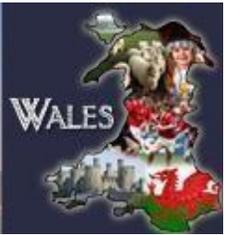




# RICHARDS REPORT



## Old Kitchen with Dumbwaiter Replaced

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The picture on the left was taken a couple of days before they started to remove the old dumbwaiter (with blue doors) and the old kitchen in the church at the Barry work. To get the water (which was only available downstairs at the church), upstairs to the church hall the elderly ladies had to put it in the dumbwaiter and try to pull the ropes and lift it up to the hall. In the end it was too heavy for them so they would carry the hot water up a whole flight of stairs to make their cups of tea for their ladies meeting. Of course, as an American, we just could not understand why they would put up with this in the house of God.

We, of course, wanted to get this done ASAP, but with over 27 years on the field we know we must move slowly and not make sudden changes to the services or the building so for two years we waited. Finally, we were able to replace the 4' X 4' waste of space dumbwaiter in the hall upstairs and finally got water up to the hall. Once they saw that the hall worked out very well and the new kitchen up there turned out nice, they came around to replacing the old kitchen downstairs.



The picture below left, shows the view at the opposite end of where the dumbwaiter was and shows the second oven that is now available as they had NO ovens in the old kitchen. The picture lower right shows the view through the serving hatch we had put in to make the kitchen available to the next room and directly into the sanctuary from that room. It was a big project and has taken the plumber three weeks and now our work begins to get it painted and a new floor put in and new vinyl flooring installed. The people are excited with their new look in the sanctuary and now the new kitchen. The Lord has already shown His approval with two souls being added to the Kingdom in the Barry work. In January, right



after we started on the kitchen, Rick and Jaime led the first soul from that group to the Lord during our Thursday Youth Club. Sam came the very next Sunday to church and has just received his Bible for coming four Sundays in a row. Then two weeks later at the Youth Club, "little Max" came to Pam and I and **said "I am ready to be saved."** In that room next to the kitchen Max bowed his head and asked Jesus to come into his heart and his life. He told me last Thursday he has a burden for his friend Morgan who lost his dad last year and has not been back to church since. Max and I agreed to pray for him. Morgan still comes off and on to the Youth Club but does not join in much. Please pray for him.



## Pastor Thomas at almost 96 Passes Away



This picture from our January 2016 letter shows Pastor Thomas preaching in his home at the age of 95. He is the man who stood at the gates of Cornwall Street Baptist Church when he was Pastor (and just before we arrived in 2005) and told a group of 5 Muslim men that wanted to know when his church was closing so they could worship Allah in the building the following: **"You have got to be kidding as long as there is breath in this body the Lights will be on for Jesus!"** In his 80's he had the courage to fight on for Christ in the face of adversity. Please pray for his family in the loss of this warrior for Christ.

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