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PRAYER FOCUS: 6 – 19 July 2011

MODERATOR OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Pray for:

The Moderator as he attends the following:

- Thursday 7 July Meeting with CSSM Teams in Portrush.

BOARD OF MISSION IN IRELAND

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Mullingar & Corboy Presbyterian Churches – Revd Stephen Lockington

Pray for:

- Please pray for our Summer Camp in Mullingar from 11 – 17 July, and the PCI Summer Team who are joining with us to share in our work.
- Pray that as children, young people and adults engage with the Good News, they would believe it, the kingdom would grow and the church built.

Glenelly, Corrick & Badoney Presbyterian Churches – Revd Rodney Thompson

Prayer and Praise for:

- Praise God for well attended Children's Day services recently, where once again the gospel was clearly presented.

- Pray that the good seed of the Word that was sown would germinate unto salvation in the lives of both parents and children.
- Pray for the ongoing ministry of the Word, that through it many would come to know Jesus personally and that those who already know him would get to know him better.
- Pray for the Holiday Bible Club for children being held from 4 – 8 July.

Strand Presbyterian Church – Revd Danny Rankin & Deaconess Sharon Heron

Prayer and Praise for:

- An item of praise: We finished our June services in the school with a BBQ at Crawfordsburn, with many of our own folk attending; but also many of the families who we have been working with over the past year. It was a great success. God has really blessed us during our time at the school.
- Pray for the congregation as we adapt to another change. While the school is completely closed over the summer, we are meeting in the local Church of Ireland halls.
- Pray that God would continue to have his hand upon us and we would continue to grow and learn more of him and his plan upon our lives.
- Pray for the demolition of the old building. Work has started. However, on Saturday 2 July vandals burnt down the halls at the back of the church. Some damage was done to nearby properties.
- Do pray for this ongoing work and the protection of the building as it is taken down.
- Pray that this incident won't damage relationships with people in the area. For pictures and report from UTV go to www.missionireland.typepad.com.

Cork Presbyterian Church – Revd John Faris

Prayer and Praise for:

- We give thanks for Richard Patton, a volunteer intern who is now moving on to work with Ballykeel Presbyterian Church in Ballymena; and to study with the Cornhill Trust.
- Pray for God's blessing on his future.
- Pray for a team from Maghera Presbyterian Church who are coming to run a Holiday Bible Club in Aghada from Monday 4 – Friday 8 July.

Arklow, Enniscorthy & Wexford Presbyterian Churches – Revd Michael Anderson

Pray for:

- Pray for Will and Nancy Ackles who are pastoring the vacant churches in Enniscorthy and Wexford over the summer.
- Pray for a local family who are coming to terms with losing two unborn children recently. Pray for the third baby of the triplets who is making good progress.

Cavanaleck & Aughtentine Presbyterian Churches – Revd Colin Dickson

Pray for:

- Monday 18 – Friday 22 July Summer Outreach. Please pray for this week of activities and for the PCI Team that will be involved in the week:
 - *Kids Club* – Monday to Friday mornings.
 - *It's a Girl's Thing* – Tuesday to Thursday afternoons.
 - *Soccer Camp* – Monday to Friday afternoons.
 - *React Youth Nights* – Monday to Friday evenings.
- Thank God that the congregations are willing to get involved and work out our congregational mission plan.
- Pray that many from the community will come and hear the truth of God's love through the gospel.
- Pray for Zara Foster (Team Leader) and Michael Foster (Assistant Leader) and all the team as they work with the congregations, children, young people and interact with the community.
- Praise God for the opportunity to reach our community with the Good News.

Carndonagh & Malin Presbyterian Churches

This week, and in conjunction with Merville and Greenbank Congregations - a Holiday Bible School is being held. "Hero Headquarters" is being conducted by the Revd Gordon Best and a team from his Congregation of Newmills, near Portadown. This event, which attracts over 100 children each day, began last Sunday with a Commissioning Service conducted by the Revd Joseph Fell - the Vacancy Convener. The Service was followed by a lunch for all the Congregation and visitors. The evening meetings for the children are held in Greenbank's new and well equipped Church Hall. The Revd Best and his team were welcomed at Carndonagh last Saturday evening when a BBQ was enjoyed by all.

Westport – Karen Burns & Rhonda Glass

Prayer and Praise for:

- Praise God for an excellent team we've just had from California. Their Gospel clarity and zeal was very refreshing.
- Please pray for the seed sown to be watered in many hearts in East Mayo.
- Pray for Sharon, a young girl who came into the shop recently. She says she thinks about spiritual things every day. Pray that she will come to a Bible study.
- Please pray too for special summer outreach opportunities, such as the Ballina Street Festival on 13 July.

Athy – William Workman

In Athy we plan to have a Holiday Bible Club and meetings for teenagers for two weeks from 11 – 22 July. The first week an American team will be helping, but we are still looking for helpers for the second week from 18 – 22 July.

If you would like to help, or know of anyone who would be willing to help, please get in touch with William Workman at wworkman@gmail.com

Drogheda – Billy Patterson

Prayer and Praise for:

- Pray for our five-day-club running from 4 – 8 July.
- Give thanks that a lady who attended our Hotel Bible Study came to church recently. We hadn't seen her for a year; she also wants to come back to the Bible Study.

Friendship House, Sandy Row Belfast

Prayer and Praise for:

- Please continue to pray for Friendship House as there will be major staff changes in July and August. Ashley is leaving to go to a Presbyterian Church in America as a Young Adult Volunteer on 17 August. Also, Natalie's term as a full-time volunteer with BSW Volunteer programme finishes at the end of August.
- Please pray for their replacements, that God would be preparing the right people for the posts already and that the positions will be filled quickly and efficiently.
- Give thanks for Ashley and Natalie. Their work among the children and early teens has been an inspiration. They have given themselves sacrificially in true

service of their Lord. They will remain in the hearts of our young people for a very long time, as they, I know, will hold our young people in theirs.

- Please pray for Ashley and Natalie as they take up new positions.
- Pray for the Youth Team from Woodlands, Carrickfergus who will be working in Sandy Row from 1 – 5 July.

Special Events

Pray for:

- Keswick at Portstewart from 9 – 15 July www.keswickatportstewart.com
- New Horizon 16 – 22 July www.newhorizon.org.uk

PCI – YAC Summer Teams

Pray for:

- Mullingar 8 – 17 July
- Bailieborough 16 – 23 July
- Aghadowey 16 – 23 July
- Cavanaleck & Aughentaine 16 – 23 July