

North Belfast Centre of Mission

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***Carry each other's burdens,
and in this way, you will fulfil the law of Christ.***
Galatians 6:2

Connect Base

As we come to the end of the summer season, we are more aware than ever of those people we meet who are carrying immense burdens and need the Church of Christ to step up and support them. Through several of our projects we meet people in need, either physical, mental or emotional, right across the spectrum of ages and gender. As we bring you our updates, we ask that you continue to pray for the Centre of Mission and all those who volunteer with us, helping us to meet the many needs we see in the community.

Updates

Baby Basics - we continue to receive many new referrals every week for women and families in crisis. The beautiful packs are carefully and lovingly put together by our volunteers, Heather and Ruth. Everyone who receives them is referred by a health professional or charity, therefore we know they get to those most in need. We are now a safe haven for many of the health professionals who come to collect the packs from the Base. Who enjoy a chat and a cup of tea when they have time. We recently had the opportunity to pray with one of them who was struggling with a difficult day.



TLG (Transforming Lives for Good) - Our mentoring programme for children in upper primary school is now in its third year and we currently have coaches in two different primary schools. *(The photo on the left shows some of our coaches at our recent visit to the Tayto Factory with the kids we mentor).* We are delighted that a number of Churches in other parts of the province are now exploring taking on TLG themselves. This will mean more children will receive this emotional one on one support which is so vital to the health and well being of these kids. Some of them come from very difficult home circumstances and it is such a privilege to be that 'safe person' for them.

After School Drop In - our afterschool drop in is relocating to Ardoyne. We are partnering with Holy Trinity and Immanuel Parishes to provide an afterschool club for children in the Ardoyne Community. This will provide much needed support to the children in Wheatfield Primary, particularly ones we are mentoring through TLG. We are excited to start this new venture on 5th November this year.

Community Garden - we have been allocated a plot of land next to the Church in Glencairn estate and we look forward to starting a Community garden for the locals. We started with a clearing day in October and hope to have the area cleared ready for spring planting. The vision for the garden is that it will become a place for community to meet, children to learn about gardening skills and to support the local youth work.

Assemblies - we continue to take part in assemblies in the local area, often with the puppets. This is a great way to get to know the local children and their families. We will be arranging another Community Christmas Carol service with the three closest school choirs performing. This is a great opportunity to engage with the community at a spiritual level. Please pray for us as we plan and prepare.

Prayers

Thank you...

- For the people we have had the privilege to help and for the growing ministries.
- For new volunteers for Baby Basics, willing to come in a sort clothing.
- For the new TLG possibilities in the province.
- For the new community garden in Glencairn estate.

Please...

- For the three new Baby Basic Centres in Armagh and Connor Dioceses.
- For the young mums in difficult circumstances receiving resources from Baby Basics.
- For the parishes we work and minister with, for their leaders and congregations.
- For our families
- For us as we travel around.
- For our daily prayer times in the Connect Base.

Financial Support

We're thankful to God that He has provided Connect Base for the people on the Shankill Road and surrounding area. We're also thankful for all those who pray for us and who support us financially, which of course means we're able to be here when people come to the Base. It also means we are resourced to go out where God is leading us.

If you would like to make a regular or one-off gift to support this work please complete and return the form below or visit churcharmy.org/donate

We don't take your support for granted, so thank you so much for standing with us. We want to pray for you so please let us know how we can, by emailing karen.webb@churcharmy.org or Stephen.whitten@churcharmy.org

May God bless you

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