



SLATERS

SERVING IN IRELAND

MINISTRY UPDATE

JULY 2024

Greetings to all of our friends from the beautiful country of Ireland! These warm summer days turn the Emerald Isle into a jewel of God's creation, and we are reminded at every bend in the road of God's glory.



Our family has been very busy the past several months. Summer has been filled with activities and events, and we have even hosted family visiting from the United States! Throughout the summer, we have enjoyed spending the extra daylight hours on family walks, campfires, and extended playtime. We have also been working to get our house in order and our bags packed as we prepare for our furlough this fall. With this only being our second furlough, we have had to prioritise churches that we were unable to visit previously as well as schedule some new churches. Our schedule is already quite full, but, if you are interested in having us visit your church or meeting up with us, please contact John at jrslater88@gmail.com. We would love to see you!

In June we were privileged to baptise three believers in our baptistry/water trough. Baptism is especially bold here in Ireland, where most have been baptised as infants into the Catholic Church. To be baptised again is usually confirmation in the eyes of most that you have officially entered into a cult. We are proud and thankful for those who are willing to stand against the culture and cheerfully embrace Christ as born-again believers.

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We led a teen camp with the help of our sending church, Henry Baptist, at the beginning of July. \$2000 was raised to help teenagers go to camp, and we appreciate all of those who took part. Many of our teens would have been unable to attend without your support. Over the course of one week, thirty-six young people heard the preaching of God's Word, shared their stories in small groups, played exciting games and enjoyed *incredible* food (thank you, Team Chef!). The team from Henry Baptist worked tirelessly all week to minister to the youth, and it was clear that the Lord had brought exactly who He wanted to minister to our teenagers.

Emily and Amber worked for months on preparing the menu, ordering the food, and organising all of the logistics of feeding sixty-five hungry people out in the peat bogs of County Meath. We were also blessed with the help of one of Amber's close friends, Jess, who travelled from the United States specifically to cook for our camp. They really outdid themselves, as always, and everyone enjoyed some incredible American and Irish cuisine.

God moved mightily throughout the week, and four teenagers were saved at camp! Not only that, but so many teens made beautiful decisions to be faithful to the Lord and allow Him to conquer fear in their lives. We are working diligently to encourage them to continue to follow Him throughout the year. Please pray for our youth, for their parents and families, and for our church.

As excited as we are to come back to the States to share what God has been doing here in Ireland, it was a bittersweet service this past Sunday as we said our goodbyes to our church family and encouraged them to continue to serve the Lord faithfully under the care of our teammates, Doug and Amber Staley. We are confident that the Lord will continue to work mightily in their lives in our absence. Please pray that our church members will continue to serve faithfully and embrace new roles of evangelism and discipleship, and pray for our teammates as they continue to work faithfully in the harvest.

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

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| 1. Pray for those who made decision at camp. | 5. Pray for Mallow Bible Fellowship, Tralee Bible Fellowship, and the church plant in Fermoy. |
| 2. Pray for the ongoing efforts in Mallow. | 6. Pray for repairs to our vehicle. |
| 3. Pray for safety during our furlough travels. | 7. Would you please prayerfully consider joining our ministry? |
| 4. Pray for Emily's continuing medical needs. | |