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KATE'S 30TH BCM BIRTHDAY



Jesus Loves Me this I know for the Bible tells me so is my favourite song.

What an amazing 30 years I have had to share God's story through Bible stories in Clubs, in homes and schools, camps, holiday clubs, training, preschool, toddlers and much more in Weston-Super-Mare, England.

Starting our very own Preschool at the Bible Club Centre has been my highlight. My tutor Mrs Jones would be proud to see her quiet, shy girl having started a playgroup. 24 years later Chatterboxes is still open. It is has been God's gift to me being single and away from my family. God gave me Isaiah 54 and said "These are your children".

I just love having met so many children and families and telling them about Jesus. I still meet many of them. They say "are you still doing this work?"

20 years ago, from the preschool, we started our Mums and toddlers and what a joy and privilege to serve in the community and the church. God knew I missed my nieces and nephews, so he sent me Natalie and she has been a joy to watch grow and develop into a fine young woman now at university.

This is also your celebration! Without your prayers and financial support this work would have been

impossible. Thank you for sticking by me through many trials and joys.

The hardest battle this year was losing my dear mum who sacrificed living alone so I could fulfil my calling in life. I miss her prayers and wise counsel and her sense of humour.

Thanks to Barb for being my co-worker and friend over these 30 years (We are Weston's Two aunties) also Jan, Rosemary and Angeline and many more co-workers. I hope you will continue with me as I face new challenges as I get older and the changes that will bring. I just look and remember

"How good is the God we adore, our faithful, unchangeable friend .We will praise Him for all that is past and trust Him for all that's to come."





# BCM IRELAND NEW WORKERS FOR CASTLEDALY



## Message from editor

In this edition we are celebrating our wonderful people who give of themselves to make BCM all that it is.

As we celebrate Christmas, we remember Jesus and the folks who share His good news all year round. I hope you enjoy hearing what they have been up to. Any feedback welcome to [liz.marr@bcm.org.uk](mailto:liz.marr@bcm.org.uk)

Since September, we have been managing Castledaly Manor, BCM's Christian Camp and Conference centre in the Republic of Ireland. Nathan has been involved in BCM camps since he was a child and Jenna began leading at camps after she met Nathan. Thus, when in the summer of 2012 we first considered managing/caretaking there, we were already aware of the valuable opportunities Castledaly provided to bring others closer to God. At that time, God said "no." However, we continued to get more involved in the work of BCM Ireland and Castledaly, including caretaking on a voluntary basis a few times a year.

Then at the end of 2013, we discovered that maybe God hadn't said "No" after all, but had just said, "Not yet." We began prayerfully seeking His guidance again, and this time

He provided firm confirmation – both through His Word and through His people - that we were to work at Castledaly.

### Praise:

- For a wonderful facility that can be used to serve the Lord.
- For a strong team behind us – the Castledaly Committee, other BCM people and a lot of volunteers.
- For the part-time teaching job God has provided for Jenna which is opening doors into the local community and has given her opportunities to share the gospel.

### Prayer:

- For the Castledaly Committee as they seek to hire contract cleaners. This will take some of the burden from us and will give us more time to focus on developing Castledaly.
- For wisdom as we learn how best to manage our time facing into the mountainous task ahead.





## BCM SCOTLAND

# ANNUAL SCOTTISH DINNER

This year at the Scottish BCM annual dinner we had the privilege of Bob Evans sharing with us as our after dinner speaker. Following a pleasant meal, Bob addressed an audience of around 50 people made up of interested friends and current supporters. He shared the story of the good Samaritan and showed a

hard hitting video to press home the need to reach the children of this generation. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rrQLo5ezkLg>)

We had many pictures of previous camps on various screens around the room and it was interesting to see who you could recognise or if indeed, you could find yourself. It was

a blast from the past!

Everyone at the meal received a BCM pen to remind them to pray for us and a leaflet "Making BCM better known". This was found to be helpful and informative. The message of the evening was clear: there is much to be done, many opportunities to do and we must rise to the challenge.



## BCM UK and Ireland Conference

# CONFERENCE THOUGHTS



Our bi-annual UK and Ireland conference was held in Mullartown house near Annalong in Northern Ireland. Mullartown house is owned and run by BCM Northern Ireland and is set at the foot of the Mourne mountains beside the sea. It is a truly beautiful part of the world.

study every day and we were all very challenged and encouraged.

We were led very ably in praise either by Mark and Angela Quinn or our own Sally McKee. The singing was beautiful.

On Saturday afternoon a group of young people from Northern and Southern Ireland met for an inspiring time together – led by David Frazer.

The fellowship and the feeling of family was great – being part of BCM inspires us to do greater things with God and helps us to do everything a little better.



Conference started on Thursday and ended on Monday morning. Most of the BCM workers were there at some point over the weekend.

We were well looked after all weekend – the food was fabulous, the surroundings comfortable and the “craic” was great.

Bob Evans led us in Bible









# BCM NORTHERN IRELAND NEW ADDITION



On 28th September 2014 Ethan Robert Hill came into the world at 9.42am weighing 9lb 4oz.

Gemma and Jason are having a great time getting to know this gorgeous addition to the Mullartown team. We pray he grows well and into a godly man. We pray that Gemma and Jason manage to get some sleep and have the energy to keep up with a new baby and their work at Mullartown.

Give *Thanks* to the Lord, for He is good!  
His faithful love endures forever.  
Psalm 118:1

# BCM NORTHERN IRELAND NEW VENTURE AT MULLARTOWN

BCM NI is planning to add a new games hall at Mullartown house. This will be a welcome addition especially during camp season. Pray for the situation as the necessary funds are raised by various means. Scott Widman has already done a sponsored cycle. Pray the Lord puts this venture on people's hearts so we can see these walls built and the sound of children's' voices inside a fabulous new building.

## Proposed Sports Hall Plans





BCM UK

# RESPONSE FORM

I would like to help BCM reach more children with God's word and support its missionaries in their valuable work.

- Please find enclosed a cheque for £ ..... payable to 'BCM UK'.
- I am a UK Taxpayer and wish BCM UK to reclaim tax on this and my future gifts. I confirm that I pay at least as much income or capital gains tax as will be reclaimed by all charities on my donations in each tax year, including Community Amateur Sports Clubs. Please note that other taxes such as council tax and VAT do not qualify.
- Please send me a standing order form to set up regular giving from my bank or building society to BCM UK.
- I have arranged to leave BCM UK a legacy.
- Please send me details of how I can leave BCM UK a legacy.

Name .....

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Any further comments .....

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# A WORD FROM MARTY

*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders.*

*And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. Isaiah 9:6 (NIV)*

## **GREETINGS IN THE NAME OF THE CHRIST CHILD!**

As I write this, I am finishing a visit to Holland. Yesterday for children (and adults) it was Pakjesavond, Saint Nicholas' Eve. Christmas Season has now officially begun. Whatever your Christmas traditions may be, this beginning of the Christmas season was new for me, and quickly became something extra special as I learned about it through the eyes of the school children. Students exchange names in class, and each child prepares a gift for the friend whose name they drew. A gift is selected by thinking about their friend's interests and likings,

and finding something that reflects what their friend values and likes. The child then prepares a gift-covering that reflects the gift's content. It could take any shape, it maybe that of ball for someone sport minded, a favorite flower painted on a box, or a simple paper bag coloured and decorated to complement the gift inside. The wrapping of the gift reflects both the content and also the special intent of the giver.

Pakjesavond reminds me of the greatest of all gives that we celebrate during this Christmas Season. God so loved us, that he carefully chose a gift for us, a special gift that only he could

give, and wrapped it "just so" in the form of a newborn baby. But that "special wrapping" also reflected the intent of the Giver who was giving us a gift of immeasurable worth--- our Wonderful Counselor, our Mighty God, our Everlasting Father, our Prince of Peace.

To each of my BCM Family, wherever you are this Christmas Season, and in whatever circumstances you find yourself, I wish you a very Happy Christmas season as we rejoice together over the gift the Father has given us, his only and only Son Jesus Christ, which is truly the greatest gift of all!

Blessings, Marty

## PASSING OF PRAYER supporter Rita Matthews

Rita Matthews, the wife of Brian Matthews for 51 years, mother of Tim, Paul, Chris and Joy and grandmother to James, Lilly, Jac and Henry passed into the presence of the Lord on 2 October 2014.

Generosity is the word that best describes Rita. She was generous with her love for her family, and generous in her love for God's people. Although Rita didn't enjoy good health for many years, she loved to entertain. She was always

completely natural - as the saying goes - "What you see is what you get". This meant that it was easy to relax in her presence and feel completely accepted. She was generous with her time, giving her full attention to the many who confided in her and asked for her advice. Money was to be shared with others, especially the missionaries she supported and prayed for. She loved BCM and generously shared Brian with us when he was a Bible Club leader in

Manchester, then later as he served for many years on the Anchor Trust as Financial Advisor and Chairman.

Following a stroke, for the last two years of her life, Rita found it very difficult to communicate. This must have been hard for one who so loved sharing her love for the Lord with others. She has now been freed from such restrictions and I am sure that her voice is heard in worship of her Lord and Saviour.



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