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When asked if I am enjoying my “retirement”, I reply that “I have plenty of time but never a minute”! I have now added the duties of Anchor Trust Chairman to my existing responsibilities as an Elder at Hartshill Bible Church and also my attempts to be the best “Grandad” in the world to our eight Grandchildren. This year Christine and I will celebrate our “Ruby” wedding anniversary with our four married children

and we are so thankful for all that God is doing in and through them. My testimony since I was saved by the grace of God almost 47 years ago at a Boy’s Brigade camp is “How good is the God we adore! Our faithful unchangeable friend.”

We have had the privilege of supporting Angeline’s work since she joined BCM nine years ago and have helped at the Weston Camp for the past four years. I joined the Anchor Trust in March 2013 and I believe that this has been in the will of God. I have been able to use my management skills to help the Trustees review the mission of BCM UK and to prayerfully make plans to maintain and develop the work over the next five years. We have agreed seven strategic objectives and these have been communicated to the Area Trusts and Committees for their feedback. Please pray with us that we will know God’s blessing on our vision “to see more children and young people come to know, love and obey God”.

Tom Morrow



## The SRPT

# BCM looking at support raising

Sounds like a sports car or a newly discovered disease!

Fortunately, it is neither. It is the Support Raising Project Team.

But what is the SRPT? Well, it is a group, set up by the Anchor Trust, to address the difficult question that BCM in the UK faces concerning financial support for the missionaries. In mid 2014, Phil Bounds, Naomi Fox, Steve Marr and Tom Morrow were given the task of finding a way ahead. This would include looking at things like current attitudes and thinking about missionary finances, BCM's position on faith ministry, training in the process of raising support and many other difficult and potentially thorny issues. With the help and guidance of an outside consultant, Myles Wilson, the SRPT has begun the process. The views of the missionaries have been considered as well as the wider ministry community. The necessary core convictions and

best practices are being thought through and it is hoped to be testing a model for raising support in the near future.

All of this is still very much in its infancy and requires the help and encouragement of us all to make this work. Changes in the law regarding finances have made all of this even more urgent than it ever was. The team are acutely aware that this is something they are ill equipped to deal with on their own, so what can you do to help?

Pray. It seems obvious, but it is never a bad thing to be reminded! Pray for each member of the team and for all they have to do.

Allow God to work through you and provide encouragement and ideas. The team would appreciate any help they can get. They are just an email away!

Consider what God might be asking you to do in the area of supporting missionaries and the ministries of BCM.



## Message from editor

Putting together a magazine like this is a joy and a challenge but we want to make it relevant to you who support us in prayer and giving. If there is something we have talked about and you would like an update (even from years ago) or something in particular you would like us to tell you about – please let us know. I can be contacted on [liz.marr@bcm.org.uk](mailto:liz.marr@bcm.org.uk). I would love to hear from you.



Naomi Fox



Phil Bounds



Steve Marr



Tom Morrow



*Your word  
is a lamp  
for my feet,  
a light on  
my path.*

Psalm 119:105

## CAN YOU HELP US PROVIDE CHILDREN AND YOUNG TEENS WITH BIBLES?

Due to the generosity of supporters last year we were able to sell new hardback child/teen friendly Bibles for less than half-price at **JaM** and **Get Real!** Camps. We sold several but one I remember in particular. On the last full day of JaM Camp, 8 year old Keolan came straight up to the bookstall and said, "I want to buy a Bible". When I asked

him recently why he bought one he said:

*"I bought a Bible because I really wanted to read it at home. Instead of reading a chapter in a group, I wanted to read little bits on my own so I could understand it all. I saved some of my sweet money every day so I had enough for the Bible."*

Your gift could make it

possible for more children and young teens to buy their own Bible this year. If you would like to give to this project please send your donation to the office (mark the envelope **Camp Bible Project**) or donate online at <http://www.bcm.org.uk/donate-camps.html>

Thank you,  
Angeline White

# Preparing and Training Children's

## In Step with the Master Teacher



From Crawley to Stirling, Paignton to Crewe, via Eastbourne, Wells and Weston-super-Mare, over the last 12 months BCM UK trainers have been up and down the country equipping people from local churches to help children and young people come to know, love and obey God. The numbers vary dramatically from a puppet workshop for 2 people from Destiny Church in Weston-super-Mare to 55 people attending a seminar at the *Hand-in-Hand* Children and Family Ministries Conference in Eastbourne. We have trained people from various denominations: Anglican, Independent Evangelical, Elim, Methodist, Baptist and even from a Tamil Church.



Many people have experienced BCM's *In Step with the Master Teacher (ISMT)* course, thinking about God's attitude to children and how we can learn from the way Jesus taught and made disciples. But we've also run other training.



Last September one of our trainers ran a workshop at an Anglican conference on *Engaging Children with the Bible* and our seminar at the Children and Family Ministries Conference dealt with the tricky issue of *Discovering God Through Bible Bad Boys!* In March 2015 I will be at Staines Congregational

Church to run a *Sharing Christ with Kids* workshop, looking at what the gospel is and how we can talk about it with children of varying ages and from different backgrounds.

Our trainers are passionate about helping people catch (or re-catch) a vision for children's ministry, training new teachers, and equipping those who are currently involved in discipling the next generation. See our website for more information ([www.bcm.org.uk/training](http://www.bcm.org.uk/training)) if you would be interested in booking us to come to your church.

*Angeline White*

*“The training was really good and I’m able to put it into practice. I’m able to manage the naughty kids! Thank you very much.”* (ISMT Trainee)

# Ministry Volunteers Across the Country

## And One Trainer Ventures Further Afield...

Last September Barbara Van Valkenburg had the amazing opportunity to go to Thailand to provide training for about 100 children's ministry volunteers in three different areas. In each area she ran training sessions over 3 days with Eunice Burden (former BCM missionary, now working with OMF in Thailand). One of the sessions was at a church without walls in a jungle - with children and animals running in and out! The trip became more of a challenge when she fell and broke her shoulder. Despite this, she carried on with the training - even managing to

run a puppet workshop with one arm! She said: "The many experiences will be with me for some time. But the most encouraging was when some of the people said that they have a different viewpoint about children's work in their church, and some people wanted to get more involved."

## Keeping in Step

Every month we send out a practical children's ministry tip by email. If you'd like to sign up to receive this go to our website ([www.bcm.org.uk/training](http://www.bcm.org.uk/training)) or email [ismtUK@instepmasterteacher.com](mailto:ismtUK@instepmasterteacher.com).



*“You were able to say things I’d wanted to say but hadn’t felt free to do so.”*

(Children's Pastor)





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# Looking forward to Camp

While we are all in the middle of the year of running clubs and kids programmes, there are others (or the same folks) who are organising camps and 3/5 day clubs for the holiday time.

One of the club kids in Scotland asked “How does all the stuff get to Camp in the summer?” I guess that could have a very long answer but the bottom line is someone takes the time to organise it. There is a lot to do ahead of camps. There is recruiting staff, training staff, taking bookings, buying resources, organising programmes, organising menus. The list is very big. In BCM we love camp. We have been doing camp for many, many years. As we set up these temporary Christian communities the most important thing is we show Jesus to each other and sometimes we even use words. Please pray for all our BCM camps as we prepare and the children and young people book in.

*The dates are*

**BCM SCOTLAND**

Junior and Teen 4 - 10 July

**BCM NI - MULLARTOWN**

Week 1 - Kids Camp	5 - 11 July
Week 2 - Family Camp	12 - 18 July
Week 3 - Junior Teens	19 - 25 July
Week 4 - City Kids Camp	26 July - 1 August
Week 5 - Kids Camp	2 - 8 August
Week 6 - Kids Camp	9- 15 August
Week 7 - Senior Teens	16- 23 August

**BCM ENGLAND**

JAM	8 - 14 August
Get Real	8 - 14 August



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# 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.

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Email .....

Any further comments .....

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# MESSAGE FROM MARTY

*Marty Windle is President of BCM Intl and brings his Easter thoughts for us*

## ***Christ is Risen, He is risen indeed!***

*The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Matthew 28:5-6 (NIV)*

### **GREETINGS. CHRIST IS RISEN!**

Christ's resurrection on that Sunday morning surprised everyone. The Romans, the high priests and Pharisees, and Christ's followers were all surprised. It surprised Mary Magdalene and the other Mary when they found the open, empty tomb with an angel sitting on the tombstone. They came to tend to the dead body of their Master, but instead they left with a resurrection message of hope. They went

and told the mourning disciples “He is risen!”, but the surprised disciples could not overcome their disbelief. Only after the risen Lord himself met them on the dusty road to Emmaus and later in Jerusalem did they accept the Good News and joyously proclaim to all who would listen “He is risen!” (Luke 24:34).

Today, the Pascual greeting “He is risen!” with the response “He is risen indeed!” is used in Easter celebrations around

the world. A joyous acknowledgment that Jesus' death was not in vain, and that He has overcome death. “He is risen!” allows us to share this Good News with each other and with those still needing to be “surprised.” The resurrection of Christ gives us hope for salvation and for our own resurrection and eternal life.

To each of you my BCM Family, “He is risen indeed!”  
Blessings Marty



## BCM has a new European director

BCM Europe has a new director, and we are delighted to let you know it is our own Richard Thompson. Richard has been the UK and Ireland co-ordinator for a number of years and has provided us with leadership mixed with Irish wisdom. He has been instrumental in the purchase of Castledaly Manor that is the beautiful camp centre in Eire. Richard resides in Eire with his wife Joan and they have three grown up sons. We would ask you to pray for him as he takes on this new role.

***For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. Romans 3:23-24***



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