

Dear prayer partners,

November 2024

We want to begin by thanking you from the bottom of our hearts for your outpouring of love over the last 20 years of our ministry here in Ireland. Thank you for your cards, love gifts, and especially the Christmas love gifts. We are so very appreciative of all of you.

I thought that I would mention in this letter some of the other activities we are involved with, that I do not always speak about. First, I do some volunteer work at a rehab center for those coming out of addiction (New Hope Residential Centre). I teach them on Wednesdays and play soccer with them on Mondays. They really are a great bunch of lads! It is such a blessing to see them come in the door, sit under Bible teaching for the first time, think about it, get saved in their church, and then get excited about their newfound faith in Christ. Furthermore, we have a joint music school supported by four missionaries at our building, and it is headed up particularly by two of the other missionary families. It is such a blessing to all of us as we watch our MKs progress in piano, harp, and other instruments. Jen usually conducts monthly ladies' meetings and hosts a ladies' retreat in November. It has been wonderfully used of God to help our ladies want to get away from the world and embrace Christ. Let me now speak of the fruit that our gracious LORD has been allowing us to see.



Our St. Patrick's Day outreach in March resulted in Anna and Murat coming to church. Murat had only gotten saved out of Islam a few weeks prior. Now, he is immersed in Bible studies and preparing for baptism. Anna will also join the church with him. Our Holiday Bible Club outreach in July has also resulted in fruit. Two sisters, Rachel and Ciara, came to church with their children. Then, both ladies took jobs requiring them to work Sundays, but God's people prayed. Ciara asked for Sundays off, came to church, and got saved. Now she comes to almost all the services! Rachel also got her Sundays off, came to church, and got saved last week. Please pray for both to be baptized and mature in their faith. Gary came to church a few years ago but then abruptly stopped. About a month ago, he turned up in church. Then he asked "permission" to come to Wednesday evening Bible study!! Of course!! He has been such a blessing, and he is loving church. Please pray for his discipleship and growth and for the salvation of his family (who are softening to the Gospel). Four Wednesdays ago, John, a young man Josiah and I met while out soul-winning a few years ago, came to church. He came to church to get saved! Since being saved, he has made MAJOR changes in his life. He told his employer that he could not sell cigarettes or alcohol, so they let him go. This week, he began a new job working with a floor layer. He is so hungry for the Word of God. Please pray for his discipleship and growth.

Concerning those who are already saved, several have come forward for baptism. Three gave their testimony on Sunday; others will probably do so in January. Please pray for their growth. Dorcas went through discipleship class but is not yet saved. Please pray for her to bow the knee before the LORD of All. Please don't think that all of this is normal in our ministry. I would that it was. This is God's gracious response to our fastings, prayers, and the tears of many after years of sowing. All glory goes to Christ Jesus alone!

On a personal note, thank you for continuing to pray about our vehicle needs. Jen's car has no issues, but mine is in the garage getting engine work. I do want you to thank the LORD with me that a missionary friend has offered me a loan of his spare car for the moment. That will help while my car is being repaired. Regarding the Muslims wanting to convert the building beside our church into a mosque, the planners will most likely grant planning permission for them to open up a commercial and a retail outlet. We fully expect them to use this as a "back door" for their mosque. Please pray for us to know how to navigate this.

Jenny will be writing a Christmas letter very soon. She will fill you in more on family stuff then. As I close, I would like you to rejoice with us that Josiah will be ordained by our church here in January! God is doing wonderful things, and it is such a privilege to serve Him!

Les, Jenny, Josiah (and Caroline ☺), Josh (18), Hannah (16), and John (13)  
PS: Pic across is all-church soul winners; pic above is the music school.

