

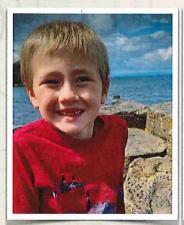


MISSIONARIES TO IRELAND

MINISTRY UPDATE

SEPTEMBER 2023

Greetings from Ireland! Praise the Lord for the incredible works that He is doing here in Mallow! We thank God for using our family to serve Him in Ireland









Our family has continued to enjoy the wonderful days of summer while they last! We have taken several family trips to locations near us to enjoy a few of Cork's local treasures, like Doneraile Park and Anne's Grove Gardens. The kids have enjoyed getting out into nature and learning more about God's creation. We also just started back to home schooling, and we are amazed at how much our kids absorb through their own reading and through the curriculum that Emily has carefully prepared! Please keep our kids in your prayers!

We have been very encouraged by the amount of visitors who have been coming to our church over the last several months. We are feeling the wonderful growing pains of needing more teachers and volunteers to help with the growing number of children and adults who have become regulars attenders every week. Many of our church members have begun filling these roles of teaching, and many more are interested in helping however they can. They have also taken even more ownership of caring for the church building by volunteering to help clean each week and prepare the building for worship. Praise God for answered prayers!

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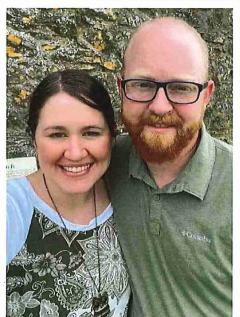
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As summer comes to a close, many of our regular activities are resuming, including teen nights. We have opened up our church every Friday evening, inviting all teens to come and learn some new games, like *Taco*, *Cat*, *Goat*, *Cheese*, *Pizza* and *Blank Slate*. Of course, their favourite game is always *Mafia*. We give away more than just pizza; we offer a challenge from Scripture every week. So far we have had an average of 19 teens attend! Please pray that we will continue to have an impact on them.

Emily worked really hard to put together a "Back to School Bash" last Sunday, honouring all teachers in our community and praying for our students as they start or return to school. She prepared dozens upon dozens of cupcakes and packaged a special gift for every student and teacher. The morning was a huge success, and we are hoping that we will be able to connect with more teachers and students in the coming days.



One-on-one discipleship is the long-term work that is the backbone of our ministry here. Every week we meet with our disciples, examining the Scripture and connecting on a deeper level. Nothing has brought more spiritual growth individually or corporately than these discipleship relationships. Please pray that more of our church members will become invested in discipling others, and pray that these relationships will unite our church even more into a *community* of believers.

Finally, we have several upcoming events that need your prayer. September 8-9, we are launching *Engage! Youth Conference*, a special weekend for all teens to commit to following Christ. Bible Study will be resuming the 6th of September, and we honestly cannot wait! Also, a family conference that we had to postpone due to Covid will finally be happening 8-10 October. We covet your prayers for each of these events, and we look forward to sharing all that God will do!

Thank you so much for your prayers and your support! We cannot do this without you.

John, Emily, Abigail, Josiah, Micah, Noah and Lydia Slater

Praises & Prayers

- 1. Pray for our disciples and disciplers.
- Pray for Mallow Bible Fellowship and Tralee Bible Fellowship.
- 3. Pray for Emily's continuing medical needs.

- 4. Pray for the purchase of the building for the church in Mallow.
- 5. Would you please prayerfully consider joining our ministry?