



The Thatchers

Waterford, Ireland



- Ireland's population, 4.5 million
- 34% of population 25 years old or younger
- Dublin's population over 1.2 million
- Waterford's population over 46,000
- 85% still claim to be Roman Catholic

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Dear Friends,

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"For this God is our God for ever and ever: he will be our guide even unto death." Psalm 48:14. It a great encouragement to see the longevity of God expressed to us throughout Scripture. God was, is and shall be God forever. This forever God will be our personal guide throughout our lives unto the time of our death.

The month of May brought about Kari's return to Ireland after finishing a good semester at college. This leaves her with one more year to go. June was a busy month with several things going at church and at home. We had a few visitors pass through. Lisa and I also celebrated our 31st anniversary. The first Sunday of July was blessed with a zoom meeting with a dear friends Evangelist Bob Jones and his wife Sue. Brother Jones has been coming to Ireland for two months every year since about 2012. Covid disrupted these annual two months of preaching meetings across the land of Ireland, but we were very thankful for the opportunity to have the special revival service via Zoom.

We continue to share the Gospel and distribute tracts and Bibles to the doors in the communities around the city of Waterford. A very clear and pointed evangelistic thrust was given through the preaching at church during the month of June. We have also seen some encouraging things with the young people in our church as well. There seems to be a bit of a spiritual growth spurt going on with some. My prayer and challenge is that some of these kids would catch a burden for ministry and respond to the call of God should that be His plan for their lives.

We are at the start of our summer holiday Bible club week. The theme is about the importance and value of life through the Australian themed Zoomerang adventure. It runs for three hours each day this week. 12 kids came out for our first day. This year has yielded us the greatest number of workers from our church. It is a blessing to see folks developing a burden to get involved and participate.

Lord willing next week we are planning to take our van across on the ferry to Scotland for a few days of family vacation time. It will be exciting as Lisa's dad's side of the family has connections to a Scottish clan and castle which we an intending to go and see. Another blessing in regard to this is that we have been having a few disconcerting issues with our van. I was really getting concerned that we would even be able to go as the noises and vibrations rather intense but evading my pinpointed detection. But praise the Lord Kaleb and I by God's grace got to the bottom of it and have made the repairs and in doing so found two other issues that needed fixed as well.

Please do continue to pray with us concerning our housing move situation. I have been chasing down leads that have been given to us but to no avail. Availability of houses is at an all time low and pricing for rent or purchase is at an all time high. We need to be in something by the end of September. Please to make this a matter of urgent prayer that the Lord would provide for us a place that is suitable to our needs and at an affordable and fair price.

Thank you for your love, prayer and support and extra gifts for our family.
May the Lord find us faithful,
Don and Lisa Thatcher & Family