Arson attack on Convoy Free Presbyterian Church

Rev. James Porter examines the fire damage in the prayer room

An attempt to burn the Free Presbyterian Church building in Convoy, Co. Donegal, in the Republic of Ireland, failed, though substantial smoke and scorch damage was done to the prayer room and kitchen at the rear of the building. The damage was discovered on Tuesday, August 22nd.

Rev. James Porter, minister of the congregation, said that the attack was particularly grieving because the congregation had just made substantial renovations to the temporary building. The outside walls had been plastered and the roof replaced. This was done in preparation for a gospel campaign planned for late October with Evangelist Ronnie McLean. The damage would have been much worse had the plan of the arsonists succeeded. Petrol was poured into the prayer room and ignited but because the doors to the prayer room were closed, the smoke created smothered the fire.

The congregation has begun a clean-up operation and it is hoped that all will still be ready for the gospel mission. Please pray for the congregation and the minister that the Lord will protect His own in these dark days.