

GRADUATION SERVICE

Thirteen full-time and 28 part-time students graduated this year in an uplifting and challenging service held on 15 May in Lisburn Baptist Church. The praise was led by David McCready and a group of musicians from Ballymena Baptist. The preacher was John Samuel former pastor of Grosvenor Road Baptist, Dublin and now ministering in Duke Street Church, Richmond Surrey.



Graduating full-time students



Graduating part-time students



Award recipients

PRESENTATIONS

were made to Mr James Greenwood (left) recognizing 50 years of service to the College, as a member of the Management Committee and as Study Skills Tutor. Pastor Alan Baird will be retiring in August and his seven years as Ministry Studies Tutor was also recognized.



STUDENT INTERVIEWS

Two of the leaving full-time students were interviewed by Pastor Alan Baird.

Wat Ho Meas explained how useful the three year ministry course had been to him in preparation as he and his family move to Japan to work with OMF. Stephen Wilson is not moving quite so far, he takes up the pastorate of Letterkenny Baptist Church in June. Stephen spoke warmly of his time in College and especially of his placement with the Castlederg Church.



Dr Ken Scott asked MA graduate Gillian Carlisle how the course had helped her. Gillian explained how she had been better equipped to serve more actively in her local church, Dromore Elim.

JOHN SAMUEL took us to 1 Timothy 4:12-16 and challenged the students, and us all, to 'Watch your life and teaching closely'. He reminded us that people follow our example and that the issues at stake in ministry are those of salvation - of life and death. His application included a reminder of the importance of loving those under our care and that God's word is the source of our power. Listen to the sermon at www.irishbaptistcollege.co.uk/media_index.php



THE OFFERING for the Ministry Partnership Scheme, which aims to help new graduates 'get started' in a ministry situation, came to £2156.

KEEP ON PRAYING for 20 undergraduate and 12 postgraduate places for September 2013. We have gone some way to these targets but are not quite there yet. Pray also for a good intake for the part-time classes.

