



Quon Stothers Journey

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Summer came and went but without

We assisted with the Crumlin Road church's Summer scheme, an outreach Kids Bible club. In years past, American teams of young adults came to help. This year only church members, along with us and a youth worker from the local community center, staffed the program. A total of 70 neighborhood children came between the ages of 5 and 14. Our normal Sunday School has 8-10 children, so this was quite a success! The adults put in 10 hour days prepping, working with the younger kids in the afternoon, and the older kids in the evening, then out briefing. Our own teens, Danielle and Leah, did a brilliant job! Marda enhanced the crafts and got

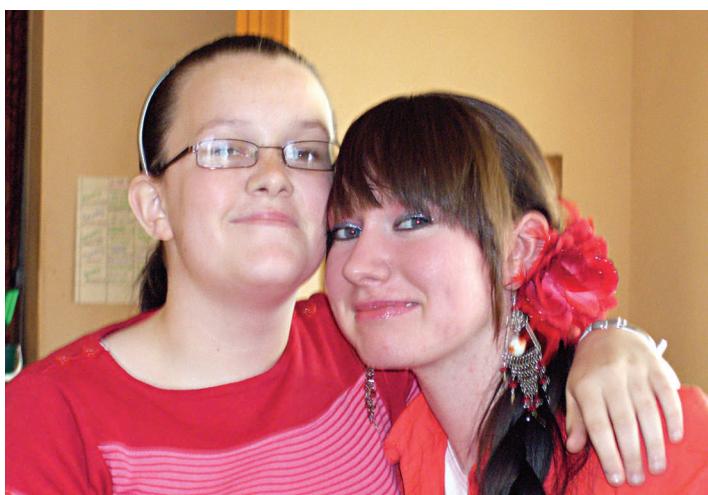


70 neighborhood children came to Kids Bible club

conscripted into the drama.

Summer is over and the Fall schedule is launched. At the suggestion of one Shankill Road minister we joined classes sponsored by the Shankill Women's Center. With Freddie, Marda is taking Microsoft

refresher courses (ECDL and MOS) and then a ceramics class. Ward is doing six walks in various parks with 10 women. Through the classes we will meet neighborhood people. Evening worship, midweek Bible Study and Presbyterian Women have



Young adult teen leaders Leah and Danielle

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Special prayer points

- Pray for Ward taking on worship and other services.
- Cross community opportunities for dialogue.
- Outreach at the Car Park boot sale.
- Strategic action plan and future modifications for the church
- Alison returns to church.
- Roberta with a broken hip and Desmond her supportive husband
- Mark Drennan with Children of the Nations, Sierra Leone.
- Pray for the Mission Study Team at College Avenue Presbyterian Church
- Praise for all the generous gifts of love and support

much summer weather

resumed. Each program gives us the opportunity to interact and deepen our relationships. Overlain with the regular program is the need for the church to come to terms with the results of the Presbyterian church headquarters' "consultation" which requires a congregational

strategy for the future and the functionality of the facility. The use of Marda's and Gillian's engineering skills will play somehow. Scary stuff!

Ward continues his visitations of the elderly and shut in. Herein, and posted on the website, is

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A higher standard.
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with perseverance

"...and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Heb 12:1

his poem for these seniors.

Gray

Silver crowns shuffling canes
Hearing ears wearing wisdom
Heart for serenading family.

Old people bowed frames
Cured tongues sure truth
Storied lives in padded chairs
Shallow is the scar from your hurt,
Deep is the drink of your love.

Old people bearing fruit
Across the pain of life's chisel,
Image is the gift of your God:
The singing of your worth

The meaning of your being

The glory of your gray

The warmth of your ways.

Old people.



We are becoming seasoned tour guides, getting around Belfast, Londonderry, the Giant's Causeway and the North Coast. Tourism is one of the industries that Northern Ireland is using to develop its economy. 2.1 million visitors in 2007 and growing. Buses and trains are plentiful; driving only 60 miles away. Jeff and Nyla from Stanford Sloan were first, then Ted Kaye from Rhythms Monthly, then nephew Nathan, taking a course at Cambridge came over a weekend. Next came Jack Bookwalter, from WESTDIV days, an architectural preservationist scouting out London and Glasgow.

We are grateful for these visits. Brief interludes to allow us to decipher and show people our new life.