

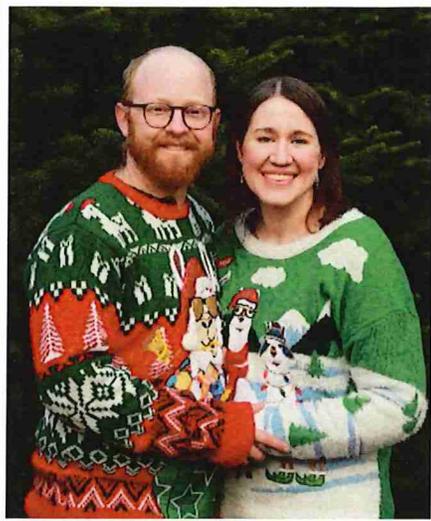


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Greetings from the very rainy winter season here in Mallow, Ireland! What a wonderful season it has been to spread the joy of the Gospel!

Our children are continuing to grow in maturity and height! Abigail is continuing in her violin lessons, and she was able to take part in her first recital in December. We are so proud of her! Our children continue to be voracious readers, and Noah has progressed quite a lot in his own reading skills. We have received notice that all four of our home schooled children will be assessed by TUSLA (the child and family agency), so please pray that this will go smoothly.

We appreciate your continued prayers for Emily's trigeminal neuralgia and the tooth issues she has been having. She received an X-ray on her lower jaw, which revealed tooth resorption due to an auto-immune response in her molar. An oral surgeon extracted the molar, which has since healed well. However, she is continuing to experience radiating pain on both sides of her face. Her nerve pain is so intense that just being conscious is debilitating and threatens to overwhelm her. She maintains a brave composure, but this pain is taking a severe toll on her. Due to the complexity of her neuralgia, we do not have much hope for a medical answer. Our next step is a follow-up with the neurologist. Best case is they will approve a medication for her to try; however, this medication offers little success for patients with her atypical presentation. Our only hope is in the LORD. He is sovereign, and He is the Great Physician. Please pray with us for His complete healing of her pain and for continued resilience for her own strength.



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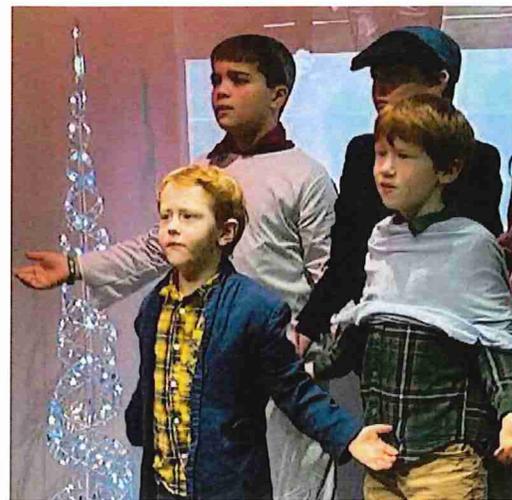
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The Christmas season brought with it numerous opportunities to engage with our community and strengthen the unity of the church. The Christmas dinner is always a highlight of the year, and it attracted so many people to come enjoy food and hear the Gospel message. We were invited by a local nursing home to come sing carols to the residents, and we were warmly received. We hope to continue this ministry throughout the year. We are thankful for the wonderful children's ministry teachers who organized and rehearsed with the children to perform a Christmas pageant during our Sunday morning service, which was a great opportunity once again to invite the community to hear the Gospel. We also enjoyed a special Christmas Eve communion service with our congregation.



The Lord provided us the opportunity to make a quick trip to the States to speak at several churches and to be a part of our sending church's missions conference. As we travelled to churches in Georgia and in Texas, we were encouraged immensely by the warmth and welcome we received. We were also thankful to speak to adults and teenagers on the great need for more laborers for the Lord's harvest. Abigail was able to attend CRAVE, a missions emphasis weekend designed for teens to find their purpose in world evangelism. She was able to reconnect with friends from America while simultaneously being challenged to pursue God's purpose for her own life. We are so grateful for our sending church, Henry Baptist, for providing the funds necessary to bring our family to the States to speak at the conference.

We have an important update regarding the building planning in Mallow. Our application for our fire safety certificate has been approved! Thank you so much for your prayers during this process. The next step is to receive approval for our Disability Access Certificate, which has already been submitted. We are hoping to have it approved in the next few weeks. Then we can begin the renovation process!

We have two very important prayer requests. Our teammates, Doug and Amber, have been informed that they must move out of their rental home this year. Rental property is extremely difficult to secure, and so far they have come up empty. Please pray for wisdom as we evaluate all of their options; we know that the Lord has something wonderful in store for the work here. Also, Brian and Monica will be submitting the remaining papers for her visa this week. Please pray that she receives approval quickly so that they can continue in the work they are doing both in Mallow and Fermoy.

We cannot thank you enough for your prayers and support for our family. May the Lord bless you richly for your faithfulness!

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