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BCM NI Newsletter

COTTAGE UPDATE

JASON HILL

The cottage is progressing well: windows and doors have been installed, the exterior stonework, cladding and roof is complete, and plastering inside and outside has begun. The concrete floors have been poured and left to dry just in time for the beginning of summer camps.

Interior wise: the kitchens, bathrooms and flooring have all been selected and ready to roll out towards the end of July.

To date we have £70,000 left to raise to complete the cottage; if you can help with this please visit bcmni.org/how-to-give/.



BCM NI SUMMER CAMPS

28 JUNE-3 JULY 5-10TH JULY 12-17TH JULY

FAMILY CAMP

Jason & Gemma

WEEK 1 KIDS

CAMP

Matty & Rebekah Reid

26TH-31ST JULY

SENIOR TEENS CAMP

> Phil Logan & Mikey Cleland

19-24TH JULY

CITY KIDS **CAMP**

Judith & Stevie Rogers

MERGE CAMP

Gary & Julia Fletcher

WEEK 2 KIDS CAMP

2ND-7TH AUG

Jonny & Claire Martin

9-14TH AUG

WEEK 3 KIDS CAMP

> Mel & Rob Henry

16TH-21ST AUG

JUNIOR TEENS CAMP

Peter Millen & Scott Morrow ENGAGE **CAMP**

19TH-22ND AUG

Nathan & Rachel Anderson

Of necessity, much of our time over the past few months has been spent liaising with builders etc, and we continue to need God's help to effectively steward the physical buildings which BCM NI has been blessed with. However, we all get most excited about working with our "kingdom-builders", our volunteers, to share the good news of the Kingdom of God with children and young people. Please pray with us that many will decide to follow the King of Kings this summer at camps & clubs!

CENTRE UPDATE

TUDITH ROGERS

The BCM Centre in Lisburn has become a bigger project than first anticipated but we are pleased that the disabled bathroom is now built, and the ground floor corridor has been extended to facilitate access to it. Spells of good weather have allowed damp areas to dry out and now new stud walls are being erected ready to be plastered in July. Some floors and ceilings are also being replaced, and new windows have had to be put in at the front of the building. We would love to be finished in the autumn, ready to decorate and move back in!

TIME OUT TO REFLECT & CONNECT NOELLE MARTIN

The **BCM Ladies' Weekend** in May is now a highlight on my calendar. Although I only live 3 miles from Mullartown House and don't stay over, from I arrive on the Friday evening until I leave on the Sunday afternoon I might as well be 100 miles away. The fellowship, the teaching, the worship, the fun, the crafts and the food (and plenty of it!!) are all AMAZING, not to mention the great friends you meet along the way! It is a very well organised and relaxing weekend – just what us busy women need – time out to reflect & connect with God! I cannot recommend it highly enough!!

'Dare to be a Deborah' was the theme this year and the speaker Sharon Graham encouraged and challenged us to live a life of victory, faith and boldness for Jesus as we looked at how Deborah, the only female judge, was a woman of God, a ray of light in very dark times. Deborah means "bee" and Sharon very cleverly used this analogy to look at how Deborah was the Queen Bee, who used the honey, the word of God, to guide and protect the people in her community. Deborah's story points us forward to Jesus and the battle He has won for us over sin.

THE BEST TIME OF YEAR! JASON & GEMMA HILL

The long evenings and spells of sunshine only mean one thing - SUMMER IS HERE!!! At the end of April we held our annual Summer Camp Leaders Training Weekend at Mullartown - kickstarting our planning for summer camps. With each week that has passed over May & June we have seen more and more volunteers coming alongside to help with barn artwork and getting Mullartown ready for a busy July and August!

This year we will be entering the seaside theme - KINGDOM BAY. Lessons will be coming from the gospel of Mark, exploring Jesus' miracles, and helping us to understand more about the Kingdom of God.

Please continue to pray for our **Programme Directors** and **our teams of leaders** as they prepare talks, programmes, and their own hearts, for serving at Mullartown this summer. Pray also for the **600 campers** we have booked in (the biggest year we have ever had!) - that their hearts would be open to the things God wants to teach them.

Pray for all the **practical work** which needs done on the premises, on changeover days, in the kitchen, and that the Lord would provide the people we need. Thanks again for your continual interest and support of the ministry here at Mullartown.



I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. Galatians 2:20

ALL THINGS ONE POSSIBLE OF

We still have a few gaps needing filled:

- help with the changeover on Fridays at Mullartown
- help in the kitchen at Junior Teens camp at Mullartown
- female leaders & kitchen help at Engage Camp at Ganaway

If you are able and willing to help in any of these areas please give us a wee shout!

SHARING LIFE - ETERNAL LIFE! NATE HEATER

For the past 12 weeks, I've had the joy of running a Bible club in Kilwilkie Estate in Lurgan, partnering with Emmanuel Church. We've had between 12-24 kids out each Wednesday evening and have looked at the life of Christ with them. We've had all the normal behaviour challenges and even a plumbing-related flood, but it's been such an encouraging time of sharing the gospel and building relationships.

We'll be back with **Hello Life Lurgan** in July and are already planning for an Autumn club as well. Be praying for the kids, their families, and those running the clubs.

Meanwhile, all the **Hello Life teams** are in the midst of meetings and preparations for the fast-approaching summer, and would treasure your prayer for wisdom and creativity as they think through how to best minister to the estates they will be in. We'll be looking at '**Jesus is Greater!**' in the kids' clubs, studying through the Gospel of Mark (and a bit in Acts).

And hey, if you're looking for something to do this summer...there are still opportunities to serve with Hello Life, either for a full week or part-time.

ENGAGE @ GANAWAY NATHAN & RACHEL ANDERSON

Since launching in 2022, Engage Camp, BCM's only off-site summer camp, has grown steadily, starting in Kilbroney and now moving to Ganaway. This year, we're excited to welcome around 40 campers aged 12-17. We're trusting God for great things and are thankful for a faithful team, full of expectation for all He will do in and through the young people. Please pray for safety and unity, for strength and wisdom for the team, and for God to move powerfully in young hearts.

Downpatrick: 13-18 July *James & Chloe Maginnis*

Lisburn: 21-27 July

Julie Larmour

Lurgan: 27 July-2 August Adam Hanna & Amy Millar

ELLO LIFE TEAMS 2029

Belfast: 4-8 August

Judith Rogers & Louise Thompson



FOR YOUR DIARY

Every Tuesday in July and August
Join us in praying for the summer ministries of BCM NI, 8-9pm via

Zoom. For Zoom details, please contact: office@bcmni.org

MISSIONARY UPDATES

JASON & GEMMA HILL

This past few months we have really felt the work load ramp up as we get ready for the summer, but it's very exciting. Jason has spent a lot of time writing the summer camp bible lessons, designing the t-shirts and camper manuals and getting the barn decorated with this year's theme: **Kingdom Bay**. It's also been a busy season working alongside the programme directors for each week getting teams sorted, and activities booked.

Jason was also very involved in our church mission in May with Roger Carswell. This past couple of months we've had the privilege of doing a series in Brackneagh West SU and taking the kids' programme at a church weekend in Kilbroney - we love these opportunities to spend time with children and pour into their spiritual lives.

At Mullartown the kitchen role is always extremely busy for Gemma with every weekend being spent morning to night in the kitchen. It is especially hard to balance catering for groups with family life, and so we were so excited to recently appoint a new catering manager and a kitchen supervisor to help share the load.

We are also looking for an intern for the autumn so if you're thinking of taking a gap year please get in touch to find out more about our intern programme!

Here at Mullartown although we are busy with groups all year round, summer is by far our favourite time of year and, although it is manic, it's just lovely having our own BCM volunteers and campers here and seeing God impact the lives of kids, teens and families. Can we ask you to please pray for us as we enter this busy season of ministry?

NATE HEATER

The spring term has been busy with Oaks, Deeper, discipleship meetings, and (already!) starting to plan for some new ministry opportunities for after the summer. It was full of writing too, preparing Mentorship studies as well as the Hello Life lessons and some regular talks.

During July and August I'll be taking part in three camps and each of the Hello Life teams - I'd appreciate prayer for wisdom and stamina navigating the season! In particular, pray for an opportunity to get back into Upper Ballinderry at some point later this year.

JASON NICHOLL

The past few months have been busy but full of opportunities to proclaim the gospel and work on projects and other jobs. From carrying out a 4 week series for the SU group at Brackneagh West primary, to preaching in church and speaking at youth fellowship, God has blessed us with these opportunities.

It has also been good to progress several jobs here at camp, with the campfire area being one of them. I am looking forward to summer camp starting and hope that the Lord continues to use this place for His Kingdom and glory.





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