



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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Our family had a great time being able to go to Romania for Kari's college graduation in May. She graduated with very high grades receiving a Bachelors of Church Ministries degree. It was a special occasion for us as our BIMI European field director was there to preach at the graduation service. This was unique in the Our field director Ed Hembree was a missionary for several years in Romania and started the church as well as the Bible college that Kari has attended. The other special aspect to this time was this all transpired as we completed 20 years of ministry in Ireland. Following on right after the graduation we were easily able to attend the BIMI European missionary field conference which took place in Croatia. This was probably the most spiritually refreshing conferences that we have been able to attend in all of our years as missionaries.

June was busy with door to door activities as well as final preparations for our summer Holiday Bible Club. We had 15 kids for the week and had a great time teaching Bible truths to them. Four kids raised their hands that they were thinking about salvation. Continue to pray for these four as we continue to follow up on them. This year we had such a great spirit among the workers as it seems that our church folks are really starting to catch a bit of vision for the young people.

In church, we have had several visitor come and attend services through out the summer. We continue to pray that God would do great things in and through us here at Anchor Baptist Church. Our regular church folks seem to be gaining some depth in their walk with the Lord which is a great blessing as we see them memorizing Scripture and making application in their lives. This has been a theme that I have been striving for this year—moving from just the intact of knowledge to applying biblical Truth in daily living.

Kaleb has completed home schooling and we will be celebrating his graduation and having an "open house" type event on Friday evening the 16th of August at our church building. Kaleb has decided that he would like to go to the Bible college in Romania where Kari attended. So, Lord willing, Lisa and I will take him at the end of the month and get him settled in for his first semester. In the meantime, Kaley and Kari are wanting to learn to drive and get driving licenses. So, we are looking for a somewhat smaller car than our van for them to take driving lessons in and be much more manageable to drive than the van.

Thank you for praying with us along the way this summer. We are grateful for your continued prayer and ongoing support so that we can minister unto the Lord and on your behalf here in Waterford Ireland.

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

