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About the National Health Service . . .

It's not the weather we like, but the people, the community, and the NHS. When we got here in April 2008, the minister took us to meet his General Practitioner (GP). We were enrolled into the GP's practice and with the National Health Service.

Ward had several pre-existing conditions and had several surgeries. The doctor shockingly asked if we believe in faith healing. We wondered whether he was of the religious belief that people bring on their own illness. This is not something we believe.

We have since found Dr. Corrie to be a very caring and sensible GP. He



Model of SS Nomadic in restored SS Nomadic, tender to RMS Titanic

enrolled us into the local hospital's diabetic clinic and they call us in, 3 or 4 times a year for a very thorough exam. They provided a 6 week nutrition class counting carbs and balancing insulin. Ward's Parkinson's diagnosis in 2010, was made after three weeks residential at the Royal Victoria (teaching) Hospital with reflex tests,

spinal taps, and a DAT scan.

Upon our return to Belfast this past April the doorbell rings and it is Derek, our carer's assistant. Also at the door is Sharon, who says she is the speech therapist, and for 45 minutes she works with Ward to project and exercise his voice. The

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Ward with NHS rollator and his coach Derek at Jordanstown Loughshore Park.

. . . and about answers

social worker arranged the speech therapist unbeknownst to us. She came for three sessions.

The NHS social services provide 16.5 hours a week of salary for a carer's assistant including the bookkeeping and the insurance

reimbursement. The providence of God has provided two people to help us, who could not be better. One comes for 45 minutes six days a week at 6:30 a.m. Derek comes three times a week to coach and exercise Ward and do some of the housework.

Special prayer points

- PRAISE for special gifts and kindnesses. PRAY for sustained monthly gifts. That donors be blessed.
- PRAISE for new freedom and a wonderful sponsor. PRAY for Jon Kennedy who joined us on 13 March.
- PRAY for a call for Donna Quigley a gifted rector.
- College Avenue Presbyterian Church, in Oakland, Pastor Monte and congregational growth.
- PRAY for poetry to flow and next steps for pottery.
- PRAISE for new friends and weaving relationships
- PRAISE Sunday morning prayer continues
- PRAISE for team building relationships
- PRAISE for discussions about walls coming down.
- PRAISE for expansion of Townsend church vision and the people to implement it



Parkinson's UK Awareness Campaign included Ward

Charis Bible College is moving into our Outreach Centre next door and they teach faith healing. Our church's long term tenant is the Divine Healing Ministry run by a much respected Church of Ireland brother David Jardin. A couple moving into the church apartment is an Anglican vicar and his wife who is attending the Bible College. Just in the last month a whole clutter of new relationships have materialized around the church. We've prayed and now we are thankful.

Wonderful! Hallelujah.

The day we returned home when released from the hospital in 2010, an OT called and said he wanted to come to the house to see what modification were needed. The agency installed extra banisters, handrails at the entrances, and rails and a bench for the tub. They also coordinated with the landlord to approve the modifications. All free and they come to your home! Despite the bombed out state of the British economy after WWII they decided they wanted universal health care for everyone. No one begrudges this benefit to us. They think of it as a human right in a civilized society. America, please wise up and bring on health reform.

In the spiritual economy

we work and we rest until we transition into our eternal home. It is a good thing we no longer depend on a worldly employer. We have an manager in the minister we work with. He understands and appreciates our limitations and our gifts. We have an employer in EBM, the agency that sponsors us, but they say just do what you do working in the community. Rev Jack Lamb often says "Ward you are a breath of sanity"

After five years we realize our prayer life is the most significant work we do. We have said that our home, The Loom is where relationships are woven. We pray with whomever comes at 730 a.m. on Mondays and we pray together every day at 9 a.m. Our "work" at the Townsend Street Church is to staff the pre-

worship prayer and to publish a Prayer Bulletin. We pray for the church and the community around it.

Watch this space as the

Next week we go to Armagh where the John Hewitt International Summer School is held. Ward and Jon will be with 100 Irish writers.

