

## Stephen and Linda Park leave for Uganda



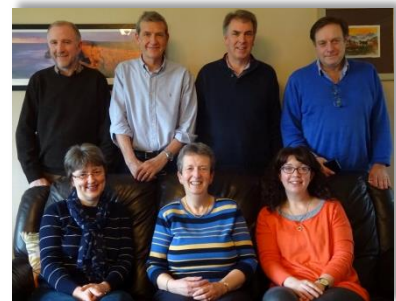
A Farewell Service was held for Stephen and Linda Park on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February. It was a big encouragement to see Lisburn Independent Methodist packed with people eager to support them as they go to serve the Lord in Uganda with UFM. Both 2016 graduates of IBC, (Stephen full-time, Linda at Night Class) they leave on 7<sup>th</sup> March with their sons Joel and Oliver. A few of their prayer requests are given below:



- Continued growth of our support team
- Home schooling... that some person (or people) would be able to come out to Kiwoko to help
- Stamina, health and strength during this busy time of organisation and transition
- Continued peace and assurance

## Thank you for praying for our staff and students

The annual Away Day for IBC teaching and administrative staff took place in February to plan and pray for the year ahead. We are thankful to God for the unity we enjoy in our staff team and also for answered prayer with regard to finances. The College received a number of gifts at the end of the financial year, so while we end the year in a negative position, this was less concerning than anticipated. Please continue to pray in this regard.



Students are half way through their second semester and are busy with lectures, reading and assignments. The photo shows a number of them looking very colourful in their new IBC sweatshirts!

## Old Heads and Young Shoulders

Each year IBC holds an annual morning for graduates in the early years of ministry. This is an opportunity for the college to continue to support former students and others as they settle into pastoral ministry.

As well as spending time together informally and in prayer each year there is a seminar dealing with a topic related to ministry. This year the subject of the seminar was dealing with differences in local congregational life. This was led by Leslie Hutchinson who, drawing both upon the teaching of the Bible and his long experience in ministry, helped those present to think about this issue. All those present found the morning to be very beneficial.



It highlighted once again the need for those in pastoral ministry in our churches to keep in touch with one another, to discuss issues of common concern and to draw upon each other's help.

## Open Morning

Open Morning took place on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February. We welcomed a number of new faces to see around the College, meet staff and students and chat over coffee. If you weren't able to make it, why not come to the Open Night in April and bring someone with you.



**IRISH BAPTIST COLLEGE**  
OPEN DAYS 2017

**OPEN NIGHT**

**THURSDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2017**  
6.30 PM - 9.30 PM  
PRESENTATION 7.30PM