

Missionary Updates...



Nate & Rachael

Thirty months after we left for furlough at the end of 2018, God has made a way for us to return to Northern Ireland! Travel was safe and swift, quarantine is underway, and we are eager to get back into ministry this summer and settle in for 2021 and beyond.

Scott & Joanna

On March 29 Joanna and I joined a new club. No, it's not retirement! I'm not that old. We joined the grandparent club. Our daughter in law gave birth to two beautiful twins; Connor and Winnie. We love them to bits. Please pray for Winnie though as she entered the world with some serious health issues. On second thoughts, maybe I am that old!



Jason & Gemma

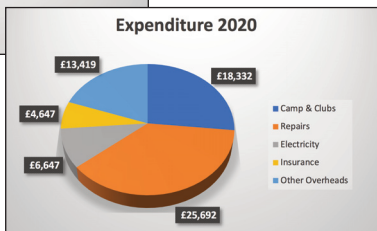
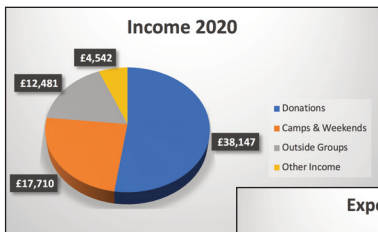
On Tuesday 11th May our daughter Beatrice (Betsy) Margaret was born. The name Beatrice means bringer of joy, and she has definitely brought a lot of joy into our lives. The boys adore her and have very naturally stepped into the role of protective big brothers.

Ethan and Caleb have settled back into school and have enjoyed seeing their friends again and being taught by a proper teacher, they really love heading to school which we are so thankful for.

It has been a strange year and with no groups in at the weekends, we have had some precious opportunities to spend time together as a family. This past couple of months we have been preparing for summer camp. Having volunteers about the place helping has made Mullartown feel a bit more normal again.

We want to take the opportunity to thank you guys for supporting us prayerfully and financially during this time allowing us to continue on and try our best to progress the facilities and ministry here at Mullartown.

Finance Updates



Praise God for the blessing of continued support throughout these difficult times. To date we have £8,000 left on Sports Hall loan.

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Carpe Diem

The apostle Paul definitely lived by this maxim; in Acts we see him seizing every opportunity to share the good news of Jesus Christ and to disciple young believers.

As his circumstances became more difficult he seemed to become more fervent in his mission. While the circumstances of the current pandemic are very different to those which Paul faced, they have shown us how we have taken for granted the privilege of sharing the Gospel with unbelievers, and of meeting with believers for discipleship and fellowship.

The current season of lighter restrictions is an opportunity to "seize the day" and we are extremely grateful for the groups of volunteers who have run 3-day clubs in Old Warren, Woodbrook, Glenavy and Stoneyford, and 4-day clubs in the Markets and Moyard Park areas of Belfast. Attendance at

these outdoor clubs has exceeded our expectations, and it has been such a privilege to share the truth of the Bible with so many children over the past couple of months. The teen ministries - Connect, the WAY, Oaks and Bubbles - have also loved being able to meet again in person after so many months on Zoom.

As we stand on the brink of the summer, with Camp and Hello Life about to commence, there are still many uncertainties, but we would ask you to pray with us that we would have the courage and creativity necessary to "seize the day" over the next two months, and bring the hope of Jesus Christ to many more children and young people. Thank you. **Judith Rogers CEO**



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A century of service

The BCM NI Board said farewell, and a heartfelt thank-you, to three longstanding directors/trustees at our AGM in April. With over 100 years of service with BCM NI between them, Dorothy, Elizabeth and Lynne have played a valuable role in many aspects of the ministry; as Bible Club leaders, camp volunteers, cooks, Board members, administrators etc. Dorothy and Elizabeth were part of the team who stepped out in

faith and bought Mullartown House, and subsequently the BCM Centre in Lisburn. They also remember how, for many children, Bible clubs were a "safe space" during the troubles, and have learnt the value of maximising every opportunity to share the Gospel with children. Lynne has fond memories of cooking at Week 3 Kids' camp, and of her CandY club children, many of whom came from unchurched homes. The BCM NI

Board have appreciated their wisdom, insight and counsel in Board meetings when decisions had to be made and problems resolved. While they have stepped down from their role as directors, all 3 ladies will continue to be fervent prayer warriors; praying that our vision will grow, more children will be reached, and that we will remain Bible-centred in all that we do.

The BCM NI Board



"BCM has been an integral part of my life as everything was built around attending and leading at camps during the summer. It has been a privilege to be part of such a radical, Christ-centred organisation where people from all denominations can work together as one."

Dorothy Armstrong



"I became a Christian at a Girls' Camp. Since then I have had a passion for helping at, and supporting, BCM's camp ministry. Since being 'roped in' by Tom McKinstry to lead Bible clubs in unreached areas in Lisburn, and joining the Board, I have had the opportunity to serve, make international friends, develop my faith through good Bible teaching, hear renowned speakers at BCM conferences and travel across the world."

Elizabeth Spence



"Many years ago I accepted an invitation from Tom McKinstry to lead a Bible Club in Lambeg. This Bible Club is now called CandY (Christ and You) and is held in the BCM Centre. Joining the Board gave me the opportunity to embrace the 'big picture' of BCM. I have really enjoyed getting to know both regional and international missionaries, volunteers and campers."

Lynne Martin

Hello Life teams are dynamic weeks of outreach which include Bible Clubs and community work. If you want to step out of your comfort zone and tell others about the abundant life that Jesus offers, then sign up for a Hello Life team this summer!

SUMMER 2021 OPPORTUNITIES

Lurgan 5th-9th July
Emily Kane + Adam Hanna

Downpatrick 26th-30th July
James Maginnis + Chloe Millen

Lisburn 2nd-6th August
Nathanael McIlveen + Katie Maginnis

Belfast 16th-20th August
Justin Rogers + Scott Widdan

Carryduff 16th-20th August
Lawrence + Mairi McCleery

To sign up visit:
www.bcmni.org/volunteer
For more information email:
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Reaching out

Our Hello Life teams are excited to be returning to Belfast, Carryduff, Lisburn and Lurgan this summer to run Bible Clubs and reach out to the local communities. We are also excited about a new team taking place in Downpatrick, and about hosting an Exodus team for an extra week of Hello Life in July. Our Bible lessons this year are based on CEF's Wordless book series and we are looking forward to sharing the Gospel with lots of children over the course of the summer.

Please pray for open doors, a good reception from adults and children in the areas, and for wisdom and help for the team leaders as they organise their weeks of ministry.

Nate Heater

WEEKLY PRAYER MEETINGS
via Zoom on Tuesday Evenings
July & August from 8-9pm
Meeting ID: 285 899 5319
Passcode: pray21

Not so average year..

During this past 15 months we have been using time wisely and preparing the house for some busy times ahead.

Most of the maintenance projects are now complete including the kitchen, coffee dock, updating of the first floor dorms, storage facilities, grounds work around the campfire, bandstand and gardens.

Due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic we have had to think a little differently this year.

Realistically we couldn't run the camps as we have done in the past so we have made a number of changes - our camps will be 4 days giving the house 3 days to breathe before another camp comes in.

This year will be a mix of Virtual Camps with day visits to Mullartown and residential camps depending on the restrictions.

We will be looking at the life of Joseph and how even through his suffering he still continued to trust God.

Please pray for each of the camps as they roll round - the programme directors, teams of leaders, cooks, campers and the homes they come from that they would experience God in a life changing way.



New Kitchen at Mullartown



Coffee Dock at Mullartown



<p>Week 1 KIDS CAMP 5 - 8 July (Matty & Rebekah Reid)</p>	<p>Family CAMP 11 - 14 July (Jason & Gemma Hill)</p>	<p>Senior TEENS 18 - 21 July (Zak Nicholls)</p>	<p>Merge CAMP 25 - 28 July (Gary & Julia Fletcher)</p>
<p>City Kids CAMP 1 - 4 August (Stevie & Judith Rogers)</p>	<p>Week 2 KIDS CAMP 8 - 11 August (Claire & Jonny Martin)</p>	<p>Week 3 KIDS CAMP 15 - 18 August (Mel & Rob Henry)</p>	<p>Junior TEENS 22 - 25 August (Dan McCready & Gemma Gordon)</p>