



# MISSIONARIESTO IRELAN

### **MINISTRY UPDATE**

Greetings from the Emerald Isle! We are always eager to share with you the many ways that the Lord is working here, and we hope that this letter will be an encouragement to you





It has definitely been a challenging month. Our family has faced multiple sicknesses that have gone through each member. We appear to be on the tail-end of it, and we are praying for the end of it as we enter a particularly busy season of ministry. This month has been even more challenging as our van has been out of commission for a month. It has been towed from one mechanic to the next, and we still have no idea when we will be getting it back. In the mean time, a kind member of our church has offered the use of their car to help us with errands, for which we are incredibly thankful. Please pray with us that our van will be returned to us in full working condition as soon as possible and that the repairs wouldn't be too costly.

Mother's Day was a delight this year, with many moms in attendance. We always give a special gift to our mothers to honour them, and this year was extra special because Abigail helped to create a unique gift. Last year she started a new craft creating candles. She sources tea cups, glasses, and vases from thrift stores, fills them with soy-based wax, and scents and dyes them herself. She offered to help use her skills to create special candles for the mothers, and they turned out beautifully. We are so proud of her!

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We believe that our church's credibility in the community has been more firmly established due to our new permanent location (the closing should take place this week!). We enjoyed our largest crowd in five years during our Easter service in March with over eighty in attendance! The Gospel was preached powerfully, and many Gospel conversations have taken place ever since. We have an equal ratio of long-standing members and newer families who have only begun attending within the past year. Praise God for His drawing of people to His Word!

In April, we encouraged our congregation to come to special training sessions on personal evangelism. Our church will be sharing the Gospel at the Mallow Home and Garden Show 24-26 May, which is attended by thousands from around Ireland. Many expressed an interest, and we held a four-part evangelism series on Sunday evenings. People of all ages learned how to share their faith on a consistent basis. Our oldest kids faithfully came to the training and instantly began using the Bible to talk with their friends about Jesus. Please pray that all of our church members will be faithful to communicate God's Word to the lost, and pray that many will sign up for the upcoming evangelistic campaign at the festival.

We are continuing to minister to teenagers in the community every Friday, providing pizza and games and answers to their questions about the Bible. We are excited to announce that we will be hosting Camp Vertical Perspective once again 30 June-5 July 2024. One of the highlights of the year, teen camp has proven to be a catalyst for life change, with over 40 salvations and dozens of commitments to serve the Lord. We ask each teenager to pay €200 (\$220) for camp, which covers a portion of the total camp budget. We do this to make camp as affordable as possible for families. As we all know, inflation has affected every area of life. We have had to raise the cost for each student this year to try and close the gap. More families are also finding themselves struggling to find extra funds. Would you please prayerfully consider sponsoring a teenager to go to camp? Even a small gift to help partially cover a student will make a huge difference! If you would like to help, please visit <a href="https://bit.ly/campvpfund">https://bit.ly/campvpfund</a> or scan the QR code below.

Thank you so much for leaning your shoulders into the work that is being done here in Mallow. May the Lord bless you richly!

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

#### **Praises & Prayers**

- 1. Praise God that the building purchase is about to close!
- 2. Pray for teen camp.
- 3. Pray for the evangelistic campaign.
- 4. Pray for Emily's continuing medical needs.
- Pray for Mallow Bible Fellowship, Tralee Bible Fellowship, and the church plant in Fermoy.
- 6. Pray for repairs to our vehicle.
- 7. Would you please prayerfully consider joining our ministry?



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