

SLATERS

SERVING IN IRELAND

MINISTRY UPDATE

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We're back! We arrived safely back in Ireland at the beginning of January, and we are eager to share with you what God is doing here!

The end of 2024 found us busily packing suitcases and preparing to say goodbye to our friends and family in the United States. We were able to report to several of our supporting churches and even share our ministry with a new church as well! Parting from our loved ones is never a welcome prospect, but we are so grateful for the time that we spent with everyone. Many tears were shed, but we know that obedience to the Lord is always worth it.

We landed back in Ireland at the beginning of January, where we were met with cold and snow! Our country hardly ever receives snow, and the kids wasted no time in enjoying themselves. Although the snow disappeared after a few days, illness has hung around our house. One child started feeling sick the night before we left, and, over the last month, illness has been passed around. While illness is a normal part of life, it added an extra level of stress in the midst of cleaning the house, unpacking, and adjusting back to life in Mallow. Please pray that those who are currently ill will recover full health.

We are also excited to report that the Lord has provided us with a van! We are so grateful to those who gave sacrificially so that we could purchase this vehicle for our ministry. It is truly a miraculous blessing from the Lord that suits our needs perfectly. We are awed at the kindness and care that He has shown us in this provision.



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While we were on furlough, the congregation in Mallow celebrated the birth of Christ with special Christmas services and a youth Christmas pageant. Even the teenagers got involved in retelling the story of the birth of Jesus Christ. The church was packed with members and visitors as they enjoyed a special Christmas potluck lunch and worshipped the Lord. We are so thankful for the continued numerical growth of the church!

We are also thrilled to share that the church is growing spiritually, being discipled and equipped to serve the Lord. Our deacons, MJ and Jeremy, have worked diligently to take more leadership roles in the church, overseeing the children's ministry and now the audio/visual ministry. Additionally, we had several church members take an active role in teaching the teenagers while we were gone both on Sundays and Friday evenings.

Of course, we are both also enjoying the opportunity to jump back into local church ministry. We have resumed our roles leading the music and youth programs, but our hearts' desire would be for these roles to be transitioned to trained and qualified church members who will serve the Lord with joy. Please join us in praying that the Lord will prepare their hearts even now for ownership of these ministries.

We are also continuing to plan out our discipleship of individuals in our church. We were both discipling a couple who have moved about thirty minutes away, so we are still working out how to effectively disciple them regularly in a way that will work with their schedules. We have also enjoyed reconnecting with other families in our church and community, and we are excited to continue to be a spiritual influence on their lives.

Thank you all so much for your faithfulness in supporting us. We look forward to all that God will do as a result of our united obedience to His will!

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



Praises & Prayers

1. Pray for the ongoing efforts in Mallow.
2. Pray for Emily's continuing medical needs.
3. Pray for funds to be raised for camp this year.
4. Pray for Mallow Bible Fellowship, Tralee Bible Fellowship, and the church plant in Fermoy.
5. Would you please prayerfully consider joining our ministry?