

# Harvest Season

**Exciting News About the Goodness of God in Belfast**



## Season of Harvest in Belfast EastSide Open Mic Night

What an incredible season it has been for YWAM Belfast! We have spent the last year and a half planting seeds of friendship, connection and service across our city and we have finally started to see the results of that long season of waiting.

The above picture is from our first ever EastSide Open Mic Night. This is one project that I am very passionate about. There is such a wealth of artistry in East Belfast and not much opportunity to share it within the local community. Also, I wanted to see if these events could serve as a connection between working class and middle class communities in East Belfast that seem to rarely interact with each other.

So far we have hosted three Open Mic Nights and we have been overwhelmed with the response! So many locals from all walks of life are bringing their music, poetry and stories to the local JACK coffee shop and are connecting with one another through their shared artistry.

**SUMMER!**



BorderWalk  
2017



Alight: Worship  
Nights



Youth Initiatives  
Summer Camp

## "Alight" Worship Gatherings

Also, over the summer we have begun hosting monthly worship nights in and around the city. These worship nights are focused on connecting the body of Christ from different denominational, geographical, and political backgrounds, and providing a space where people with diverse beliefs and worldview can worship God together. In a city like Belfast with such a deep history of conflict and religious sectarianism, gathering together as followers of Christ serves as a beautiful testimony of God's goodness. Sometimes simple but profound expressions of unity can make the biggest impact.

## BorderWalk 2017

As good as it is to have pioneered new projects over the summer, it is also so important that we maintain and continue to invest in relationships and ministry partnerships that we have already established. This year we have had the privilege of organizing and participating in YWAM Ireland's BorderWalk 2017. This was our fifth annual prayer walk along the border of Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. We walk together as YWAM Ireland and also with locals who join the walk along the way. We pray, worship, eat and serve together as we seek God's heart for this island.

## YI Summer Camp

Our team also got to help run the Youth Initiatives (YI) Summer Camp. This camp is an incredible opportunity for young people across Belfast and Northern Ireland to come together and learn about God and each other. A lot of the youth who attend this camp come from difficult home environments and still have feelings of animosity towards catholic/protestant communities. This cross-community summer camp was a great time to connect with these young people and see them encounter Christ together.

## Prayer Requests

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### FOR WISDOM

Please pray for me as I continue to pray and seek God for guidance for the future

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### OUR TEAM

Please pray that as we continue to pioneer new projects together that God would increase our unity.

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### NORTHERN IRELAND

As always, please join me in praying for God's love & reconciliation to transform this land

## Prayers for the Future



As you may know the visa that allows me to live and work in Northern Ireland expires this coming January. I have spent the last several months praying and asking God for guidance for the future. Although I do feel that I have some direction, this whole process has been a very challenging season for me. Please pray for me as I continue to pray and seek God for guidance for the future. If you would like more specific details please feel free to contact me at:

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