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Harvest Thanksgiving ...

From II Corinthians 9:6-12
“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written: ‘He has scattered abroad his gifts to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.’ [Ps. 112:9] Now he who supplies seed to the sower and



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bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result

in thanksgiving to God. This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God.”

Early in October, the churches here celebrate

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Special prayer points

- Pray for Ward taking on evening worship and mid-week studies
- Cross community openings for dialogue
- Prayer Outreach at the Car Park boot (trunk) sale.
- Strategic action plan and potential renovations to the church
- Alison returns to church worship. Dorothy finds a church to commit to.
- Roberta with a broken hip and Desmond her supportive husband
- Our missionaries: Mark and Peter Drennan and Rachel Harte
- Praise for the MST Report for College Avenue Presbyterian Church
- Praise for generous gifts of support



David Surgenor volunteering at Crumlin Road Church

and a proposal

Harvest Thanksgiving, during which the above Bible passage appeared in our bulletin and the sanctuary was filled with bouquets of flowers. The theme was harvest and gratefulness. We are very grateful for our new life in Belfast. We are

grateful we can be living abroad, as God's harvest gift to others.

I want to tell you about David Surgenor. We got to know David when he volunteered to help with our Summer Outreach (see August newsletter).

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More than a surprise

Your gift of support is

Pure joy over God's call

And the aftertaste of steeping friendship.

Commission To Every Nation (CTEN) www.cten.org, is our charitable support agency. 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 provide pastoral care for the Stothers. The CTEN mission statement is simply Prayer, Giving, and Going.

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TO EVERY NATION



A higher standard.
A higher purpose.

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

David gave us a week of volunteer time. He especially helped me, as my group was all boys, and he interrupted his work to accompany them to toilet many times. David has worked at the Vine Center for three years funded to do reconciliation work with the community youth, but that money has dried up as agencies are saying the Troubles are over. So now free from "chasing the funding" his heart wants to do pastoral support work for all ages. Like us he is a mature person with grown children, a mortgage half paid up, and with lots of spiritual life experiences to share. He was a Belfast City Mission (BCM)



missionary pastor for 15 years. Based in the Vine Center he can help people who would not go into a church and he can support all the churches in the Greater Shankill area referring people where they might fit in. When David told us he was "faith based" and with trepidation was starting his fundraising, I immediately said, we are willing to give you £20 (\$40) a month and some of our supporters

may help. He is praying for 45 people willing to give £25 a month. Many of you will recognize the strategic value of supporting a "native" worker. So here's the deal, if any of you are willing to commit to \$5 or 10 a month more, we together can be one of the 45 people that David needs. If you or your church would like to fund a native Irish pastoral support worker they can commit to \$600 annually and we will pass it on to the Vine Center for David's support. Please use the enclosed reply cards. Each week brings new ways to do good.