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School plans replacement of classrooms



The classrooms in need of replacing

Temporary classrooms, purchased back in 1988 as second-hand structures, are to be replaced at Kilskeery Independent Christian school. A campaign to raise funds for the venture will be launched at the annual congregational meeting of Kilskeery Free Presbyterian Church on March 25th.

The classrooms have needed replacing for a numbers of years but since the school must raise all its own finances, other commitments had to take priority. However, for some time the School Management Committee had recognised that the matter was going to have to be dealt with as a matter of urgency. Finances were the main difficulty and prayer was made unto God for the need.

Quite unexpectedly, a gift of £10,000 was sent to Rev. Ivan Foster, the School Administrator, at the beginning of 2003 for use in the work of the Lord in Kilskeery. This gift was seen as a seal upon the tentative plans to replace the classrooms and after further discussion and prayer, the Church Committee decided that they would seek, under God, to raise the cost of replacing the classrooms without incurring any bank loans or increasing the financial burden upon the church Since 1979, when the Christian school was opened, God has blessed it so that it has never been a financial burden upon the congregation.

We would ask our friends and supporters to join with us in praying that the £60,000 that will be needed for the venture will be raised without having to resort to a bank loan. It is hoped to replace the buildings with a pre-fabricated structure with a life span of at least 50 years. It will provide two classrooms, a large dining hall/examination centre, storage rooms and toilet facilities. The new structure will be connected to the present church/school buildings by a covered walkway.

This coming September will mark the beginning of our 25th school year. We look to the Lord to enable us to celebrate that event with the opening of the new facilities during that year. At a recent prayer meeting in the Kilskeery Free Presbyterian Church, the verses 10 and 11 of Psalm 108 were commented upon by the minister. "Who will bring me into the strong city? who will lead me into Edom? Wilt not thou, O God, who hast cast us off? and wilt not thou, O God, go forth with our hosts?" He particularly stressed the fact that David, in asking the question, "Who will bring me into the strong city?" says in response to his own question: "Wilt not thou, O God, who hast cast us off?" This shows remarkable faith. To trust God for the delivering of a notorious and formidable fortress into his hands in a day when God's blessing is upon His people is praiseworthy but to be able to speak in faith



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as David does here, in a day when he had to acknowledge that God had cast them off and they, by their sins, had fallen into disfavour, was triumphant faith indeed.

The challenge of the verses was felt by some as a call to trust God for the needed help to launch into this replacement scheme in a day when there are not the tokens of God's power and blessing amongst us that have been experienced in the past. David was speaking in the same spirit of faith as was shown by Paul in the midst of the storm which threatened to sink the ship he was on with the loss of all on board. "And now I exhort you to be of good cheer: for there shall be no loss of any man's life among you, but of the ship . . . be of good cheer: for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me," Acts 27:22, 25. Will you join with us in prayer that God will meet our need at this time and show in doing so that He is going to move again in spiritual power in our land?

The people God invests in, He will see that they profit from His investment.