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Welcome!

From its small beginnings in a living room in County Armagh 75 years ago, the Lord has greatly blessed the ministry of CEF of Ireland over the years.

As we enter our 75th year, we believe it's only right to take some time to reflect on the many ways God has helped, provided, guided, carried, and strengthened us. We know that numbers aren't everything, but when we think about the workers, volunteers, prayer and financial supporters and others who have been involved along the way, we have much cause to rejoice!

Going through our archives, we realise there's much we can't fit into 16 short pages! So we'll be taking some in each quarterly issue of *Every Child* in 2025 to look at a various aspects of our ministry.

Looking ahead, we will have a number of celebratory events that we hope to see you at, marking this important milestone, rejoicing in what God has done over the years.

Thank you for your prayers, support and encouragement.



David & Rosemary Edwards
National Directors



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DEPUTATION BY NUMBERS!

Geoff Wallace (Missions Department)

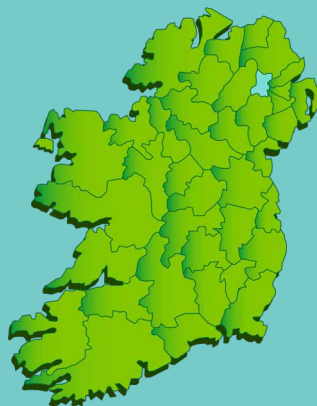
CEF of Ireland is a faith-based mission which relies on God to provide for its workers through your financial support. CEF has **22 missionaries/workers** who use deputation in Northern Ireland to help raise prayerful and financial support within the **12 local areas**.

Please pray for these missionaries as they seek to raise this support so they can continue their ministry for the Lord. Would you consider supporting one of them monthly?

Each area has a Deputation Coordinator who arranges meetings in churches, mission halls, houses, coffee mornings, youth meetings—anywhere people want to hear what the Lord is doing through CEF. Please pray for the Deputation Coordinators as it is challenging work. If your church could arrange a meeting and invite along one of the designated workers, please get in touch. I will let you know which Deputation Coordinator to contact.

Some workers are on a **3 year cycle**, others on a **2 year cycle**, visiting one area each year. Many of the workers are struggling to raise the necessary monthly financial support to maintain their ministry.

Each worker has a desire to help fulfil the vision of “Every child, every county, every day”. Each worker in CEF wants children and young people to have a relationship with the **1 true God**. Can you help them to do so?



Workers on deputation in 2025

Armagh	Colin Hylands (21–30 Nov)
Belfast	Claire Bain (Jan/Feb)
Lagan Valley	Claire Bain (Jan/Feb) Matt & Adele Corke (11–18 May) Linda Corry (Oct)
Mid Antrim	Johanna Austin (9–16 Feb)
Mourne	Philip & Denise Annett (9–16 Feb) Geoff & Karen Wallace (5–12 Oct)
NE Ulster	Claire Bain (Jan/Feb) Stephen & Tanya Hamilton (9–16 Feb) Linda Corry (21 Sept–4 Oct)
SE Antrim	Letitia McDonald (12–19 Jan) Declan & Amanda Curley (May/June)
W. Tyrone	Andrew & Beulah McMullan (May/June) David & Ruth Jackson (Sept/Oct)
USA	Simon & Hannah Snodgrass (Jan-Mar)

...how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written:

“How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!”

–Romans 10:14–15



Give thanks to God for thousands of opportunities to share about our work over the years.

A PERFECT FIT

Philip & Denise Annett, Training Coordinators (CEF of Britain)

“...it was a call to serve the nations. That calling has not changed.”

The past two years have looked very different for us. It has been a time of learning and waiting on the Lord as Philip recovered from his stroke. Thank you to those who have continued to ‘hold the ropes’ for us, your support has meant a lot. We praise God for the many opportunities he gave us to minister during the time of recovery. We also began to pray about the next step in ministry.

For many years we have been involved with the ministry in Britain—5-Day Club teams in London, Christmas clubs, and training conferences with several churches. Over lockdown we made a short online course called Equip, and the Lord has used this introductory training for his glory. Many students have gone on to do further training and some are now serving the Lord with CEF in Britain.

So, when we were asked to pray about the role of Training Coordinators for CEF of Britain, it seemed like a perfect fit. When the Lord called us to leave the

ministry in Ireland, it was a call to serve the nations. That calling has not changed and now we can train people from different cultures and backgrounds without travelling too far. God has brought the nations to Britain! At the beginning of September, we began our new role as the Training Coordinators for CEF of Britain.

Please pray for us as we continue to organise and teach the second Teaching Children Effectively Level 1 course in Britain. We are also coordinating Equip courses and working with several contacts about training for their churches. Pray that those trained will go out and reach the unreached children in Britain with the gospel and that some may be called to become new full-time workers.



Give thanks to God for close links with CEF of Britain over the past 75 years (their ministry began in 1947).



As we approach our 75th year of ministry in Ireland, we want to take time to reflect on God's goodness to us over the years. Some of you have been with us on this exciting journey from the earliest days, others joining more recently. However long you've been involved, and in whatever capacity, we trust you'll rejoice with us that "thus far the Lord has helped us" (1 Samuel 7:12).

REFLECTIONS FROM SAM DOHERTY, OUR FIRST NATIONAL DIRECTOR




God called me to start the work of CEF in Ireland in 1950, and to lead it for the fourteen years which followed. But I was only 23 years old, I had only been saved a few months, and I had no experience or training in any kind of Christian ministry. As a result, I started that first Good News Club in Blearly with much fear and trembling.

Over the years which followed, God opened the eyes of many believers all over Northern Ireland to the reality that children could be saved and gave them a desire to evangelise boys and girls. The local directors, teachers, and I were all volunteers. We all retained our secular jobs and did not need financial support. But God blessed the work, and it really grew. By the end of those first 14 years there were more than 100 Good News Clubs, hundreds of open-air meetings, many training

classes and the first four full-time workers. We even had our own radio programme in operation! Above all else, many children all over our little country trusted the Lord Jesus as their Saviour. And during those 14 years we laid the foundations for the great growth of CEF of Ireland which was to come in the years which followed.

How can we explain all of this? The answer, surely, can only be found in understanding God's will for the children of Ireland (Matthew 18:14), and in understanding God's desire to use us weak believers and our ministry to bring glory to himself (1 Corinthians 1:26-31). We give him all the glory.

Turn the page to
journey with us through
the last 75 years 

1950

The first CEF of Ireland Good News Club takes place in Bleary (near Lurgan).

1954

The National Committee is formed. Northern Ireland is divided into 11 areas, with plans to have a local Committee and a Local Volunteer Director in each area.

Autumn 1950

Sam and Sadie Doherty feel God's leading to work with children and come into contact with CEF.

1951

Sam and Sadie become the first CEF of Ireland National Directors.



Summer 1962

Open air meetings are held in Bangor during the summer to reach children.



1960s

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Over 100 Good News Clubs are in operation and hundreds of weekly open-air meetings are held each summer.

September 1962

The CEF Youth Council (forerunner to Youth Challenge) is established.

1966

Four Irish CEF workers attend the first European CEF Institute (now known as CMLC) in Paris.

1969

John and Joan Nixon become the first CEF of Ireland missionaries in the Republic of Ireland.

1966

Kenny Martin is appointed as the first full-time Local Director in North Armagh.



April 2001

New (and current) National Office at 199 Templemore Avenue is opened.

1990s

2000s

1996

Oceanview Camp Centre is built.



2003

The Wonder Book is delivered to every home in Ireland.





1957

The first Easter Conference is held in Portrush.

Late 1950's

The first four full-time workers (Annie Cross, Amy Watson, Albert Flaherty and Norma Irwin) are appointed and hundreds of volunteers become involved in the work of CEF of Ireland.

1957

The Radio Good News Club is started, and continues for several years.

The first National Office opens at 9 Adelaide Street, Belfast.

Summer 1963

The Youth Council have their first mission trip to France.

1965

The National Office and Shop moves to 48 Upper Church Lane, Belfast.

1964

Sam and Sadie are appointed European CEF Regional Directors and David and Mollie McQuilken become National Directors of the work in Ireland.



1970s

1973

Seaview Camp Centre is purchased.

1980s

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The National Office moves again to 175 Templemore Avenue.



1986

Youth Challenge is officially established.

2013

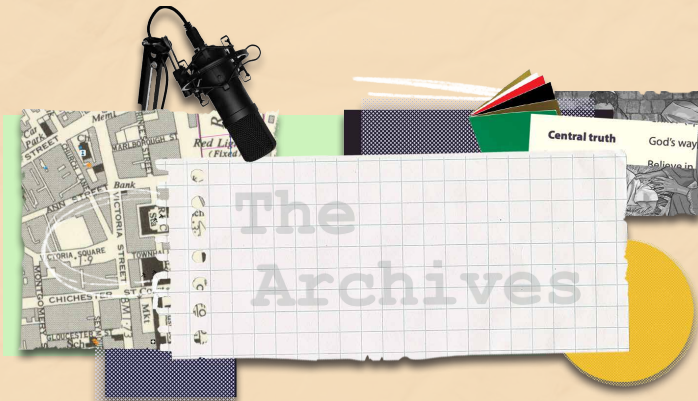
First *Momentum* teams are launched.

2021

A fully redeveloped Seaview Camp & Conference Centre is opened.

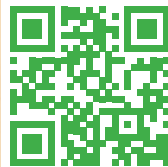


**THE STORY
CONTINUES...**



We're opening the archives!

Over the next year we'll be making some of our historic photographs, National Newsletter articles and other documents available online! We hope this brings much reason for joy and thankfulness at God's grace, guidance and provision over the past 75 years. Visit www.cofireland.com/75 to have a look!



« The newsletter has changed a lot since then!



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PRAYER NEWSLETTER SPRING 1992

GIANTS WANTED (Part 3)

We are told that certain atmospheric conditions make it difficult for wireless signals to be caught, and that at such times there is a confusion of words and the real message is misunderstood or not entirely. It seems that there is just such an atmospheric condition in the spiritual world today that distorts the way in the vision of God, or distorts it into meaningless words. How else may we account for the unhelped commission to go to "every creature" with the glad tidings?

Here are His words "Go ye" misinterpreted to mean someone else and not I? Have not the blurred signals changed the impact of His "every creature" to a meaningless someone? And until the spiritual atmosphere is cleared by the breath of the Holy Ghost and fire, His message will mean "almost anything" "Go ye" will sound like "Go he" or "Go she" "All the world" will translate into "all my world" and God's field be narrowed down, all because our ears are heavy, our eyes are dim.

What does it mean that we face such a shameful condition in the brethren world today, that after almost one hundred years of open doors these great heathen nations are almost untouched? We may only hang our heads in the presence of the Great Commission and confess that we have miserably failed as a church, as a people, yet individually.

But thanks be to God we need not continue to hang our heads, for by His grace we may "lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees, and make straight paths" (in the midst of the earth) with the glorious Gospel of the Son of God. - Hebrews 12:1

Come beloved! On to the uttermost parts until "every creature" has heard of our precious Jesus! (This is the concluding part of "Times Without" which has been reprinted, with permission from E.L. Kilbourn's book "The Great Commission")

EASTER 1992

Why not join us Friday 17th (Supper) - Tuesday 21st April (Lunch)

PLEASE NOTE: Change of Times: Meetings will be held, D.V. in Pentech Presbyterian Church (Randy Greenall)

Programme		Programme	
Sat. - 10.00 a.m.	Bible Study	Mon. - 10.00 a.m.	Seminar - "Holding On To The Older Primaries"
11.30 a.m.	Seminar - "Raising A Family In The 90's"	11.30 a.m.	Bible Study
7.00 p.m.	Missionary Focus	7.00 p.m.	Missionary Focus
Sun. - 4.00 p.m.	Family Focus	Tue. - 10.00 a.m.	Seminar - "Fulfilling Children's Faith"
8.30 p.m.	Missionary Focus	11.30 a.m.	Bible Study

Speakers

Rev. N. Durragh (Strait Congregational)
 Mr. & Mrs. Paul and Betty Representative for Southern Europe
 And other Irish CEF Ministers
 (Further information may be had by contacting your Local Director or by phoning Murray Moffitt at the National Office.)

75th Anniversary Celebration

Keep an eye out for details of our big celebration event planned for next Autumn, when we will gather together to celebrate all that God has done through CEF, and pray for the next 75 years!



IS THE CLUB STILL HAPPENING?

Rosalind Patterson, Local Worker
(North Dublin)

I've been asked the question "Is the club still happening?" by parents and by children many times! Good News Clubs are one of the core ministries of Child Evangelism Fellowship. These clubs have taken place in many different settings here in North Dublin: homes, community centres, sports centres and churches. We praise God for the many boys and girls who have heard the gospel at a Good News Club.

Although our focus continues to be teaching the Bible to the children, over the years the teaching methods have changed. We praise God for the resources produced by the Multimedia Department, which enables us to make the lessons attractive, interactive and which caters for the different learning styles of the children we are teaching.

We praise God for the faithful volunteers. Two of the Good News Club teachers have been involved for over 35 years! These ladies, along with the other teachers, have made such an impact on the children they have taught over the years. At a Teaching Children Effectively course

one of the students said, "I am here today because of the faithful teaching of my Good News Club teacher and the love and care she showed me." Another volunteer, who has been teaching in a club for 25 years, sent her children to the club when she herself was not a Christian. Over time her three children trusted the Lord as their Saviour. God used the children in her life. Her son would have said things like, "Mam, you really need Jesus." Later, she too gave her life to the Lord and then became involved in clubs.

So yes, the clubs are still happening, and we pray that God will continue to work in the lives of the children who attend them.



Give thanks to God for the ministry in Dublin which developed in the late 60s under Winifred McNabb and Mabel Rowan (née Dobbin).

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UPDATES FROM NORTH WEST ULSTER

Gareth McBeth, Trustee &
NW Ulster Committee Member

The ministry in the north west continues with Jennifer McNeill leading and organising alongside the committee. Although this year has been challenging, we praise the Lord for how he has raised up volunteers to take over the work in schools and Good News Clubs. These volunteers faithfully conduct the clubs that Jennifer has started and continue to reach the boys and girls of the area on a regular basis.

The Youth Challenge work continues to flourish being held fortnightly in Limavady in the Bridges Christian Fellowship. Again, the Lord provided a venue and willing volunteers who give of their time to disciple and teach this group. We pray that God continues to grow these young people in their love and service for him.

We find it so encouraging that those who have been to the Summer Outreach Training Course and served in the summer, come along to help and use their God-given

talents and abilities at Junior Youth Challenge as well. The Senior Youth Challenge has restarted and we pray that God would use and encourage those who come to grow deeper in their faith and live as a light for God wherever they are.

We are so thankful to God for his wonderful provision for the work in North West Ulster and we know that while it may continue to be challenging, the Lord is building his kingdom and reaching boys, girls and young people for his glory.



Give thanks to God for all he has done in NW Ulster since the work began under Roland Brown over 50 years ago.

75 YEARS OF MINISTRY IN IRELAND...AND BEYOND!

We thank the Lord for the many opportunities that he has given the CEF family in Ireland to take the gospel not just locally, but globally. Over the years, missionaries have been sent, support raised, and projects financed. God's glory has been proclaimed in the nations!

Years ago, I was a teenager helping at a camp where Ida Johnston was our missionary speaker. I remember her favourite colour was green, but most of all I remember her heart for taking the gospel to children in Lapland who had never once heard of the Saviour. As campers, it was great that we could contribute a little through our camp offering. Over the decades, others across Ireland supported Ida, along with many other missionaries and European national workers.

Our focus for continuing to express this international heart is the Shortfall Ministry. The work of evangelism has grown over the years, and there is still lots to do.

Over 300 workers across Europe who have not been able to raise their full budget are currently being blessed through the CEF Shortfall Ministry. In Northwest Europe, where Ida served, there is a current need for around £4,500 each month, to make sure the workers there can continue in the ministry. That's more than a normal camp offering! But maybe you can help to regularly meet some of this need each month!

The Shortfall Ministry provides for a large need, with a wide impact on the lives of children, as workers are funded.

75 years and we still get to be involved in what the Lord is doing around the world!

What a privilege!

For more Shortfall information,
visit: partners.cef-europe.com

prayer meeting invite:
cefireland.com/shortfallmessage

2025 COURSE

When: Monday evenings
Three 40 minute classes per evening,
running from **7:30 – 9:55pm**



- **Module 1 (4 weeks)**
27th January – 17th February
- **Module 2 (3 weeks)**
24th February – 10th March
- **Module 3 (5 weeks)**
17th March – 14th April

Where: Online via Zoom
Register at www.cefireland.com/tce2025

Closing date for registration is 8th January 2025

DIARY DATES

2nd Jan 2025

National Office reopens
after Christmas

16th–23rd March 2025

Spring Week of Prayer

18th–21st April 2025

Easter Conference

Could you help?



Over the past year, we've become aware of a serious issue with the steep bank between Seaview and Kilkeel harbour. Subsidence has caused a significant portion of land to move to the bottom of the bank, and while Seaview is in no immediate danger, we need to fix the issue as soon as possible. However, the total costs will be at least £60,000.

This is one of the most significant unplanned expenses we've ever had in the mission. If you would like to give towards this work, please visit www.cefireland.com/seaviewproject or contact our Finance Office (finance@cefireland.com / 028 9073 2263).



Thank you!

FAMILY NEWS

Congratulations to Emma Reid who got engaged to Colin Annett in September. Their wedding is planned for late December. Please pray that all the plans will go smoothly and that the Lord will bless them as they look to the future together.

As you will have read, Philip and Denise Annett have been appointed as Training Coordinators for CEF of Britain. Pray for them as they settle in to this new role.

Our congratulations to Heather and Aaron Bell on the birth of their son, Rowan, at the end of September. Please pray for Heather and Aaron that the Lord will give them wisdom as they seek to bring Rowan up in the knowledge of the Lord. Also remember Violet who now has a little brother!

We also congratulate Andrew and Beulah McMullan who have just become grandparents! James and Jenny had a little girl, Daisy, at the end of October. Please pray for the Lord's blessing on their family.



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