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BCM NI Newsletter



REASONS TO CELEBRATE!

JUDITH ROGERS CEO

"Trust Jesus as your Saviour!" That's what Harleewillow was yelling out the window of the minibus at random pedestrians as we drove back to Belfast at the end of City Kids' camp. Harleewillow and Harry are pictured above - loving life on the waterslide. This is the frontline of summer ministry - creating a safe, fun, joyful atmosphere at camps and Bible Clubs so that children's hearts are ready to hear about the Saviour who loves them, and who is inviting them to trust Him. Now, as we look back over Summer 2025, we celebrate with joy **every opportunity** given to our 300+ volunteers to share Jesus with children and young people.

But we also celebrate the huge amount of background work carried out in order to make these opportunities possible: the months of admin, the hours of cleaning and tidying, the daily dishwashing and cooking done by each week's kitchen team, the weeks of planning by Programme Directors and Team Leaders - not

to mention the hours of faithful prayer by supporters - some we know and some we don't.

BCM has had many reasons to celebrate God's provision over the past 77 years of ministry in NI, not least His provision of Mullartown House 47 years ago, and the BCM Centre in Lisburn 33 years ago. Re-building the cottage at Mullartown, and renovating the BCM Centre, has demonstrated God's abundant provision once again; we have been absolutely blown away by what He has done through faithful supporters. For example just recently Thomas Greer ran 47 miles from Belfast to Annalong one Sunday, raising over £7000 for the cottage in the process (see photo above)!

These are just a few of the reasons we have to celebrate as we look back on Summer 2025 - we would love you to join with us on **Friday 10th October** at Mullartown to do just that.

STEPPING OUT IN FAITH

MAUREEN DUNDAS

Mullartown House has always been a big part of my life, and I've been privileged to see how God has worked in many lives through its ministry. Serving in the kitchen has been particularly special to me.

After 27 years as a primary school teacher, God has clearly led me to step out in faith and apply for the role of **Catering Manager** at Mullartown House. I feel both excited and apprehensive, but I trust that He goes before me and will equip me for the task. Thank you for your prayers and support.

Praise Points

- Clear leading into this role.
- Helen joining the kitchen team too.
- The faithful and willing support of volunteers in the kitchen and dish room.

Prayer Points

- Smooth integration into the team and wisdom as I continue part-time teaching.
- A heart to serve God and encourage others through this ministry.
- Ongoing provision of volunteers.



A JOY TO SERVE

HELEN DEMPSTER

My involvement with Mullartown House started many years ago, when I spoke to Joan and Tom McKinstry regarding helping and serving God there. They quickly got me involved in various aspects. More recently I have been involved with the catering at Mullartown House and consider this a real joy and privilege to serve God in this way. Mullartown House has always had a special place in my heart and I look forward to knowing God's grace and strength to fulfil the role of **Catering Supervisor**.

I am married to Brian, and we live and worship in Lisburn. My passion is to see God's kingdom grow amongst the children, teens and adults through the work of BCM at Mullartown House. Please pray for this practical work and that our hearts would be open to God's perfect plan and purpose amongst all those who attend camp. "For it is God who works in you . . . in order to fulfill His good purpose."

Philippians 2:13

SEEKING CHRIST & HIS KINGDOM

PETER MILLEN

Junior Teens 2025 was filled with excitement, fellowship and an abundance of joy. From activities and barn times all the way to small conversations, God was honoured and glorified. Scott and I are filled with gratitude and thankfulness to God for providing such an amazing team, and campers who desired to seek after Christ and learn more about Him throughout the week.

This week we looked at attributes of God's Kingdom: how we are called into this Kingdom, what this means for our lives but also how it completely changes our lives and our perspective. We had a range of seminars - 15 minute talks on relevant topics for our young people such as Apologetics, Being a Christian in Sport and Prayer. It was a truly amazing week, it was so clear that God was working through the intricate details from start to finish and we praise Him and thank Him for that. All Glory be to Christ!



SALVATION IN DOWNPATRICK

JAMES & CHLOE MAGINNIS

Throughout the week of **Hello Life Downpatrick**, the team ran Bible Clubs for children in 4 different housing estates for 5 days. The Bible clubs were going through some of the miracle stories in Mark, with some games, songs, a memory verse and a quiz each day. This year we are very thankful that 2 children found Jesus as their Saviour!

The team were able to carry out some community service activities: a litter pick in some of the estates, random acts of kindness around Downpatrick town centre, and making party bags to give out to the children on Friday with some biblical literature, toys and sweets.

The team spent time together each day - a morning devotion and a time of prayer and an evening debrief, and some worship on Wednesday night. Thank you all for your continued prayer and support for Hello Life.



TERM-TIME DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

- **Every Tuesday**
Bubbles 1st-4th year girls, 7:30-9pm @Mullartown
- **Every Friday**
Bubbles 5th-6th year girls, 3.45-5:30pm @Mullartown
- **Every Monday**
Oaks Bible Study secondary age boys, 8.15-9:30pm @Mullartown
- **First Saturday of the month 7:30-9pm**
Summit Years 9-12 @Sloan Street Presbyterian Church Halls, Lisburn



A GREAT WEEK!

JONNY MARTIN

We are very thankful for every child, leader, helper and cook that participated in **Week 2 Kids' camp** this year. Each day was packed with games, activities, hobbies, Bible lessons and dorm times. Our main trip involved an outing to Murlough Beach for team games, a tug of war and a dorm sandcastle competition. The afternoon rounded off with an ice cream and a walk around Newcastle. We had our pirate themed day along with nerf wars, a Titanic inflatable assault course and of course no week would be complete without water day and a dive down the water slide. A planned NIE powercut and a yellow weather warning of wind on the Monday didn't even stop the fun that was had!

In our Bible lessons the campers listened intently to stories on the life and ministry of Jesus, taken from the book of Mark, and the missionary story of George Muller. It was a privilege to give out some Bibles during the week to children who didn't own one. One of the main highlights was seeing the campers listen so well in the barn times and take down notes. Our prayer is that they would continue to learn and study God's word the rest of the year and live out their faith at home and in school.

SO THANKFUL!

MEL HENRY

As we reflect on **Kids' Week 3 2025**, our hearts are full of gratitude! We were blessed with amazing campers, an incredible team, and experienced God's help in every moment. Psalm 107:1 captures our thoughts perfectly: *"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever"*. All thanks and glory go to Him. Here's our son Isaac sharing his thoughts on the week...

"At the beginning of January, I marked the dates for Week 3 on my calendar. I couldn't wait to go to camp! I was so excited when the time finally arrived, and my dad drove through the gates of Mullartown. It was amazing to see all my friends and to find out what dorm I would be in. I was in the best dorm ever – Rocky Mountain – with my friends and my brother Reuben. The activities were brilliant. I loved my *Sports Around the World* hobby. The food was unbelievable – especially the dessert! In barn time I learned lots about Jesus' miracles and about how nothing is impossible for God. The story of George Muller made me think about how we need to pray about everything, and that God always knows what we need. One of my favourite things was filling out the camper manual. Going to Newcastle was so much fun because I could buy whatever I wanted without my mum checking! We had great craic with the leaders all week. Mullartown is a really special place to me. I loved praising God every day. One day I want to be a leader and share God's love with others." *Isaac Henry, Week 3 camper*



MISSIONARY UPDATES

JASON NICHOLL

Another summer has been and gone, and we are so thankful for it! God has been so good in continuing to use Mullartown House and all the volunteers for His glorious plan and purpose. Over the 8 weeks we saw an incredible 600 campers walk through the doors of camp, getting stuck into the activities and programmes, but most important of all, attending Bible meetings in the barn, quiet times and the word of God being taught even through random conversations with leaders. We also had over 250 volunteers who were incredible, all playing an important role in helping to proclaim the gospel to as many campers as possible.

And now that summer camp has finished, we have been getting stuck into the season of weekend groups and term time ministry. I am looking forward to seeing what God has in store for us this year, and am excited to serve Him in whatever way He wills to His praise and glory.



NATE HEATER

How do you summarise seven weeks of outreach and camps into a few paragraphs? From making pancakes at Family Camp to hiding glowsticks in trees at Engage camp, with dozens of kids' clubs and hundreds of doors knocked in between, I am so grateful for getting a glimpse of what God is doing in the lives of people across NI.

I smile every time I think of the girl in Downpatrick who wanted to sit and read the Bible with Bethany (one of the team members) and ask her questions during the games at each club and then took my Bible home with her at the end of the week. I marvel at the enthusiasm and willingness of so many volunteers who spent time preparing, took on uncomfortable tasks, and loved kids and families so well (even in the rain!)

And now, as I dive into the coming months of follow-up, discipleship, Bible studies, and (shockingly!) beginning to plan for next summer, I rejoice at being a small part of the Kingdom building going on all around us. God is at work...join in!

TERM-TIME BIBLE CLUBS

Shalom (Lurgan): Wednesdays 6.30-7.30pm

Stoneyford: Fridays 6.30-7.30pm

Ballygowan: Sundays 3-4pm

Markets: Thursdays 6-7pm (November/December)

MISSIONARY UPDATES

JASON & GEMMA HILL

Thank you for praying for us as a family over the summer months. Summer is one of the highlights of our year and the kids all love living at camp and being in the middle of the activities that are going on. Caleb and Betsy especially really enjoy making new friends with EVERYONE lol. Summer is interesting because Jason and I find ourselves like passing ships in the night, one of us with our own kids and the other one involved with camp, but God sustains us. It really is an honour to be here at Mullartown in the middle of summer camps, hearing the campers singing praises to God, witnessing so many volunteers boldly proclaiming the word of God and seeing leaders come alongside campers when they are struggling, but also bringing so much energy, enthusiasm and creativity to everything they do. It's always weird when summer camp is over and the campers and leaders go away.



We managed to get away to France at the end of summer and it was fab getting to spend a couple of days together as a family. September has seen the kids start back to school and Betsy starting big p1. The kids are all in school together this year, Ethan p7, Caleb p5 and Betsy p1.

Here at Mullartown we are excited to see how God is leading and guiding us, He has provided us with Maureen and Helen to form a catering team, and an intern (we are praying we may even get a second intern).

Proverbs 3:5-6: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight".

Many times over this past year we've had no idea how we were going to get the help we needed (dish/kitchen teams, summer camp leaders, Bubbles leaders), or how we were going to pay for the cottage, and we've humbled ourselves before God and trusted in Him, and He has provided every time. We are so, so thankful. To God be the Glory!



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