

Quiet Irish Folk

I first met Thomas Minnis at Bible College. He and his wife, Sarah, were preparing themselves for working fulltime in Christian service. I was half way through when Thomas joined. We were involved with BCM and had introduced the McNeill's to the joys of club work, 5 day clubs etc. As they became interested in working with BCM they in turn encouraged Thomas and Sarah to join us. Thomas and Sarah were formally accepted as BCM workers in 1975.

They were originally from Kilkeel, Northern Ireland, quite close to Mullartown. Thomas had farmed in the Mourne region. He continued to have interests in farming and that provided for some of his financial support. Sarah had trained as a nurse and used her training at BCM camps. She also did some part time work to supplement their income.

Their work was in Ayrshire, Scotland, where they ran school and church based Bible Clubs. They also ran summer camps, mainly for the children from their clubs. Sarah played a big part in these ministries as well as bringing up two children. Their son, Stephen, now works with a group which assists in the repatriation of Jews to Israel and their daughter, Sarah, is a doctor in the Glasgow area.

Thomas and Sarah live in Kilmarnock. They initially attended St Kentigerns Church of Scotland where they were involved with the women's and senior citizen's ministry. Thomas was part of the church leadership. Later, the Lord made it clear to them it was time to move on and they are now attending the Central Evangelical Church. Here they have made good friends and have been blessed by the teaching and fellowship both at the main meetings and in the house groups.

While their calm and assured influence will be missed by the Scottish team, they have promised that they will be staying in Scotland and are willing to support BCM in its continuing ministry. **Stan Paget**

Petrified Camel meets Mary Barclay!

Earlier this year BCM international organised a trip to Israel and Jordan. Full of youthful enthusiasm Mary set out on the journey of a lifetime. When the party arrived at Petra however, there was a hiccup. On several of the day trips Mary had been having wheelchair assistance. In Petra it was found that there were too many rocks on the ground to make the last part of this tour viable. "Just leave me here at the entrance," she said, "and I will see you when you get back". The rest of the group, unknown to Mary, were not having that, had a whip round and hired a camel which knew every rock and boulder. Mission accomplished!



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Reaching Children : Serving Churches

Value of Camps

30 years after going to my first Bible Club Camp, I'm still going and I've just become Camp Director for BCM England Junior Camp! Camp is a great place to teach children from God's Word and show them what it means to be part of God's family.

Christian children can have fun learning and growing in their faith and other children can learn about Jesus in a caring Christian environment.

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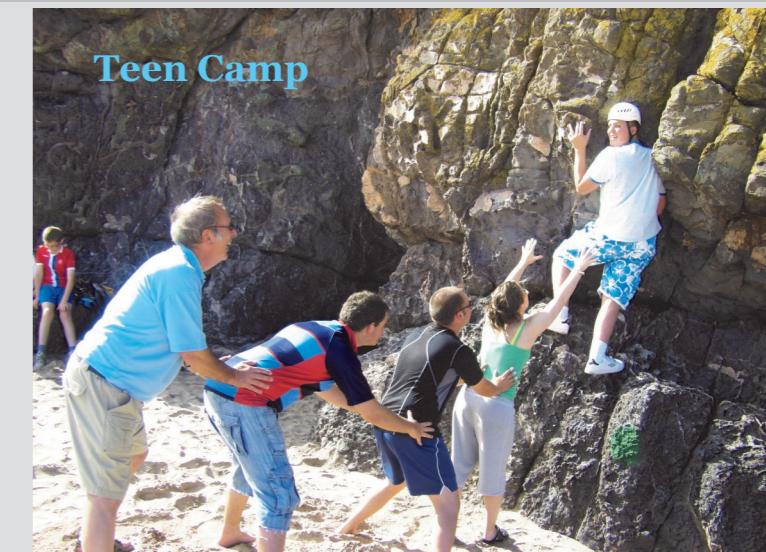
Bible Club
Camp 2009

Angeline White, BCM England

The impact of summer camp at Mullartown House each year is huge. Seven weeks of camp, hundreds of young people and teens and scores of volunteers flock each and every year to what is often described as their 'spiritual oasis'.

Each year we delight in seeing boys and girls come to know Christ as their Saviour as well as seeing others, who already have taken that step, grow in grace.

The Value of Camp....PRICELESS....far above anything you can dream or imagine. God changes lives ...God encourages the discouraged...God challenges wrong thinking....God loves the lonely.....God looks for those who are willing to return home and live for Him.... God accepts the unacceptable....Young people love camp and leave determined to live for God, radically changed, full of enthusiasm for the things of God, in love with Jesus... and... occasionally others...yes many marriages have had their beginnings in Scottish camp leading to strong Christian homes. The Proof ... 90% of our staff were all campers including the current BCM Scottish Staff...what more can I say. This year we look to GOD to transform many more lives. Pray for us.



Teen Camp

Sponsor a Child for Camp

Help a child experience the things of God.

£125 covers the cost of a child for 5 days.

Please send any gift of any amount to the National Office—address on back page.

Thank you so much.

New Camp / Conference Centre

We, BCM Ireland, have just signed an agreement to purchase "Castledaly Manor" a great new facility being made available to the Irish Church. This recently renovated 18th Century Georgian House and converted stables are to become a new Camp/Conference Centre.

The Manor, in a secluded situation close to a small village, is perfectly located in the heart of the country, only 5 minutes off the M6 motorway between Dublin and Galway. It is set on mature parklands including two walled gardens and a millpond.

Need?

Since we began residential camp ministry in 1971 we have been dependent on renting suitable property.

Finding such venues in the secular world has become difficult in recent years particularly with the increasing popularity of 'Foreign language schools'. In addition, an increase in the number of camps being run by different Christian organisations has led to a difficulty in securing one of the few existing dedicated Christian Centres. This along with a greater demand for Church Family Weekends has highlighted the need to have more such dedicated facilities available.

Stepping out in Faith

Having had a desire, and seeing the need grow for such a facility we decided to take a large step of faith and begin the search. It has been a long road spanning many years. We have looked at many properties ranging from 'Green field sites' and 'Run down Premises' to this present "Ready to go Manor".

Although not always understanding the disappointments at the time we can now see God's leading in each step along the way. Stepping out in faith has been such a blessing. Seeing God providing the necessary finances and having the purchase cost reduced significantly gives such assurance of His hand being in it.

Still Trusting

Many have responded to God's prompting to give and donations now total over €200,000. However, we still have a mortgage of €650,000 plus further interest free loans totalling over €100,000. We are trusting that all debts can be paid off in the next couple of years. This would allow us to increase the capacity of the centre, particularly as planning permission exists to develop another section of the stable block.

CASTLEDALY MANOR

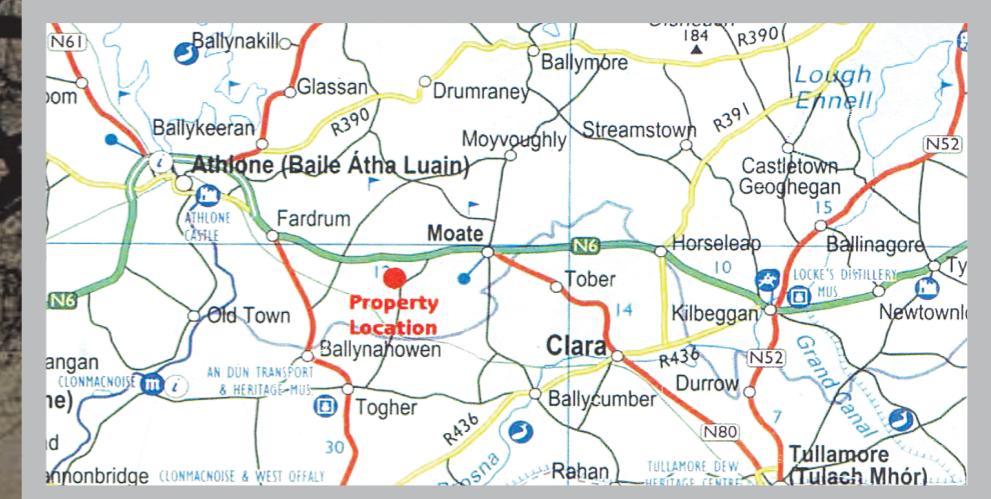


Vision

While our immediate need was for a suitable Camp property our vision for this centre is to provide a much needed high standard Camp and Conference facility for the Christian Church; a place to relax, have fellowship and be fed spiritually in a Christian environment.

Practicalities

As our desire is to see the centre serving the church at large it will be managed independently of our existing office. This will require the centre having its own management team.



Please Pray

.....As we set up the management structure and find the right personnel to be involved.

..... For guidance in prioritizing areas requiring maintenance.

..... Possible expansion of accommodation and other facilities.

.....That the necessary finances would be provided to clear all debts over the next couple of years.