



The Burning Bush—Online article archive

Times Education Supplement carries feature on Kilskeery Independent Christian School



The TES article was headlined: "Battle to teach God's own law". It contained a mixture of reasonably accurate quotations along with the usual extravagant highlighting of the most common of beliefs and practices of Christians, which is the unconverted person's attempt to rationalise the Christian perspective. The article begins with a quotation : "When we have a teacher recruitment crisis we don't advertise, we get down on our knees and pray to God for help," says Ann Foster, head of the 52-pupil Kilskeery Independent Christian school in County Tyrone, Northern Ireland."

The readership of TES is thus immediately introduced to an educational institution that is somewhat different from the norm.

The reporter, Nadene Ghouri, spent half a day in the school, interviewing Rev. Ivan and Mrs Ann Foster regarding the reasons why the school was started in the first place in 1979 and the philosophy that underlies the school's teaching methods and curriculum.

It was a pleasant time of conversation and while it would have been nice to see some aspects of our school that were discussed given greater coverage, we believe that the article was not altogether unfavourable, although comments that our "school surroundings are spartan" and that there was an absence of "pupils' work on the walls" are neither accurate nor kind, as any visitor to our school will observe. Sometimes it appears that when there are no grounds for criticism, then some must be invented.

However, we trust that the article will be seen by some Christians and that it will generate interest amongst those believers who have not yet seriously considered this most vital matter.