

Women's Fellowship

February 2017

In February we were delighted to welcome ladies from other churches in the village, as well as our own ladies, to our United Village meeting.

We were pleased to have Mr David Bell from Belfast City Mission to speak to us and tell us something of the work in which the Mission is engaged.

David, an Ahoghill man, has been working for the Mission for ten years and told us how the Lord led him to this work in Belfast. Since his arrival in the Mission he has worked in the Shore Road, Ballysillan and Rathcoole areas, and is presently working in the Mission's headquarters in Glengall Street where he is involved in mission development.

David gave us a brief history of Belfast City Mission and went on to give us a taster of the work it does today.

- There are 16 mission halls and 19 missionaries, linked to the PCI.
- Missionaries are involved in door to door visitation, building relationships and bringing God's word to people on their doorsteps.
- Mission halls run Sabbath Schools, children's meetings, holiday Bible Clubs and Girls' and Boys' Brigades.
- For adults they run Men's and Women's Fellowships, Lunch and Craft Clubs and English classes.
- Mission halls hold services on Sabbath evenings.
- Outreach work in Cornmarket is a key element of the work of BCM.
- The missionaries visit the sick and the elderly in their communities.
- They conduct weddings and funerals.
- The Mission organises a Christmas toy appeal for local children.

David emphasised that Belfast City Mission is a Faith Mission, relying on donations from churches and individuals, and so an offering was taken up for this work in Belfast.