



Quon Stothers Journey

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It's The People!

Ward and Marda Stothers moved to Belfast, Northern Ireland in mid April 2008 to do charitable work in the Greater Shankill community! This is our story.

Freddie continues to be one of our delightful new friends. He and his two sons, Keith and Garth serve the church continuously. He lives a few 100 feet from the church and is on hand for every event. Debra and her son Carson also live within a few 100 feet of the church and opens her home for tea gatherings. Mark Drennan, will take his masters degree in Ethnic Conflict and move to Sierra Leone in June to work with Save the Children for 15 months to counsel and design a conflict mgmt course. Stuart Drennan works long hours in media



Freddie and Mark in the pulpit area of the church

production and also mans the church projector.

We have joined in Sunday morning prayer, worship, and evening worship, small group prayer sessions, and midweek Bible Study group. The church moved its worship out of the sanctuary in the winter to

save oil, and we moved back at the beginning of May. A half day of cleanup made ready.

Gillian and her daughter Ruth cleaned our new home and set up a new bed. Soap, detergent, and toilet paper were all in place. Suzan sent us with rubber gloves

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Special prayer points

- Unity of believers in the bond of love.
- Roberta with a broken hip and Desmond's support.
- Barbara with asthma.
- Mark Drennan's preparation and adjustment to Sierra Leone.
- Protection in driving and acceptance by car insurance.
- Pray for the Mission Study Team at College Avenue Presbyterian Church
- Praise for Renault Megane Scenic with automatic transmission for less than \$5000
- Praise for all the generous gifts of love and support



Rev. Jack, Jim, and Stephen in the sanctuary

Open, honest and faithful

and dish sponges and with separate faucets on each sink the scalding water is quick to come. The garbage routine is still a mystery alternating blue recyclables bin and grey waste bin on Monday evenings. They store in our wee concreted yard and go out into the back alleyway.

We have been here 3 plus weeks. Banking, Metro bus system, phone and internet, library, medical intake, car insurance and road tax gave us contact with the service sectors. Virgin Media has door to door cold sales. It took three trips to the Bank and a 2 hour intake session to set up an account with

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About Commission to Every Nation (CTEN) www.cten.org
CTEN was founded in 1994 by Rick Malm. He was serving in Guatemala when he saw various well-qualified missionaries had to leave the field because their ministry focus changed and they no longer had a mission agency. God called him to join missionaries to help them do what He called them to do. CTEN has helped over 300 missionaries. Their director of pastoral care will stay in contact with the home church as well as care for the Stothers. The CTEN mission statement is simply Prayer, Giving, and Going.

Commission
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with perseverance *"...and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Heb 12:1 (NIV)*

cash. We bought our car from Neal Beattie in Markethill, County Armagh, an automatic right hand drive Renault Scenic hatchback. Driving is a challenge with narrow streets, right hand drive on left side roads with parking allowed on either side of the street in either direction!

Our neighbor straight across is from Zambia; all the rest look Irish. Our neighborhood is Ballysillen, adjacent to Woodvale, Crumlin, and Ardoyne. We are a block and a half from two green grocers, convenience store, butcher, bakery, Joan's Hair Salon (she'll cut my hair), luncheonette, fish and chips, small hardware store, drug store, and Post Office. Three short blocks in the other direction is Lidl, a



Members of midweek Bible Study

small supermarket. A mile and a half away is a brand new giant TESCO supermarket, and downtown shops are 3 miles away. Gasoline is going up costing \$8.80 for an American gallon. Food is slightly higher. Utilities are lower. The weather is warming up and the sun is plentiful but intermittent with

overcast and rain.

We have begun our home visits with a list of 20. Most are members in their 80s and 90s. Evelyn is 88 and her grandfather started the church with Reverend Mitchell from a meeting in the linen mill. The original stone church was blitzed in WWII; rebuilt in brick in the 1950s. Mrs. Cahoon is 92 and her family is very tight knit and sees her every day. Bob, Marian and her sister Tily lived through a pipebomb meant for someone else but thrown into their home 6 years ago.

Do they need "missionaries?" A listening heart and a fresh voice is heard. Thank you for supporting us.

Philippians 1:6.