

Friends of the College

Updates from the Staff & Students at IBC



March 2016

Open Morning

We were encouraged by the interest shown at our Open Morning on Saturday 6th February. People came from near and far to learn more about the courses on offer at IBC. An informative presentation took place at 11am with a number of students being interviewed. Visitors also enjoyed a tour of the College, a chat with staff and a cuppa.

Our next Open Day is in April, why not call in and see us?



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OPEN DAY 2016

TUESDAY 12th APRIL 6.30-9.30pm

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Ministry Partnership Scheme in Coleraine

(Report by Richard Blayney for *abcinsight* magazine Feb/March 2016)

Since September 2014, I've been serving as the assistant pastor of Coleraine Baptist Church. Steph and I and our three children – Matthew, Ethan and Isla, have been part of the church since moving back from England in summer 2013, and were glad of the church's support during a year at IBC.

The role of assistant pastor is a new one for the church, and for me, so the opportunities for ministry have been varied. I've been preaching three or four times per month and writing Bible studies for some of our small groups. I try to get out to see folks from the church, particularly those in hospital or unable to come out on Sundays. I've helped with groups for teens and primary children, and I've co-ordinated the visits of an IBC evangelism team and *The Amazing Journey*. Assemblies and a few CU talks at several local schools have been highlights as well. It's an ongoing privilege to teach the Bible in a number of contexts, and also to come alongside people with differing circumstances and needs, talking and praying with them personally.

Over my time in Coleraine, Trevor Watson and I have met, fairly regularly to review and plan different aspects of our work. The elders here are a great encouragement and are always on hand for advice. Every few months I've also had the pleasure of coffee with Freddie McClaughlin – always intense but refreshing, and the coffee often likewise!

This role has provided an excellent environment to grow in different areas of ministry and personal discipline, whilst benefitting from the experience and wisdom of others, and will be something I know I will look back on with genuine gratitude to God in the years to come.

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Richard has just recently accepted a call to a Baptist church in the Republic of Ireland.



Please continue to pray for our students as they balance family, College and other commitments. We are grateful to God for His protection as a number travel many miles each week to attend classes. Our third year students are almost half way through their last semester with us and are seeking guidance for their next step.

As we look to September 2016 pray with us for 15 new Undergraduate students and 8 Postgraduate students.

Thank you for your prayerful support for the College