down Battalion. They will be involved in a Holiday Bible Club with the children as well as spending time with Roger at the New Beginnings Village.

## Community Outreach Team 18th—31st July



Once again we have the opportunity to welcome visitors from Bethlehem Baptist Church in Minneapolis who will work alongside some local people to present a summer programme for two of our local communities at Kitty's Road and Attical.



Young people all over the world are interested in sport. **Ambassadors In Sport** uses this interest to help young people develop their sporting skills and also to reach out with the gospel in a relevant way. [www.ambassadorsfootball.org](http://www.ambassadorsfootball.org)



A number of our people will be working with CSSM at Cranfield. Each year the arrival of the team attracts many hundreds of children and young people who enjoy the activities and teaching.

Please pray for good weather and safety.

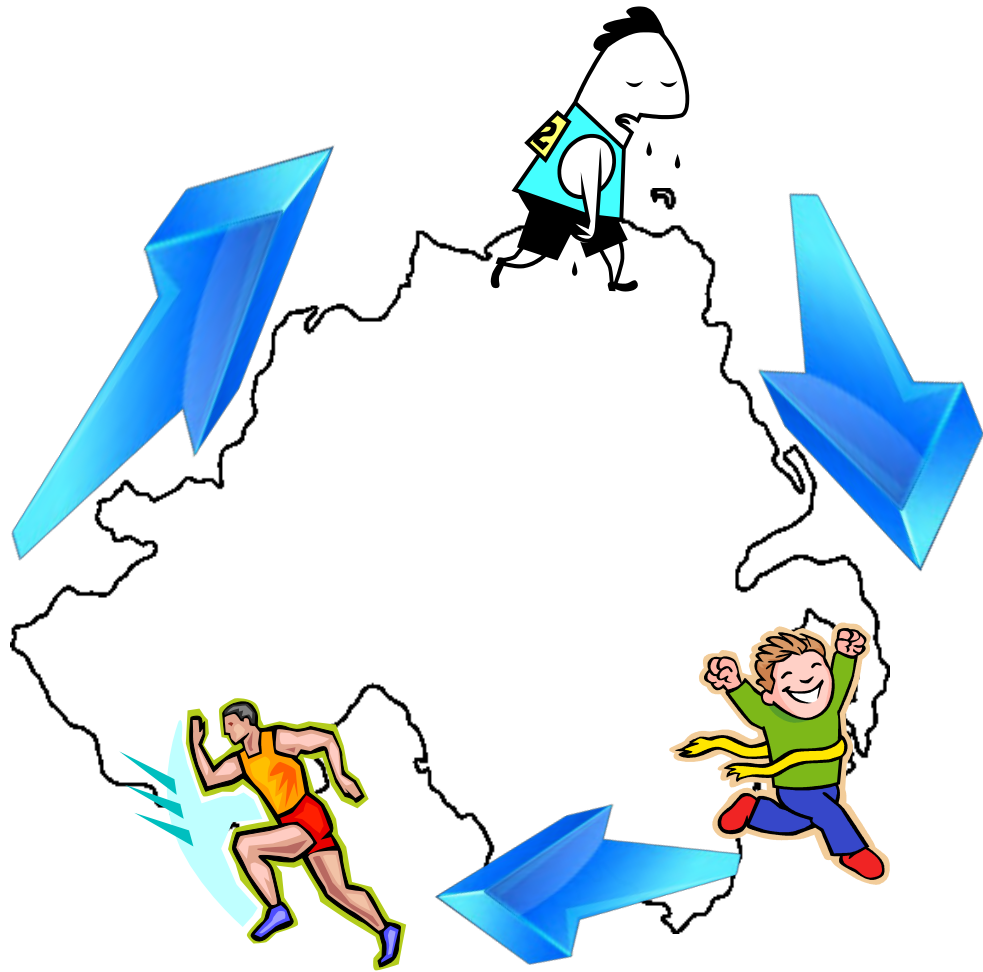
**AIM International SYNERGY** teams offer opportunities for those over 18 to serve in various parts of Africa. Amy McKee is going to Madagascar as part of a team of three to teach English and do practical work.



John McKee goes to Donegal with a PCI team. The team leader, Sarah Ferguson, says .....

“Everyday we’ll be running a holiday bible club for kids of primary school age. We’ll play games, worship God through singing with every bit of energy we have, share events from the Bible, get competitive with truly disgusting yet banterful quizzes, stuff ourselves silly with juice and biscuits, become like Picasso with our daily craft as well as my favourite – GROUP TIME! This is the time we sit with a small group of kids and develop relationships with them usually with an interactive activity, showing the kids that God isn’t a distant being.”

# Challenge 300



**1st –2nd August 2014**

**Our 8-man relay team plans to run a 300 mile route round Northern Ireland in 40 hours. Can you be there to welcome them home at 8pm on Saturday 2nd?**

**Family event with food, entertainment and fun from 6.30pm.**

**All funds raised will be for our work in Livingstonia.**