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"nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."
Romans 8:39

Share! Judith Rogers, CEO

"*We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord.*" Psalm 78v4

At our Summer Thanksgiving Service we celebrated 55 days of camps, Bible Clubs and Hello Life outreach, humbled again by God's faithfulness. We are so thankful for stories of the next generation being spoken to through God's Word, coming to faith in Christ, and growing in spiritual maturity.

We relished the opportunity to share what God is doing through BCM at New Horizon and Bangor Worldwide over the summer, and are praying that the connections made will contribute to fruitful ministry in the future.

We are excited by the enthusiasm of volunteers who are burdened to continue the work of the summer beyond July and August. 'Peak Nights' for Senior Teens is just one of these new term-time ventures. We press forward into this season with expectancy and excitement, knowing that the God who was faithful in the summer will continue to draw people to Himself through His Word.







A different sort of internship! - Katie Reid

This year the internship is going to look a bit different than usual. I am based in the BCM Centre in Lisburn until Christmas and then will be in Mullartown from January, God willing. I have been involved in BCM NI for many years, mainly with City Kids' Camp, and am really excited to be able to take a year to serve the Lord through BCM. During the next few months we already have the opportunity to start a new Bible Club in Twinbrook and to go to Ballyclare Secondary School SU to do a series of lessons. Please pray that kids will come along to these events!

Hello Life Belfast

Louise Thompson

This year, with a team of 24 volunteers, we reached out to four different communities in Belfast – Sandy Row, Twinbrook, Divis and the Markets.

We started the week going door to door with invites for the planned kids' clubs and packs with gospel literature for adults. We were thankful for the positive responses, and the many good chats members of the team were able to have about the gospel. Over the week we ran 18 Bible clubs.

The club in Sandy Row was new this year and we had a small but steady group of children who came each day.

We returned to Twinbrook after starting up there last summer. Many children remembered us and we saw some new faces too. We were also encouraged by the interest shown from some of the Mums.

In Divis and the Markets the Bible clubs are now well known after years of work in these areas. We are thankful for continued good numbers of children coming along and for their good attention this year.

The children enjoyed crafts, baking, playing games and singing as well as competing in quizzes and winning plenty of prizes! The theme for the week was God's Big Story, teaching from Genesis to Revelation over the 5 days! It was a lot to pack in, but we were so encouraged to see many children grasping gospel truths as the week went on. We continue to pray that they will come to understand fully and trust Jesus as their Saviour.







Term Time Bible Clubs

Bringing the Bible to children and families across our local communities

FRIDAY
STONEYFORD
6 - 7pm
St John's Church Hall

SUNDAY
BALLYGOWAN
3 - 4pm
Ballygowan Mission Hall

WEDNESDAY
LURGAN
6:30 - 7:30pm
Shalom

TUESDAY
COLERAINE
6:30 - 7:30pm
Millburn Community Centre

TUESDAY
TWINBROOK
6 - 7pm
IN OCTOBER
Brook Leisure Centre

THURSDAY
MARKETS
6 - 7pm
IN NOVEMBER & DECEMBER
Markets Surestart

Hello Life Dromore

Thomas Graham

When late nights meet chaotic space-themed Kids' Bible Club... you get Dromore Hello Life. With 11 lively volunteers and 2 leaders, we arrived in Dromore with plenty of enthusiasm, a packed programme, and no shortage of energy.

We stayed at Banbridge Road Presbyterian, heading out each morning to do leaflet drops and litter picks, and then getting stuck into our Kids' Bible Club in the afternoon. We had 40 to 55 kids each day whom we taught about "God's Big Story" right from Genesis to Revelation.

Evenings focused on youth work, either in the park or at the church: playing games, handing out tracts and having volunteers give their testimonies, culminating in a social on Friday night.

Amy says, *"I found it challenging to keep my energy high for the kids throughout the week but the kids' enthusiasm really encouraged me to keep going."*

Joy said she learnt, *"to trust God to water the seeds sown. We mightn't have seen kids give their lives over to Christ, but that doesn't mean He wasn't and isn't working."*

Dromore was our mission field and in everything we did, we did it to share the gospel. We would love to see even more young people take up the challenge next year.





"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9









Term-time Teen Discipleship

Bubbles Girls' Discipleship @Mullartown: Tuesdays 7.30-9pm (Y8-11), Fridays after school (Y12-14)

Oaks Boys' Discipleship @Mullartown: Mondays 8.15-9.30pm (Y8+)

Summit (Y9-12)
@ Sloan St Presbyterian Church Halls: first Saturday of each month 7.30-9pm

Peak Nights @ T3 Vic Ryn: Selected Saturday evenings 7.30pm — watch out on our socials! (age 16+)

God answered prayer: Engage

James Johnston



Engage camp was held at the Greenhill YMCA Centre in Newcastle this summer. For many of the team, this was our first year leading at Engage, and so we weren't sure what it would look like. We are very glad to report that God pulled it together and 'built the house' so our labour was not in vain! The camp community really came together, the team was amazing, and campers were exposed to lots of truth in Bible study, teaching through Romans, leader interviews and Q&A sessions. Thank you so much for those who were part of the prayer team, as God answered with generosity.

Some of the fun included a sports afternoon, a big gameshow, a beach trip (rounders, volleyball, swimming), 'forest survival', a scavenger hunt around Greenhill, and a split night with the guys playing football in torrential rain, and the girls dancing, crafting and enjoying ice cream. For many though, the party on the last night was a highlight.

Talks covered a lot of ground in Romans, challenging the notion of thinking we might be 'good enough' (Romans 1-3), calling us to know and remember God's love shown in Jesus (Romans 5), acknowledging the tug-of-war we see in Romans 7, and the hope and groaning in the now and not yet of Romans 8, closing out with the challenge of going home and making our whole bodies and lives living sacrifices to God (Romans 12). Praise God for all the strength, grace and guidance given.



Merge 10 years on

Gary Fletcher

It has been so encouraging to reflect on God's goodness, provision, and faithfulness over the last 10 years of Merge/Pre-Teens. One of the greatest joys has been seeing former campers become young adults who are now serving in churches, ministry teams, and living out their faith. We have also been encouraged to see Merge alumni return to serve as leaders.

This year we thanked God for the 98 leaders who have served alongside us over the past decade. Every person has played an important role in making Merge such a special week. Once again, God strengthened young people in their faith and gave leaders daily opportunities to share the gospel and point campers to Christ.



The Patton family were able to enjoy the week together in a variety of roles. Janice (Cook) shared, "Mullartown is such a special place where it is a joy to see so many young people grow in their faith." Ruby (Leader) said, "I loved the extended worship with all the campers and leaders worshipping God together." Emmeline enjoyed serving through dishwashing and joining in the fun with the campers, while Martha (Camper) loved Water Day and the quiet time in her dorm.

Lila Uprichard, who served as a leader was encouraged to see how eager the young people were to learn about God. A highlight for her was the girls' prayer-themed split night, where campers engaged enthusiastically, asked questions, and put what they learned into practice. She also loved Water Day and joked that it was hard to tell whether the campers or leaders enjoyed it more.

As we look back on this summer and 10 years of Merge, we are thankful to God for His faithfulness.

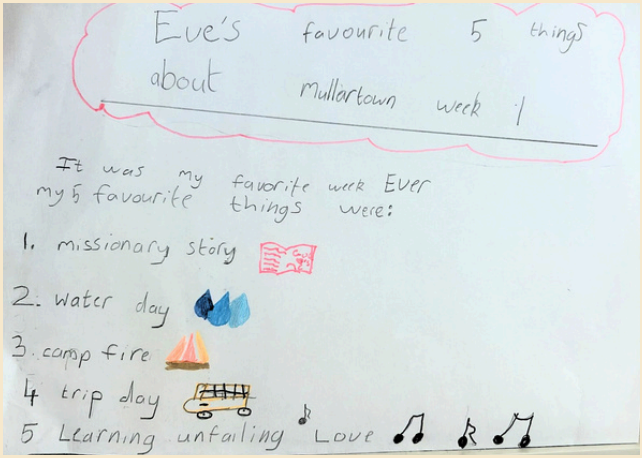


What a summer 2026 has been!

Jason Hill

And just like that... it's all over for another summer! We want to say a massive THANK YOU to everyone who played a part in what happened at Mullartown House this summer. We have had 8 amazing weeks, and every week has been packed with memories, highlights, laughter, challenges and, most importantly, God moments.

A big THANK YOU to all the parents who trusted us with their children and sent them along to Mullartown. We don't take that trust for granted.



A huge thank you to all our Programme Directors and their teams of leaders who gave so much time, energy and enthusiasm to make each camp happen. We also want to thank our amazing cooks, dish staff and everyone else who gave up their time to serve at camp. So much happens behind the scenes, and we are incredibly grateful for every person who helped make the summer possible.

And, of course, a massive THANK YOU to our 602 campers! You got stuck into the activities, gave everything a go, made new friends and helped make Mullartown such a fun place to be.

We also want to say a very special THANK YOU to our prayer warriors. Your prayers have been such an important part of the summer. We know that what happens at Mullartown isn't just about what we can see — God is at work, and we are so thankful for everyone who prayed for the camps, the leaders and the children.

And finally, above everything else, we want to say THANK YOU, GOD! Thank You for carrying us through every week, for giving us strength when things were challenging, for giving us hope for the future and for reminding us that, through the storms of life, we can trust Jesus.



A week of blessing

Jason Nicholl

Over the summer there was plenty happening, but one highlight for me during that time was Week 2 Kids' Camp. Kate Maginnis and I had the privilege of organising a team of volunteers and leading the week. This was something I was particularly excited about, as I have always loved Kids' Camp, and it was a real blessing to have the opportunity to serve God in this way. I also have a particular soft spot for this week, having attended it myself as a child and then served as a leader on the team for many years. The team we had this year was relatively young, but they were enthusiastic, energetic and eager to serve. Throughout the week, it was encouraging to see them grow as a team and demonstrate that they understood the importance of the Gospel work we had been called to do.

Each morning, we opened up God's Word together looking at different Bible characters and what their lives teach us about God's love, while our evening missionary story focused on the life and ministry of Canadian missionary Isobel Kuhn.

We were especially blessed to see the fruit of that work towards the end of the week, as five children – three girls and two boys – came to faith in Christ. We give all the glory to God for His saving work in their lives, and we pray that He will continue to grow them in their faith in the years to come.





Ladies' Coffee Morning

Saturday 7th November 2026, 10am - 12:30pm

T3 Centre, Vic-Ryn, Lisburn

-With Speaker -

Brenda Duffield

Book your place at www.bcmni.org/ladies-coffee-morning

Donations towards catering & BCM ministry welcome on the day.



Serving behind the scenes

Maureen Dundas



Over the summer, Mullartown House was a hive of activity for eight weeks of BCM camps. While much of the focus is naturally on the campers, Bible teaching and activities, there was also a busy team working behind the scenes to keep everyone fed!

Over 30 kitchen volunteers and 35 dish room volunteers all played an important part in ensuring everyone had a great experience. It was a real privilege to coordinate the kitchen team this summer and to see how God provided people of all ages, who gave their time and energy so willingly.

Sharon said, *"I always count it a privilege to serve the Lord in the kitchen at Mullartown. Even though I'm not a qualified cook, I get to learn new skills each time I am there. It is a busy place but full of blessings. I'm so thankful for friendships made and all the fun!"*

For Lana, volunteering was about more than simply washing dishes: *"The most rewarding part about being part of the dish team at Mullartown has been the amazing bond you get to make with the leaders and other members of the dish and kitchen team."*

The kitchen and dish room can certainly be busy, but they are also places where friendships are made, people work together and much laughter is shared. Most importantly, our volunteers are helping to create an environment where children, young people and adults can hear God's Word and be encouraged in their walk with God.



As we move into the autumn and winter, we need volunteers in the kitchen and dish room most weekends. You don't need to be an experienced cook – just have a willingness to serve!

Please get in touch if you would like to find out more about serving in this way: (maureen.dundas@bcmni.org).

A season of uncertainty

Nate Heater



Still here! In the midst of continued uncertainty and waiting for a visa decision, I can rejoice that God allowed me to remain in Northern Ireland and be involved in the teams and ministry over the summer months, something that was very much uncertain even in the weeks leading up to the season. There was an air of strangeness to the weeks, but in each of them I could see God working and even using the changes that the visa situation wrought to bring about good within the team and the work.

Now, as term time gets moving, there is a new host of questions and challenges to navigate as we continue waiting to see what comes next. While my involvement looks a bit different than anticipated, kids' clubs are kicking off in Lurgan and Coleraine, and I continue meeting up with young people and supporting several discipleship and Bible study groups.

It is strange not to be able to confidently plan more than a handful of weeks in advance, but I am striving to learn to trust God with what is to come (surprise – that's true of all of life, visa mess or no!), be faithful in the day I find myself in, and find joy and peace in Him and not in my circumstances. It feels oddly like God is using this whole situation to teach me stuff!

I'd cherish your prayers for wisdom and joy for Rachael and I in these weeks of waiting, for clarity and discernment to know how to plan and how to wait, and that we would see, even in the uncertainty, the hand of our sure and certain Saviour working for our good.



The Hills



We are all keeping well as a family after a busy but great summer. Having Alana and Maureen made a massive difference, and we felt that it was a lot more manageable - a real answer to prayer.

Each year we always come out of the summer tired but with an extremely thankful heart, seeing how God uses this place to reach young people and develop leaders, and how He provides the right people at the right time – amazing! This year was no different: all praise to God.

This autumn has seen Ethan starting high school. He has settled in well, getting the bus, and dealing with all the changes. Caleb and Betsy are getting on fab as well in P6 and P2. Extra fab family news is that Betsy has become a Christian: honestly the sweetest, loveliest thing. Thank you for continuing to pray for us, and support us.

Alana Gilmore

It's been a busy but amazing few months here at Mullartown. I've had the chance to experience not only my first summer camp here, but a whole 8 weeks of camp, and it's been such a privilege to see God at work in so many different ways. Throughout the summer, I've seen God answer so many prayers — from the weather and volunteers, to the campers and the opportunities we've had to share the gospel.

Leading at Merge, City Kids and Week 3 gave me the opportunity to see many different aspects of camp, while also continuing with my normal work at Mullartown throughout the rest of the summer. It has been busy, but I'm so thankful for everything I've been able to experience and learn.



One thing that has really stayed with me was being given the story of the Samaritan woman to teach at the front of the Barn multiple times. Through this, God really taught me that He so often uses the unexpected in His ministry. The Samaritan woman was not someone you would expect Jesus to use in the way He did, yet she went on to tell others about Him. It reminded me that God can use anyone and any situation to share the gospel with those around us. I'm so thankful for all God has taught me this summer and for the privilege of being part of His work here at Mullartown.

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