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Church-planting in IRELAND

ALL IRISH CONVERSATIONS START WITH THE WEATHER

Mid to late February of this new year has meant buckets and buckets of rain for which Galway is famous. It is almost humorous, given the predictably wet nature of Irish weather, how the Irish go to great lengths detailing the weather. That is until you begin to appreciate the precision of their forecast quite contrary to the smartphone apps, then you too begin to talk about the weather!

BLESSED SERVICES STUDYING THE LORD'S PRAYER

We began this year studying and preaching through the Lord's Pattern prayer from Matthew chapter six, desiring God would put in our hearts an emphasis on prayer as we labour to share the Gospel. What transpired has rather surprised me. In studying the first half of the pattern prayer, the first three requests inescapably reveal a clear emphasis on Gospel work. Hence, we do not apply the power of prayer to the needs of missions; rather, Biblical prayer directs our hearts to missions. True prayer prompts missions zeal, increases the burden, and translates into action. As we labor in prayer, God places a burden for missions far greater than we naturally feel. This point has been most helpful as we continue to labor in Ireland.



Sunday at
Grace Baptist Church!

Meeting with
Anusha



Family pic with
Nana & Papa

Mountain biking
with HBC teens



VISITORS

The Lord sent two wonderful and much prayed for visitors to our church last month. Karen and Abby are Filipino ladies who recently moved to Ireland. They work in the operating room of a hospital in Castlebar and surprised us when they said their travel time to our church was almost two hours each way. They are precious sisters in Christ who desire to be part of a Bible-based Baptist church. Thank the Lord!

FURTHER STUDY

I was blessed to attend yet another seminary course given by Dr. Strouse. We studied through the book of Acts. This, along with being under the tutelage of a brilliant fellow-missionary, has deepened my understanding and greatly enriched our Wednesday evening Bible studies which we hold in our home each week, going through Acts.

ON THE DOORS AGAIN

Thankfully we have had days of less rain, especially on Saturdays. The last few weeks have been spent in areas that would be considered "student accommodation." Aoife (pronounced EE-fa) is a university student currently residing in this area. We had a brief but clear Gospel conversation. She listened well, as did a few other young people, and took the John & Roman we left. Please pray for these and, please also pray as we use St. Patrick's day as an opportunity to share the Gospel. Patrick was clearly a believer, and from his own words (in his short autobiography Confessions) we want to share the Gospel message he gave his life to declare. Thank you for your prayers and support, we greatly appreciate them!

PRAYER REQUESTS

SALVATION: Anusha, Francesco, Danny, Emma, Trevor. Karissa,

GROWTH: Bran, Lars, Margaret, John, Jerry, Donna

SPECIAL: wisdom, divine appointments, Patrick Outreach, Discipleship

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