

SCOTLAND

Staff The work in Scotland is most of all about people who are serving God through BCM.

Liz and Steve Marr in the south west of the greater Glasgow area. Irene and Stan Paget in the North West.

Audrey Golder, Fiona Blyth & Ron Mclean work in publicity and material production and Mary Barclay in Central Scotland complete the team.

The full time workers are supported by a group of volunteers who pray, give and work alongside the staff in the clubs and camps.



Work The work we do is fairly diverse. It includes direct contact with children at clubs and camps, application of new technologies to our range of teaching materials, communicating what we do to our support teams and others outside the mission, training others to teach effectively, helping adults open the Bible and understand it for themselves and taking time to help those who are struggling with pressures in today's society. Supporting local churches is also a big part of our individual ministries.



Ministry Weekly we have about 20 Bible Clubs for children meeting regularly in schools and churches. There are home groups for adults and individual times of counselling. Our teens meet monthly at 'Teen Club' and enjoy their own praise band.



Highlights The expansion of the direct schools work is really encouraging. Schools seemed glad to have a BCM worker who would work with them in providing 'Religious Education' through assemblies and class time.

Just after Christmas one of the supporting churches played host to two young men from Brazil who came to stay with them for the year. These two fine Christians soon found a place in some of the Bible Clubs and were a great encouragement as they joined us at camp.

Our women's weekends had 120 ladies who were encouraged to think outside the box of their daily interactions with folks.

'Mini Camp' is our Easter taster camp and 30 children came and learned what it means to be 'Bursting with L.I.F.E.' God ministered to many children at the camp.

Our junior camp, in July, picked up on the Olympic theme. The theme 'Carry the Flame' was used to emphasise that we are commissioned to carry a different type of flame for God.

At Teen Camp the Olympic theme took a different dimension as we enjoyed a 'Disney Olympics'. Following Daniel who strove to win as a believer in a foreign land, it was a joy to see four young people who chose to take their stand for Jesus at camp. Since camp six of the young people have been baptised."

At Newton Mearns Baptist Church we explored Bible Superheroes and how we can be like them. We had 80+ children and leaders. Pray the seeds will grow in all of us.

Vision As with all areas we need new workers. We are facing up to the need of replacements for the current staff as they reach retirement age but also see areas in need of development. The kind of folk we need include club workers, schools workers, youth workers, artists, computer 'geeks' and teacher trainers. Each worker needs the support of others to encourage them, stand with them in prayer and help meet their financial needs.

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UK & IRELAND

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Reaching Children : Serving Churches

Hey so this past year I have loved being a BCM intern here at Mullartown house, being involved in soooo many activities, from helping around camp to working in schools and helping out in the local church!

One of the highlights of 2012 has been working with a girl's discipleship group called "Bubbles". These girls have been such a pleasure to work with. They are pure banter but also just want to follow Christ in their everyday lives and be a witness for Christ in their schools and families! Hearing them pray for their lost family and friends is completely humbling. We started off our year with 4 teenage girls and now have 19. There is such a thirst amongst our young people to seek and serve Christ.

Last week in a high school SU club, a girl came up at the end of it and asked how she could become a Christian! Once again God is good and God is sovereign!

Gemma Greer

This time last year I organised a Christmas fun day. This was a great day! We had 40 - 50 children there. There were children from some of the schools, some of the BCM clubs as well as outsiders. A great day of fun and of teaching the true meaning of Christmas!

I had the privilege of representing BCM at the Church Resources Exhibition in Belfast. This gave great opportunity to speak to Church ministers and leaders to talk about the work of BCM and how we can support them particularly in their children's ministry. A lot expressed interest in the *In Step With The Master Teacher* and we are currently setting up venues.

I am now back in the schools and a big encouragement and highlight is that God has opened up 2 new weekly clubs which are going well!

In May I had the opportunity to attend the BCM Candidate Orientation week at Mullartown House. This was a great time of fellowship and to meet workers and hear about the work of BCM across the world - to see the BIG picture.

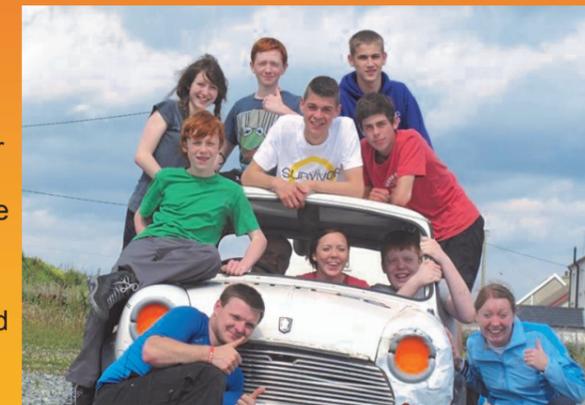
What a great God we have and His faithfulness and mercies are new every morning.

Naomi Fox



Winter 2012/2013

NORTHERN IRELAND



"God is good and God is great!" We are on target to have over 1600 people come through Mullartown on the weekends.

Scott & Joanna



BCM ENGLAND

“Looking back over the last year, there are many things to be thankful for in our ministry.”

When BCM England's pre-school, Chatterboxes, first opened in 1990 the vision was that it would be a link in the chain from Mums and Tots to Bible Clubs: giving us the opportunity to work with families at various stages of their children's lives and, hopefully, into the next generation. We've seen the reality of that vision in several ways this year. Two teenagers who Barb and Kate first met through Chatterboxes and Mums & Tots, are now regularly going to church, helping Kate in her weekly Bible Club, and doing *In Step with the Master Teacher (ISMT)* training once a month. One girl who came to Bible Club as a child many years ago is now a Mum who, this year, has brought her children to Mums & Tots, Chatterboxes, Bible Club and church.

Following on from their Holiday Bible Club, Barb and Kate's church has just started a monthly Family Fun afternoon. They were delighted to see two families from Holiday Club at the first Fun Day in September. Angeline helped to lead her church's summer Bible Club and she was encouraged by how involved the church teenagers were: designing and producing the set, acting, leading quizzes, singing, manning the AV and helping look after the children. Two of the teens came to an *ISMT* training day earlier in the year and another one helps at a weekly after-school club whenever she can.

Our Bible Clubs continue to encourage us throughout the year as children come week after week to have fun together learning from God's Word. We are so grateful to the volunteers from local churches who give of their time to help lead these clubs: we couldn't do it without them. It was great to have the opportunity to get to know some of our club children better at camp this summer. We had a few challenges as various staff had to step down at the last minute (one team member said she now knew how Gideon felt as God reduced his army!) but God provided local volunteers to help and it was a good, if tiring, week.

Since summer last year Barb and Angeline have had the opportunity to run *ISMT* or *Sharing Christ with Kids* training workshops here in Weston as well as travelling to Knutsford, Eastbourne, Cwmbran and Stoke on Trent. Barb has also been to Northern Ireland and will be heading to Bangladesh in November to help train people to teach *ISMT* courses themselves. It lifts our spirits to meet people in local churches around the country (and in Barb's case, around the world!) who are committed to teaching the Bible to children and applying it to their lives.



Just before this article was written, all three missionaries attended the commissioning service of a young man, from a Christian family, who had regularly been to Bible Club as a child and been on our camp staff in recent years. He has graduated from Spurgeon's College and is on his way to Thailand to work with BMS World Mission. This is a great highlight to finish on: seeing someone we've known since he was a child, taking this step of faith to serve God abroad. As we look at the children we work with today, we wonder what exciting plans God has for them. We look forward to sharing that discovery with you in the future!

**Angeline White,
Kate Macnab and
Barbara Van Valkenburg**

BCM IRELAND

Focus on Castledaly

At present many churches, youth groups and other organizations have been using the centre. This year has been our third summer hosting camps in Castledaly. We have also held some training events and seminars for leaders etc., throughout the year. Regarding the future we are looking with excitement towards so much more. We look at the needs of the Christian church and community in Ireland and question how Castledaly can play a role in the much needed progress. We believe with its facilities both as a camp and conference centre Castledaly has huge potential in facilitating the Lord's work. Sometimes, however, we feel overwhelmed because our desire is to do so much more but resources are limited. We would love for you to join us in prayer and share our joy in seeing God's answers unfold.

Pray that the excellent volunteers and missionaries we do have do not become overburdened in the work,

Pray that the Lord sends us others, suitable to share in the many aspects of the work.

(Please see Prayer Link for other prayer points)

Pray particularly for a manager for the centre.

We have been encouraged that quite a number have expressed interest in coming to manage the centre. Pray for wisdom for all those considering the role as well as the committee who must restrain any thoughts of urgency as we seek to understand God's choice in the matter.

The needs vary from managing and maintaining the centre, to organizing and running different events and of course those who will support such in prayer and financially. In addition we have a desire to get involved with and develop a work in the local community.

We have at present a couple, Tim & Mary, from the USA who have just joined BCM and are seriously considering coming to Ireland to manage Castledaly Manor. They are both managing a Christian run hotel in Texas at the moment. They hope to be in a position to come next summer if that is the way the Lord leads. Tim was over at Easter this year to meet us and see Castledaly. They have also expressed a desire to serve in a wider ministry than Castledaly only.

Another young couple, Brian & Lisa, again from the USA but serving in Peru at present with BCM are also seriously considering relocating to Ireland in the next year to serve in Castledaly from a maintenance perspective. Brian is due here in August for a visit. Lisa has a desire to be involved in teacher training also. Please pray for both these couples, if it is right for them to serve here that their paths would be straight and have no unnecessary delays.



Can you help? Can You: Pray? Paint? Cook? Do any kind of building work? Help with gardening? Help with practical jobs? Give financially? Share about Castledaly in a church or at other meetings or events? Help organise or run events? Be part of a work team? Be a staff member at BCM events held at Castledaly?

If the answer is yes to any of the above then you can help!

There are exciting times ahead. Please consider how God might want you to get involved. Check out the website (www.bcmireland.ie) or contact us at castledaly@bcmireland.ie if you want more information or would like to get involved in any way. The testimony of all those who have been involved in the past has been so positive, and we trust that you will have the same experience if God puts it on your heart to help here at Castledaly in some way.

