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BCM NI Newsletter

## CEO UPDATE

JUDITH ROGERS

2025 . . . a time to thrive . . .that was the theme for our New Year BCM Ladies' Coffee morning. It has a certain ring to it doesn't it?!

We all want nothing more than to thrive, both in our personal lives and in our ministry, but often the tasks ahead of us seem overwhelming, and fear of failure stifles the possibility of thriving. But the Lord Jesus calls us to look to Him, the Creator of the universe, the One who holds all things in His hands, and ask Him to sustain us and help us to thrive.

As we commence another year of ministry, we ask you to pray for us at BCM NI, especially



our 6 Board members and 6 staff members/missionaries. We need God's wisdom, and His provision, in order for us, and our many willing volunteers, to thrive in ministry in 2025.

## A NEW SPHERE OF SERVICE

JONNY MARTIN

My first involvement with BCM NI was through the Lambeg Bible Club (now Candy Club) when I was 4 years old, attending the club every Friday night. Through attending the Bible club, I was introduced to Mullartown House where I went to the summer camps throughout my childhood and teenage years, first as a camper and then as a leader.

During my late teens and early twenties I was involved in leading the Hello Life team in Lisburn, alongside my wife Claire. Currently, my wife and I serve as the Programme Directors of the Week 2 Kids' Camp.

BCM has always had a special place in my heart and I am excited to serve on the Board and help in any way I can to ensure that BCM NI continues to help children, teens and adults come to know the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour and mature in their faith.



# STONEYFORD BIBLE CLUB

JOAN, JULIE ANNE, KAREN, WAYNE & JULIE

What a term we have had at Bible Club! This year we knocked on every door in Stoneyford to give a personal invitation. 22 children arrived on our first night, and each week we have had new children come along. In total 40 children have attended since October, averaging 18-22 children each Friday, all very keen to learn from God's Word.

Our first few lessons focused on how we got the Bible, why it is such a special book, and about William Tyndale translating the Bible from Hebrew and Greek into English. An 'Open Bible Night' involved splitting up into a

few groups, looking up verses and discussing different aspects of the Bible. We were able to gift a Bible to some children who did not have one. Their joy was evident as they left that night running to show their parents their new Bible. Our next series on Daniel was very well received by the children as they learnt about how God was with Daniel and his friends in Babylon. These lessons gave a great opportunity for the Gospel to be explained to the children each week.

For the first time we invited the parents to come along to the Christmas party to hear the children sing and share what they had been learning. It was a great night and we were able to share the real meaning of Christmas. Thank you for your continued prayers and support for Stoneyford Bible Club. Praise God with us for His faithfulness and the encouragement we have received this year.



# WEST BELFAST

RUTH KELSO

We thank God for the privilege of planting the seed of the Gospel into the hearts of children in West Belfast weekly on a Monday afternoon. After having outdoor Bible clubs we are now glad to have a room in Workforce where the children from Lower Springfield and Upper Springfield can meet - some walk and others are brought by minibus. Usually we have 15-30 children. Nine of these children now attend BCM City Kids' camp at Mullartown and recently it was lovely to find out that one of their mums used to be a camper there too!

We were delighted when another mum came with her two daughters to our Christmas gospel family service. Please pray that the light of the gospel would shine into their hearts and that they would be saved.



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# Senior Bible Club

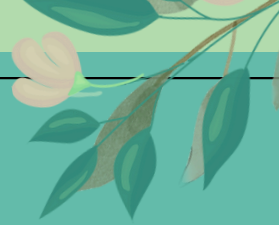


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# AN EVENING OF REMINISCING & THANKFULNESS!

ELIZABETH SPENCE



Reconnected friendships that warmed our hearts, old photos that made us cringe, memories that made us laugh .....that was our Senior Bible Club reunion after around 50 years!

In the early camps in Dundrum there was a junior and senior camp. Around 1971, by way of a winter follow-up for the teen campers, we started a Friday night Senior Bible Club, meeting in the homes of Dorothy Armstrong, Mr and Mrs Kelly and then Mr and Mrs Forsythe (Avril's parents). We had Bible studies, missionary projects, outings, and some memorable weekends away, including one in the Mournes in a cottage without any facilities!

The strong friendships made in those years have endured and about 30 of the 'old' crowd, along with spouses, met up for a reunion. The years rolled away as we remembered...the nissan huts at Dundrum; sneaking out to the Castle at midnight while (we thought!) Tom and Joan slept, the boys dropping plates so they wouldn't have to do the dishes, hiding fish in the girls dorms in Castlerock, Tom Geddis's missionary talks taking us into the Amazon interior in Brazil.... We also gratefully remembered Tom and Joan's passion for camp and the opportunity it gave to lead young people to know Christ and follow Him more closely.

As the years rolled away we chatted, shared supper, and looked at old slides! Lynette read her poem of camp memories and Stephen, in his closing talk from Philippians ch 1, spoke of Paul's remembrance of, and his encouragement and prayers for, the believers, as well as God's promise that He who had begun the good work in them would perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.

We plan to meet up again DV, but not leaving it for 50 years next time!

## BUILDING UPDATES

### THE COTTAGE @ MULLARTOWN

Following the tender process a builder has been appointed to carry out the demolition and re-build of the cottage at Mullartown. The work will start soon, God willing, and will hopefully be completed by late summer/early autumn (just in time for a new intern perhaps?!).

Due to the rising costs of labour and materials the project is going to cost significantly more than we first anticipated. That said, we are blown away by God's provision to date, through many generous donors. As a result we are almost half-way to reaching the total cost of the cottage. Please give thanks with us, and pray for continued provision for the remaining half of the finances!

### THE BCM CENTRE - LISBURN

The work has begun at the BCM Centre in Lisburn: demolishing the ground floor toilet in order to replace it with an accessible toilet, and stripping walls and lifting floors in order to establish the extent of the damp problems.



In some areas of the building the discoveries have not been encouraging! Please pray for wisdom for Oliver, our builder, as he considers the best way to address the problems.

Reunions are a great way to reconnect with campers from one summer to the next. We have enjoyed 3 reunions this autumn, first was **Family Camp** at the end of October. We had a full camp with 16 families including 2 newborn babies. During the weekend we looked at one of the Bible's most powerful characters - David. Flawed, incredibly human, yet called "a man after God's own heart", his story teaches us that when God wants to use someone for a great purpose, He doesn't choose them based



on outward appearances, He looks at their heart. We also enjoyed a western hoe-down one evening and everyone had a blast!

**Junior Teens** and **Merge** joined together for their reunion extending their study on FAITH from the summer. We had over 70 campers and 20 leaders. Everything ran smoothly and a great bunch of young people enjoyed the Christmas themed weekend. Campers intently listened during barn sessions and there was a great response in dorm times.

**Senior Teens** met over New Year and their theme was "I AM" exploring WHO we are (our identity in Christ), WHO God is, and WHO are we becoming (looking into the new year.). Over 60 campers attended and welcomed 2025 in with fireworks.

Please pray for all our campers as they manage busy schedules that they would remain faithful to God's call on their lives.



## DEEPER

DAWSON CLELAND

Deeper, our discipleship group for Junior Teens campers, has been incredible so far this year and we are so thankful to God for all He provides for us each month! Deeper continues to meet on the first Saturday of each month in Sloan Street Presbyterian Church Halls.

Each month, we see between 30-60 young people through our doors which is such a blessing. A usual night consists of some games, food, a message from God's Word and some time spent in groups discussing what we have learnt. This year we are looking at the theme of "people of faith", studying some of the people Jesus came into contact with throughout the gospels who demonstrated faith, and thinking about how we can be encouraged and learn from their faith.

Please pray for our young people that they would experience God during our evening events and that they would continue to attend regularly.

# MISSIONARY UPDATES

## JASON NICHOLL

At the beginning of the New Year, it's always good to look back with thanks for God's provision and work in all areas and at Mullartown we have much to be thankful for!

In recent months, it has been great to see the camp being used by various groups, including our own BCM weekend groups. Seeing young people come to camp for a weekend to learn from God's word and enjoy fellowship together is such a joy to see.

In addition to the normal routine of camp life, my BCM colleague Anne Martin and I had the opportunity to attend the BCM Candidate Orientation in November which took place in Putten, Netherlands. The Candidate Orientation is for all new missionaries, seeking to equip them for ministry through training and advice. It was a beneficial experience where we had the privilege of getting to know other missionaries from all over Europe and enjoyed fellowship together.



## JASON & GEMMA HILL

It's been a great couple months here at Mullartown with BCM reunion weekends, church and school SU groups. It has also been great having the opportunity to pour into kids and young people at Bubbles and at church.

Gemma also got the opportunity to share about the ministry here at Mullartown at a ladies group. Jason has been really seeking God for guidance for the summer camp theme and what direction to take the lessons this year.

The kids are all doing well and getting on great at school. Betsy has really settled in well to nursery. Thank you for praying for the ministry here at Mullartown.

## NATE HEATER

After a few weeks of rest and study to end the year, I've been busy working on early plans for our Hello Life teams, organising dates and considering options for our lessons. We are planning summer Hello Life teams in Downpatrick, Lurgan, Belfast and Ballinderry.

Bible Study groups are off and running again, which includes our first ever Oaks Uni-hoc tournament!

One of the main focuses for this term is pressing into the opportunities in Lurgan and Downpatrick. I'd appreciate your prayers as I meet with local ministry leaders and sort venues, as well as planning for what the work will look like and recruiting teams of volunteers!

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