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Kilskeery Vice-principal visits Kenya school



Missionaries and visitors

Miss Amanda Dane B.Ed. is vice-principal of Kilskeery Independent Christian school. Following the break-up of our school at the end of June, she travelled to Kenya to give some assistance in the recently started Christian Academy and renew fellowship with the missionaries on the field. Here is her report.

The Lord has commanded, "Cast thy bread upon the waters." The time of sowing the Word of God is now. The Lord impressed that upon my heart and He has certainly given me opportunity to do this in Kilskeery, in the Christian School and Sunday school work. So often however we may be tempted to think that we have done enough. The Lord convicted me of the need to do more, "give a portion to seven, and also to eight,"

Ecc.11:2, and so I set off to help out in the Christian Academy in Kenya during July.

A group from Lisburn were also there during two of my three weeks. We had the privilege of joining them and the missionaries on outreach work. Our hearts were touched as we saw the awful effect of sin on the lives of so many. In one area we visited with Margaret Russell we could hardly credit the total ignorance of the gospel and of the name of our Saviour among the people. Death is never far away and, during our brief stay, death touched God's people in BCFC three times, including one little girl from the nursery school. How important the work of our Missionaries is in reaching those who are perishing, and how tirelessly they do so. We felt so privileged to have some very small part in this labour for souls.

There were encouragements too. Boys and girls eager to hear God's Word came in large numbers to the Bible clubs. In the ladies meeting in Namanjalala, the children had to be put outside to make room for their mothers, but did not miss out as they sat at the doors or peered in at the window. In Kapenguria, we met a sincere group of ladies who had an obvious desire to sit at the Lord's feet. In Mumius we met a present day Cornelius, who had gathered his neighbours in to hear the Word. Before leaving we heard of those who attended the services in BCFC after an invitation issued by one of the outreach teams. On other faces we saw signs of interest and concern over their souls and we pray that the Lord will bring them to salvation. We could not but be impressed at the love shown by Rev Kendagor, Rev and Mrs Harris, Margaret Russell, Gillian Gillespie and Noreen McAfee for the souls of the people they work amongst and at their vision to reach others.

It was wonderful to see the large numbers of boys and girls instructed daily under the sound of God's Word in the Christian Academy. Their enthusiastic singing of hymns and choruses each morning was heart-warming as was the welcome and smile of the children. We had the opportunity, along with Rachel Managh (Lisburn), to teach in Scripture class and apply the Word in many other lessons. Children, teachers and visitors entered into



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sporting activities enthusiastically! The School's first sports day was a great treat for all.

The construction of the new building continues, under the close supervision of Margaret and Noreen. It is wonderful to see how God's people have given to His work in this part of the vineyard. The need for children to receive a Christian Education is certainly one that is great both at home and abroad.

A piece of my heart was left behind in Kenya. The warm hospitality shown by the people and the missionaries, especially Noreen, who opened her home to me, made us feel quite at home there. God was with us and we give Him thanks. I do thank God's people for their prayerful support during my stay in Kenya and ask that you continue to pray for me, and all of the staff, as I return to the school of my calling in Kilskeery.