



The three year olds started school this week and are still taking time to settle. The teachers and helpers were all exhausted on Thursday afternoon after racing round after their charges who haven't caught on to class routine yet!! One three year old tipped a bucket of sand over one of the helpers; I think the child saw it as a nice gift! The helper wasn't so sure as she was covered from head to foot!!

The rest of school is also in full swing. The infants are still getting used to routine and sitting and listening. After over 10 weeks holiday it's hard to settle back again. Gwen is teaching 5 yr olds again this year and Mags is back with all the IGCSE and AS maths.

We are waiting for a new teacher to arrive from the USA. It was amazing how she got in touch with us out of the blue and yet fits exactly what we need. She comes with her Paraguayan husband and 4 children. The children will join us in school and the husband will look after his family farm.

Please pray for Linn who has been unwell and spent a week in hospital with diverticulitis. She has to have surgery in the next few weeks. Give thanks for the provision of some English speaking carers who will look after her when she is recovering from the op.

We are so excited to see the new building at the annexe finished and taking shape as a computer room. The annexe older pupils have their camp on the 8th and 9th of March. It's great that Pastor Ronnie is going down there each week too and taking classes and assemblies.

We are looking forward to the bishop's return at the end of February. We are once more doing the service this Sunday. We have had encouraging numbers at church for the last few weeks but we still need more people to lead and preach as it can be quite heavy for us with school all week too. We enjoy being able to take part but maybe a little less would be better!

We are thrilled with the appointment of Bishop Ken Clarke to SAMS Ireland chairman. We've met him a number of times out here and also in Ireland. We know he will be great for the society.

Give thanks for safety in travel. As we write this we are just in from having gone out to do a little shopping and ended up in a crash. So, our quick trip out took a few hours! We are both unhurt, unscathed and quite calm. We were coming to a crossroads when we saw two cars crash in the middle and then one came right at us hitting us front on.



Leaders' camp



Give thanks for protection

God Bless,
Lots of
Love,
Gwen &
Mags xxx