

Brian Duffield, a BCM missionary from USA, is the pastor of Newbridge Bible Fellowship Church.

*“John Birnie, from the Slavic Gospel Association, was our guest speaker on Sunday. Here is an excerpt from his follow up email:”*

**Dear brother Brian,**

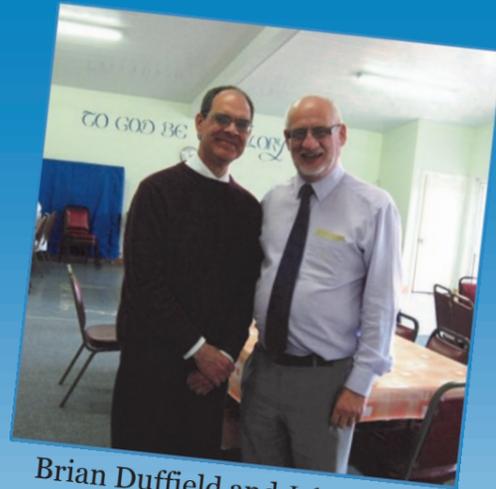
**It was such a great joy for Dorothy and I to spend time with the Newbridge church yesterday. Thank you so much for your warm welcome and for all your encouragement. I was delighted to see so clear evidence of growth in the church fellowship, and amazed at the number of countries represented!! Truly a cosmopolitan congregation. Thank you too for your hospitality - it was special to be able to have that lovely meal with you all!**

*John*

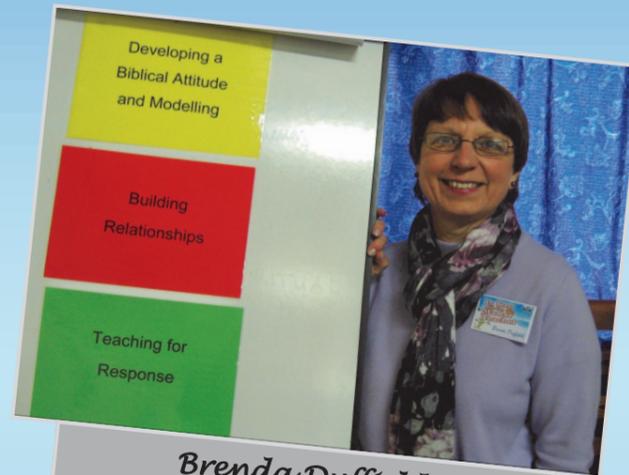
Brenda Duffield, Brian’s wife, is involved in the BCM Teacher Training ministry and has a wide impact reaching many churches, improving their ability to teach children.

We have a young lady ‘Katelyn’ coming from the USA to help at camps this summer with the potential that she may eventually come as a missionary here.

Davood is from Iran and is pastoring two Iranian Churches, one in Dublin and the other in Belfast. He spoke to the Newbridge Church about his faith in Christ, and shared how God helped him escape his Muslim homeland once he became a Christian. We had a fellowship meal afterwards so people had an opportunity to ask his advice on sharing Jesus with Muslims.



Brian Duffield and John Birnie



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Brian with Davood

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Reaching Children : Serving Churches



Summer 2012

## Hello Life

“Hello Life” is where a group of young Christians come together for a week to work together in and around the Lisburn area. They go into various housing estates and have many games like football and seek to round up the young people. Through playing these games and activities they build relationships and live out their Christian witness before the young people. They have a short epilogue at the end from God’s Word. This year the theme is ‘The Olympics’. The locations for these clubs are: - Hill Street, Ballymacash, Hilden and Old Warren.

Another Aspect of Hello Life is, on the 12th of July, they go to the demonstration field, set up a stand and give out literature. They also have activities to attract children like face painting and they give out tracts and leaflets for the remainder of the Clubs they are having.

Also, some of the Hello Life young people are involved in going further afield to work with BCM, including preaching the Gospel and doing practical work. One of the locations in 2011 was Italy.

## 5 Day Clubs

A 5 day club is an open air club which is held outdoors in housing estates around Northern Ireland. It lasts for roughly one hour. The programme will include games, singing choruses, Bible lessons, Memory verses, quizzes and lots of fun.

Locations for the 5 Day clubs are:- Lambeg, Stoneyford, Ava Street, Kilburn Street Belfast, Maralin - Malcolmson Park play park, Dollingstown - behind Li’s Chinese in the football pitch, Moira, Moneymore and Seymourhill Methodist.

The theme for the 5 Day clubs this year is The Olympics.

## Camps

There will be 7 weeks of camp at Mullartown House in Annalong. These will be for primary school children, junior teens, senior teens and there will be a family week. These weeks will be run by different programme directors.

At camp there are many different activities including crafts and games, many outings and of course meetings. This year’s theme for the meetings is SOS and this theme will be focussed around the Titanic.



Camp is a wonderful time when children can be away from home in a Christian environment. This may be the only Christian influence they have from one year to the next, even in simple things like saying grace before meals. Children are also encouraged to do a quiet time with a leader in the morning and evening. This gives time for children to discuss any spiritual things or questions which they may have from the meetings in a relaxed setting. At camp, of course, lots of fun is to be had by all!

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## BCM Helping Chryston Church Step Forward in Faith

Following years of vacancy at Chryston UF Church, Steve Marr, BCM Missionary, was formally inducted as part time pastor in 2009.

Steve's ministry and experiences with BCM are greatly influencing church life here in Chryston. While continuing part time with BCM Steve has managed to set up 2 new children's clubs in nearby villages and regularly takes school assemblies here in Chryston.

BCM works with teams of volunteer leaders and Steve endeavours to encourage us here at Chryston to work together as a team of God's people in all areas of Church life.

BCM are also involved in training those in the congregation who want to work in children's work and Liz, Steve's wife, also a BCM Missionary has undertaken to help run a 5 Day Bible Club in late July.

One of our members who is studying for ministry at International Christian College, Glasgow has just finished a year long supervised placement with BCM helping at various clubs and Easter Camp hoping to eventually be able to take up a more permanent role in BCM.

Steve is very keen that the congregation are "well fed" from the bible, and "equipped". To this end Mary Barclay of BCM has been leading an inductive Bible Study course teaching us how to discover the truths of Scripture for ourselves.

Chip Griepsma from BCM USA has just led a Thinking Styles Seminar helping everyone to understand how they think, how others think and how this knowledge helps us all to relate with each other, work better together and understand those we are seeking to reach with the gospel.

In summary, BCM has had a very positive impact on Chryston, in the various ways they are encouraging and supporting a church that had been standing still for too long. Thankfully, once again, the church at Chryston is beginning to take new steps of faith and to experience afresh the true joy of serving the One who first loved us.

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Mark Fleming and family



Chip Griepsma (Standing) and two of the five groups attending the "Thinking Styles" Seminar

"It is hard to know where to begin when writing on the value of BCM to Kilsyth Community Church. One example springs to mind. Despite coming from a non-Christian home, Linda attended Bible club and Bible camp as a child, came to Christ, then progressed to helping and then leading at both clubs and camps and is now on our church leadership team. This is the essence of BCM to me. They teach children the Word of God, lead them to Christ, disciple them and then develop them as leaders - not just within BCM but within the local church.

Some Para church organisations are seen as a threat or a distraction but at KCC we have found it a great asset. We have always had a strong youth group in our church and this has been largely due to Bible Clubs and Camps. The challenge for us has always been to keep the momentum from camp going throughout the year. Also, we have a high turnover of young people because most of them move away when going to university so we have the continual challenge of adding to our youth, Camp usually helps deliver this for us! Both of my (now grown-up) daughters can testify to the positive impact that BCM has had on them and as their dad I was so grateful for the vital spiritual input they received during their formative years."

*Mark Fleming - Pastor  
Kilsyth Congregational Church*

## BCM England – How we can help your church

### TRAINING

Our main way of helping local churches with children's ministry is through training. Over the last year we have visited churches in Cwmbran, London, Stoke-on-Trent, Knutsford, Weston-super-Mare, and Northern Ireland. BCM currently has several training courses we can offer to local churches.

### Sharing Christ with Kids

*Sharing Christ with Kids* is a course which is suitable for parents, teachers, ministers, and any believer who wants to learn how to share the gospel simply and Biblically with children. It can be run on a couple of evenings or on a Saturday. One Mum who attended a *Sharing Christ with Kids* training day said this:

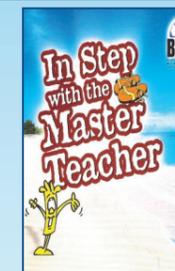
*"It has helped me to see that I don't need to be afraid to speak to my children about God even if I don't have all the answers. We can grow in faith together as a family."*



### In Step with the Master Teacher

*In Step with the Master Teacher* is designed to help you disciple the children and young people in your church the way that Jesus did:

- By modelling God's truth
- By building relationships
- By teaching for a response



This is a more in-depth course aimed at children's ministry volunteers in local church settings. There are up to twenty-two modules to choose from (each varying in length from thirty to ninety minutes) so we can put together a programme which will meet the specific needs of your teachers in the time you have available. We would recommend churches start with the Basic core modules (contact us for more details).

Earlier this year, a church volunteer wrote to us the day after she took part in an *ISMT* training day:

*"Just wanted to let you know how much I appreciated the training session you ran yesterday. It was greatly encouraging to chat with other children's leaders and to feel reassured that we are making a difference. I really felt God empowering me this morning as I was co-leading Sunday Club".*

**Cost for both courses:** £10 per person for a day's workshop (If trainers have travelled a long distance, an additional contribution towards travel expenses would be appreciated.)

### HOLIDAY BIBLE CLUBS/FUN DAYS

Another way we can help is to come alongside you as you prepare to run a Holiday Bible Club or Fun Day. We will provide advice, practical help and training for your church team.



If we can be of any assistance to your church, please contact me, Angeline White, via the BCM UK office or email [angeline@whitezoo.com](mailto:angeline@whitezoo.com)



### Church Visits

If you feel your church is struggling with children's ministry (whether on a Sunday or mid-week), we are happy to visit to observe your ministry in action and offer help and advice.