



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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The last couple of months have seen increased turmoil among the Irish across the country. Ireland is now being overrun by unchecked, undocumented migration. Masses of people are coming out of Africa and the Middle East traversing across all of Europe to come to Ireland, a small island country in the Northwestern corner of Europe. This is mainly due to very generous social welfare handouts and medical coverage given out by the Irish government. EU figures show the rate of illegal immigration in Ireland is 10 times that of the EU average. Ireland has been in a very serious housing crisis since around the time of covid. The government is facing serious back lash because of this along with the various changes that government wants to implement upon Ireland as a whole. On that note, thank you for praying with us concerning the two referendums which took place in March. Both were strongly voted down by the Irish people with a 76% no vote. Praise the Lord! Local elections will be coming up in early June and this will be an opportunity to vote and influence government by choosing leaders that have a sense of moral values—these are becoming increasingly difficult to find.

We have had good service this spring along with visitors coming to the services. We have a family of four along with the couple that I had mentioned in the last letter. We also had a Nigerian family of three visit a week ago. Continue to pray with us for our church and those who visit as well as those who come regularly. The devil is certainly opposed to the light of the glorious Gospel shining out of our church. There is a very evident spiritual warfare going on in this country. Ireland has been a stronghold of the enemy for centuries under the cloak of religion. Much of the religion that has had a somewhat SEEMINGLY suppressive effect has been tossed off and the enemy roams freely and boldly pushing the envelope. Bambi Thug from Cork Ireland has topped the headlines as one of the Eurovison finalists last week. This is what she has said, "My goal in life is to make everybody leave all the other religions and join witchcraft." People all across the country are enamored with this person and the Irish government has wished her well in the competition. There is a small photo at the bottom of the page that I captured in the grocery store off the front page of a national newspaper. You can click on it and expand it to see for yourself if you so desire. The devilishness is very obvious. But this is where we are at in these perilous times as Paul puts it.

On a brighter note, Kaleb finish homeschooling this month, and we head out this week to Romania for Kari's college graduation and then on to the BIMI European field conference not too far from there in Croatia right after that. Looking forward to this special time. Upon our return we get right into the summer activities and events. Be praying for our summer holiday Bible club which will be 15-19 of July. Continue to pray for our outreach into the community as well as for those who need to identify in baptism. Thank you for your love and continued prayer and support of our ministry in Waterford Ireland.

May the Lord find us faithful,
Don and Lisa Thatcher & Family

