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BCM NI Newsletter



LOOKING BACK,
LOOKING FORWARD
JUDITH ROGERS

At our recent AGM we reflected on God's provision during 2022, not just financially, but also in providing the staff and volunteers needed to continue serving children, young people and adults. Most of all we are so thankful for all those who accepted Jesus as their Saviour last year, and for the joy of seeing believers grow in their faith.

As we get closer to Summer 2023 we still have much cause for thanksgiving: hundreds of campers signed up for summer camp, lots of volunteers keen to get stuck into preparing for the summer, and the provision of a longer term visa for Nate! We are excited to see what God has planned for this year!

God has sustained the work of BCM in Northern Ireland for 75 years; we can say with King David, "You have done all these great things. Therefore You are great, O Lord God. For there is none like You, nor is there any God besides You." 2 Samuel 7 v 21, 22

75 YEARS OF BCM NORTHERN IRELAND!

Join with us on **Tuesday 6th June at 7pm** at **Mullartown House** to look back on the past 75 years and look forward to summer 2023.

We will have a BBQ, followed by a time of praise, thanksgiving, commissioning and cake!

To sign up please email 75anniversary@bcmni.org by Friday 2nd June, indicating any dietary requirements.



SUMMER CAMP @ MULLARTOWN

JASON HILL

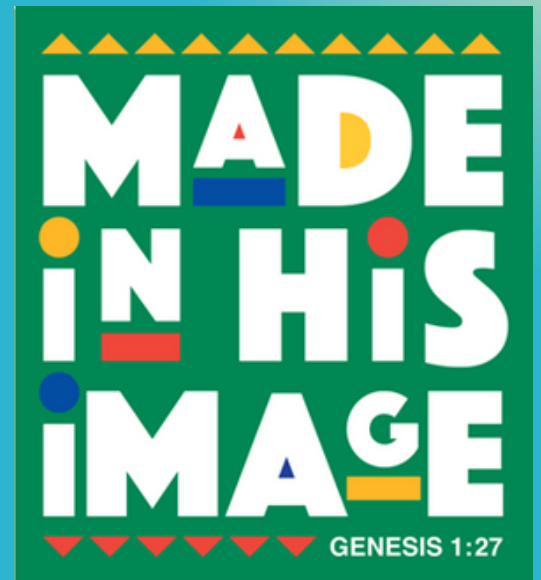
Hard to believe we are soooooo close to Summer 2023!

This year at camps we will be working through the book of Ephesians asking the question: **Who am I?**

To answer this question, it is important to ask another question first: **Who does God say I am?**

Beginning in Genesis, the Bible tells us that we are made in God's image, but that image has become distorted by sin. The only way to restore what was broken is through a relationship with Jesus.

This summer we will discover who God created us to be and how we can glorify him better.



SUMMER SCHEDULE

1-6TH JULY

WEEK 1 KIDS CAMP

Matty & Rebekah Reid

2-6TH JULY

ENGAGE CAMP

Nathan & Rachel Anderson

8-13TH JULY

FAMILY CAMP

Jason & Gemma Hill

15-20TH JULY

SENIOR TEENS CAMP

Zak Nicholls

22-27TH JULY

CITY KIDS CAMP (P3-YR9)

Judith & Stevie Rogers

29 JULY - 3 AUG

MERGE CAMP

Gary & Julia Fletcher

5-10TH AUG

WEEK 2 KIDS CAMP

Jonny & Claire Martin

12-17TH AUG

WEEK 3 KIDS CAMP

Mel & Rob Henry

19-24TH AUG

JUNIOR TEENS CAMP

Dawson Cleland

ENGAGE CAMP

RACHEL ANDERSON

Engage camp is pleased to announce our second summer running!

As a satellite camp of Mullartown, Engage will be held in Rostrevor the first week in July. Last year we had 14 kids from a variety of different backgrounds with an age range of 12-16. Although the activities were great, we as leaders were most excited about the many opportunities to get to know the kids and make Christ known in their lives.

This year **Engage** is almost full already and we are looking forward with anticipation to what God is going to do!



HELLO LIFE UPDATE

NATE HEATER

"I LOVE IT!", Jonny exclaimed, as he held a Bible in his hands and eagerly looked through the first few pages. For Jonny, the joy of attending a Bible club in his estate in Downpatrick and receiving a Bible for the first time was infectious – the team still talks about his enthusiasm and joyous declarations: "I LOVE IT!"

Once again, Hello Life teams will be going out in five locations to reach children and their families with the good news of the gospel through clubs, outreach, practical service, and partnership with churches. Teams in **Lurgan, Downpatrick, Lisburn, Belfast**, and (for the first time) **Upper Ballinderry** will reach into estates, schools, and homes over this summer.

We'd love for you to be praying for them – both for those leading and on the teams, as well as for those young people and families that they will interact with.

Each team is also still looking for more volunteers – they'd love to have a few others join them for a week of service, fellowship, fun, and growth. Take a look at the schedule and see if either you or someone you know could spend a week serving on a Hello Life team in 2023!

HELLO LIFE SCHEDULE

Lurgan: 18–23 June

Emily Kane & Adam Hanna

Belfast: 30 July–4 August

Judith Rogers & Sarah McLean

Lisburn: 30 July–5 August

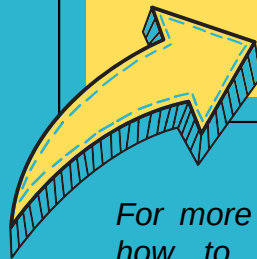
Nathanael McIlveen & Kate Maginnis

Downpatrick: 24–28 July

James Maginnis & Chloe Millen

Upper Ballinderry: 14–20 August

Joel Parker & Eden Wilson



For more information about **Hello Life** and how to sign up as a volunteer, visit: www.bcmni.org/volunteer



PRAYER POINTS

Hello Life

- Pray that the seeds of the gospel will bear fruit in the Hello Life areas, especially those areas in which it is not a familiar message.
- Pray that volunteers will be given courage and stamina as they share their faith on the streets.

Summer Camp

- Pray that campers will have the courage to ask questions about the lessons they are learning.
- Pray for salvation for campers who are not yet believers, and that campers who are believers would become more grounded in their faith as a result of camp.

Join us every Tuesday in July & August to pray for our summer activities

You can join us on Zoom 8-9pm. For Zoom details, please contact: office@bcmni.org

MISSIONARY UPDATES

JASON & GEMMA HILL

It's May – how did that happen? Since the New Year we have been flat out. Lots of residential groups, non-residential groups and events to keep us busy. Some of the highlights have been leading a 6 week SU session in Brackenagh West Primary School where we tried out our summer lessons. We had a great response and the pupils engaged well and looked forward to it each week. We have also finished a refurb on a shower room, started the planning application process for the cottage project (hopefully starting in September) and started the process of looking for an **Assistant Camp Director** (please continue to pray for the right person to join our staff).

We have completed our Summer Staff training which was well attended and now we are all excited about the Summer Camps just round the corner!

NATE HEATER

I have been busy working on our volunteer mentorship program, preparing for Hello Life teams, and continuing to invest in discipleship and Bible study groups, as well as speaking on occasion at SU and YF meetings.

Pray for focus and good prioritising, especially as the busy summer season approaches.

Rachael and I also just received our approval to stay in Northern Ireland on a new visa for the next 3+ years! Praise the Lord!



MIRIAM REIMER

Our busy term-time is coming to a close and with that all of the admin associated with it is slowing down - just in time for the summer rush!

I have been given more responsibility in the finance and AccessNI realms, which has been a new and welcomed challenge!

At Mullartown, it's been a fun season of painting, tiling, and gardening - all to make the house the best it can be for all of our groups and our upcoming summer!

Please be praying, as my husband Alex will be having 3 interns with his mission this summer, and I will continue ordering each week for summer camp and managing the office tasks.

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