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Welcome!

Autumn has finally arrived and the summer ministries are now complete for another year. We want to give thanks to God for all the children and young people who have been faithfully taught God's Word, by CEF workers and volunteers, over the summer months.

We trust that you will enjoy reading the various reports and articles contained in our autumn newsletter. Please accept our thanks to those of you who take the time to read not only *Every Child*, but also the area prayer letters and prayer information. Please also accept our grateful thanks for the finance that you give to support workers, missionaries and projects.

We are truly thankful for your ongoing prayer support and would really appreciate if you could join with us during our Autumn Week of Prayer (11–18 October). You will find details of your nearest prayer meeting in your area prayer letter. Prayer is so important. Charles Finney said, "Nothing tends more to cement the hearts of Christians than praying together. Never do they love one another so well as when they witness the outpouring of each other's hearts in prayer."



David & Heather Cowan
National Directors



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Monaghan Juniors Camp leaders 2026

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SOWING THE SEED IN SOUTH EAST ANTRIM

Philip & Rachael Agnew, Local Workers
(South East Antrim)

'A farmer will not leave the seed in the barn, instead he will go and scatter it!'



This was a challenge we both heard clearly one Sunday morning in a church service. Growing up in Sunday school we were taught "The Parable of the Sower". The seed represents the Word of God and the soil, the different conditions of the human heart. Whether a heart is hard, divided, shallow or receptive, we as the sower are told to go and scatter the good news of the gospel.

In South East Antrim over the summer months the seed of the gospel has been scattered through camp, 5-Day Clubs and Holiday Bible Clubs. The seed has fallen and we are waiting in anticipation for the fruit. As we have trekked the streets

promoting various ministries in the area, it has been a joy to talk to, encourage and pray with people on their doorsteps. Building relationships and having that presence within your local community opens doors of opportunity for the gospel to be presented.

After one of our summer clubs this year, a school teacher approached us. In a previous school while teaching Religious Education, unknown to the teacher a child had listened, gone home and explained what had been taught that day to their family.

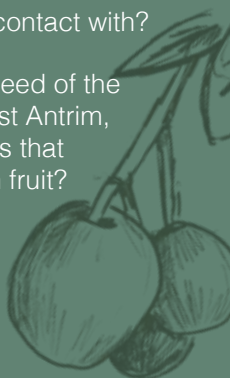
Years later, in remembrance of the mother who had been called home by God, the family acknowledged their heartfelt thanks to the teacher for sowing the seed of the gospel. God



had used this teacher to impact and change their family for eternity. Through one school teacher scattering the seed, a child and members of their family came to a saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Are we scattering seeds of kindness, encouragement, compassion and love for those that we come into contact with?

As we scatter the seed of the gospel in South East Antrim, will you pray with us that God will give much fruit?



THE RIGHT CONTACTS

OPPORTUNITIES IN SLIGO

David Cowan, National Director

James Martin (who serves on the CEF Board of Trustees) along with his wife Judith, helped at the Sligo camps for many years. James had the privilege of teaching the children from God's Word and has always maintained an interest in the ministry in Sligo. Some of the children James taught at camp are now married with children of their own. These parents would like their children, and many more, to have the opportunity to attend a CEF camp.

Earlier this year, one of the Christian parents arranged a Zoom meeting, and subsequently a face-to-face meeting, for church leaders in Sligo who have an interest in CEF. James shared with them how he would love to go into the primary schools in Sligo to take Religious Education classes. However, for this to happen he would require local people with the right contacts to introduce him to school principals. As a result of those meetings Joe Kennedy, who, along with his wife Mabel, were

the full-time CEF workers in Sligo, agreed to accompany James to two of the schools he used to go into. Praise God that James had the opportunity to teach the children from God's Word in both schools. Pray that he will have more opportunities in the new academic year:

- Pray that principals would welcome CEF workers into their schools to teach the children from God's Word.
- Pray that through the schools' ministry more children would attend CEF camps.
- Pray that Christians in Sligo would catch a greater vision for reaching out to the boys and girls in their county with the gospel.



Good news of great joy!



Teaching Guide

- Full lesson text
- Memory verse explanation
- Quiz questions and game
- Craft and games idea

**FREE CHRISTMAS CLUB
RESOURCES TO REACH THE
CHILDREN IN YOUR AREA**
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PowerPoint visuals

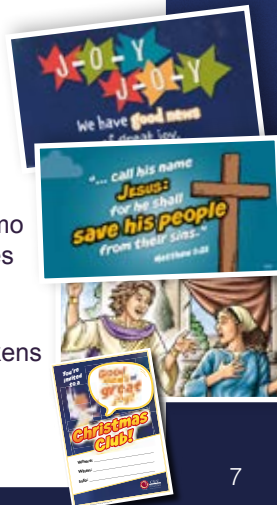
- Lesson
- Memory verse
- Song

Promotional material

- Social media promo
- Posters and invites

Kids resources

- Memory verse tokens
- Colouring pages
- Craft templates





OCEANVIEW

30TH

Anniversary
Celebration

What do you get if you take over 300 people, hundreds of sandwiches, sausages and cake, add 30 years of memories and lots of thankfulness? You get a 30th celebration of Oceanview, our camp centre in Rosstownlagh!

On 13 June it was a joy to welcome so many people through the doors of Oceanview. There were many people in attendance who had been there at the opening! But there were also lots of people to whom Oceanview has become very special in more recent years through summer camps and weekends.

It was wonderful to hear from so many people who were part of the original building project, and we heard story after story of how God faithfully provided everything that was needed to get the doors of Oceanview opened all those years ago.

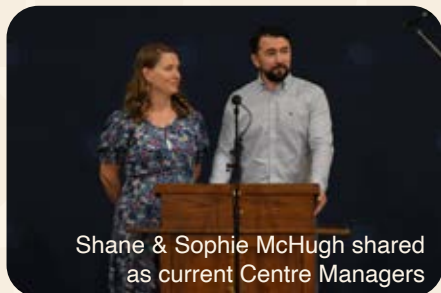
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led the
meeting



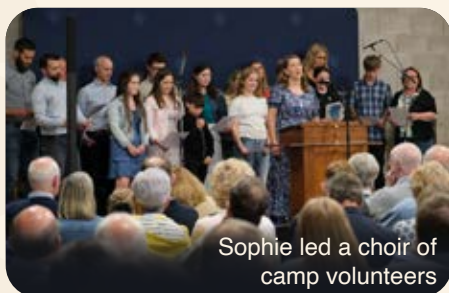
Alan Graham reflected on his
time leading camps



Shane & Sophie McHugh shared
as current Centre Managers

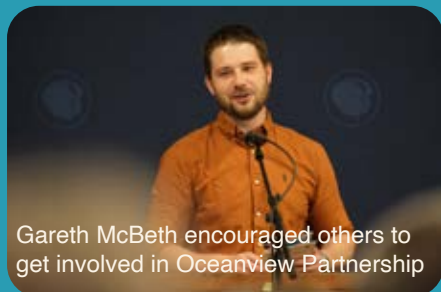


Sophie led a choir of
camp volunteers



Watch the anniversary celebration here: www.cefireland.com/watchoceanview30

For the latest updates about Oceanview and to give, visit www.cefireland.com/oceanviewpartnership



Gareth McBeth encouraged others to get involved in Oceanview Partnership



David Cowan interviewed campers—Peter and Charlotte



James Martin shared from God's Word



Enjoying fellowship



A warm welcome



Delicious food!



Download a copy of the Oceanview Reflections booklet here:

www.cefireland.com/reflections



GOD IS FAITHFUL

Philip & Denise Annett, Teacher Training Coordinators (CEF of Britain)

It's hard to imagine that we will have been in "full-time" CEF ministry for 25 years this autumn!

**"He who calls you is faithful,
who also will do it."**

1 Thessalonians 5:24.

God has been faithful and continues to be as we serve Him in CEF of Britain as training coordinators.

We are really encouraged by the interest shown by children's ministry workers in Britain in the Teaching Children Effectively (TCE) Level 1 course. We have now organised and taught four of these courses in Britain over the last three years with over 60 teachers trained.

"This course opened my eyes to the responsibility that I must share the gospel and use the gifts God has given me. It inspired me to be more intentional and responsible."

TCE student

TCE course, the leader of their children's ministry contacted us about training all their teachers in their churches.

We have trained 52 of their teachers through our EQUIP online course and we are now in discussions about the possibility of doing a TCE 1 with potentially 70 students!

Making strong ministry connections with people (even online!) has been such a blessing and encouragement to us. God is faithful! Pray that these connections will result in more children in Britain hearing the gospel, and that more churches will catch the vision to reach the unreached children through Christmas and Easter Clubs, Holiday Bible Clubs and Good News Clubs.



Recently we have been working alongside a church denomination in Britain called Anglican Missionary Congregation. After completing our



MARIANNA



MEET MARIANNA

Marianna Ferguson, Candidate

Hello! My name is **Marianna Ferguson**. I am married to Jeff, and we have a daughter called Emma. I grew up in Germany in a Christian home which shaped my life and was a huge blessing, looking back on it. But it was only in my teenage years that I realised that I was in great need of a Saviour. I realised I was made for a higher purpose—to glorify God and enjoy Him forever. I prayed and confessed my sins, and He welcomed me with open arms.

Shortly after, I got involved in children's work in my church. I went on to university to study social work and after a mission trip to Brazil I felt God calling me into full-time mission work. I signed up for Bible College at New Tribes Mission in England. It was there that I met Jeff.

I did the Children's Ministry Leadership Course in Kilchzimmer in 2016. After my training, I worked as a children's and youth worker for

my church for a year and then joined Jeff in Portugal, where we worked together as missionaries until 2021.

In 2025 God again spoke to my heart and I felt His leading into the work with CEF.

I have been truly enjoying my candidate training with Heather Watson in West Tyrone and have been able to also teach in assemblies, Good News Clubs (GNCs) and Scripture Unions in Mid-Ulster.

God has been faithful and good in helping me along the way and opening doors of opportunities in the Mid-Ulster area. Please pray that these openings in Mid-Ulster will continue. Pray too for a great start into the new GNC year and for blessed encounters with children, teachers and parents.

I am so thankful for all your support and prayers!

SHORTFALL



Back in 1937, the founder of CEF, Mr Overholtzer, had a dream. He envisioned an army of children's evangelists circling the globe with the good news of the gospel.

Today in Europe, CEF has an army in the region of 600 workers reaching approximately 2,500,000 children with the gospel message! However, at present approximately 300 of these workers have a financial shortfall—that's why we need your help.

Q: How do 600 workers reach so many children?

A: Each worker has a team of people helping them!



MARIA AND TATYANA

When the war broke out in Ukraine, the team were all together for our annual workers conference.

One morning, Maria and Tatyana, who served close to the front line, announced that God had laid it on their hearts to return by train to the children they cared for and wanted to reach with the gospel.

While many people were boarding trains in the opposite direction, these two determined missionaries were heading towards the war zone, towards those they were called to reach with the gospel message! They are typical of the many workers across Europe who sacrifice so much to reach children with the gospel.



To read more of Maria and Tatyana's story, and to find out more about Shortfall ministry, visit

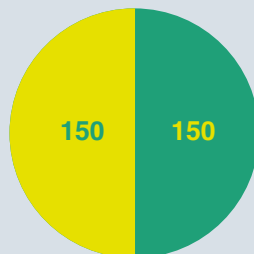
www.cefireland.com/shortfall

That's where CEF Shortfall ministry steps in to fill the gap.



On average the shortfall per worker is £2,000 per year.

We have currently received enough support to cover 150 out of the 300 workers who have a shortfall this year.



Every £1,000 received:



£1,000
gifts given

+



£1,000
from ministry partners

= 4,000 children
hearing the good news!



Could you help to support this need? For every gift given, generous ministry partners will match it!

If God touches your heart to help, go to: www.cefireland.com/givetoshortfall



SEASONS IN NATIONAL OFFICE

David & Ruth Jackson, Safeguarding & Logistics

Sometimes when we meet people we haven't seen for a while they make the comment, "I suppose summer is your busy season." While we may no longer have the busy summer season of direct ministry, our roles within the office certainly occupy our time!

For nearly 30 years David has been involved with safeguarding. Each season of the year will have a number of vetting checks to be carried out for workers and volunteers, and there are different vetting systems depending on which part of the island you are working in. In spring of this year, David processed an average of 175 checks each month, rising to 250 per month as the summer season approached. Each check processed is a reminder of a worker or volunteer who wants to be engaged in the direct ministry to children. We thank God for this, and pray that many more checks will be carried out over the autumn and winter seasons.

With the change of seasons comes a change in the resources on the shelving in the print room of the National Office. As I write this at the beginning of August, high summer, I've just started to tidy away the remnants of this summer's resources for 5-Day Clubs, Holiday Bible Clubs and camps. The shelves won't remain clear for long as we have already ordered from printers some of the new items for the Good News Club season. They will be quickly followed by resources for the Christmas season—Christmas Together packs, a new children's tract and thousands of children's calendars.

No matter what the season, as I prepare to dispatch these resources to workers, volunteers and churches, my prayer remains the same, "Lord, take these resources and use your Word contained in them to bring salvation to precious boys and girls and help Christian children to grow in their knowledge of you."



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DIARY DATES

11–18 October

Autumn Week of Prayer

4 November

World Day of Prayer

National Office closed

**23 December–
1 January**

Christmas Closure (inclusive)

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PROVERBS 16:3

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26–29 MARCH 2027

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SPEAKER: DAVID CAMERON

FAMILY NEWS

We regret to inform you that Sarah Bleakley resigned from full-time CEF ministry at the end of August, having fulfilled her promise to the Fermanagh committee to help in her home area for one year. Sarah's calling is still to Lapland. Perhaps sometime in the future she may return. She plans to still volunteer in the Fermanagh area and hopes to be involved in two GNCs. Please pray for God's leading and guiding for Sarah in this time of change.

We were pleased to welcome Fleur Ferguson as a new member of staff in the National Office at the beginning of September. Please pray for Fleur as she settles into her finance role alongside Deborah and Heather.

In the past few months, we have welcomed two new babies into the CEF family. Emma and Colin Annett became the proud parents of a little girl, Eliana, born at the beginning of June. Andrew and Claire McNabb have also become parents of a little boy, Arthur, born in mid-August. We offer our congratulations to

both families and ask you to pray for all the adjustments that need to be made in this new season of life.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Edith Boyle on the sudden passing of her husband, Tom, in May. Tom and Edith were the first local workers in the Lagan Valley area and also ministered in East Belfast. In more recent years, Tom served on the board of the Specialized Book Ministry. Please remember Edith and the wider family in your prayers in these difficult days.



**Luke
10:2**

The harvest of children in Ireland is plentiful so we meet online once a month to pray specifically for more workers for our island. Will you join us?

10.15–11.00 am
2nd Monday of each month
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