

Northern Ireland

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Northern Ireland is known as the “Emerald Isle.” Because of the beauty and lush greenness of the countryside, this seems an appropriate nickname. The members of the Covenant Reformed Fellowship have welcomed us very warmly to this beautiful country. Their friendship has made the adjustments to a foreign country easier.

Although there are quite a few young people who attend the Fellowship, we do not, as yet, have a society. There are, however, plans to start one this fall. In the meantime, the young people, as well as the adults, attend the Wednesday Night Bible Study, and we visit back and forth as families.

On Thursday evenings, Andrew and Jonathon Reid (19) and their brother Stephen, who is sixteen, come to the manse for catechism classes. Between classes, we have tea and a chance to talk. Andrew and Jonathon are both busy with full time jobs; Jonathon is working as an electrician, and Andrew is taking classes in heat engineering. Stephen has just finished the equivalent of a high school education.

Cathy McCrory is a twenty-one-year-old college student attending Queen’s University in Belfast. Because of her outgoing personality, we have a lot of fun with her.

Linda Callendar is a young woman who has a special talent with children; the children of the Fellowship are all drawn to her. She works as a nurse in a local clinic.

Jonathon Foster is twenty-one, and his brother Luke is sixteen. Jonathon is interested in painting and decorating and will be taking classes this fall. Luke has converted the garage of his townhouse into a gym where he teaches the martial arts to about eight students; between this and his schoolwork he keeps very busy.

Mark Fenton (16) has been attending the Fellowship regularly with his parents. He has just finished his basic schooling and plans to take classes in mechanical engineering.

Now that you know a little about the young people here, would it not be great to meet them? We have considered the idea of having a retreat here. There are a lot of things that we can do, and, in spite of what you may have heard, the sun does shine. Would you be interested?

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