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MINISTRY UPDATE

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Greetings to all of our friends throughout the world! We are so thankful for all that God is doing here in Ireland, and we are excited to share it with you!

Our kids are doing well! We recently had an assessment for our home education in which four of our children were evaluated on their progress in school. The assessor seemed pleased with all that we have been doing. Emily works very hard to document all of their schoolwork, which helped speed up the process. We are very thankful for the ability to homeschool our children here in Ireland, especially since many European countries do not allow home education.

Thank you for your prayers for Emily's health. She was able to see a neurologist in March. The neurologist prescribed a medication in the hopes that it would relieve her pain. Unfortunately, the medication has brought with it some major side-effects which have triggered other significant issues. We have been praying that these will be relieved so that she might give the medication time to work. Please pray for relief for her symptoms and complete healing of her trigeminal neuralgia. It can be very discouraging and overwhelming, but her hope is in the Lord. Thank you so much to those who have encouraged us with your texts and comments on social media; we are praying that the Lord will make clear what the next step needs to be.

We were excited to celebrate all those involved in our discipleship process in February. We spent an entire Sunday encouraging our church on the importance of one-on-one discipleship, challenging them to take part. Incredibly, we had ten men and women approach us in the week that followed with a desire to be discipled. This brings our total number of one-on-one discipleship relationships to twenty!



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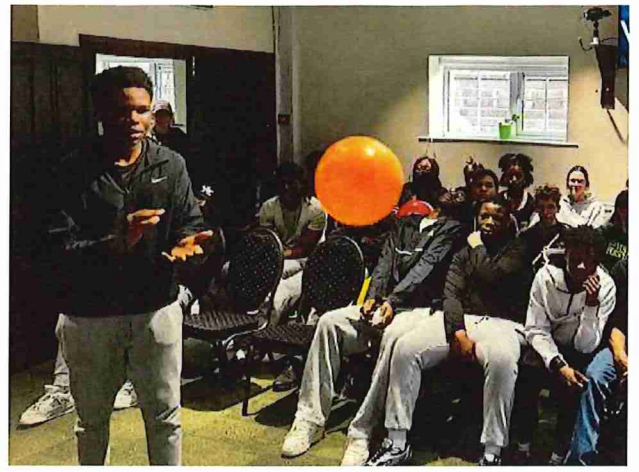
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We were thrilled to welcome Leon Valley Baptist Church in March as they hosted a free conference for European missionaries and their families here in Ireland. Our teammates Brian and Monica have spent months planning and facilitating this conference, and it was truly a blessing for all of the missionaries who attended. We were so thankful to meet many who have walked the same journey that we are walking. We were also grateful to spend time in fellowship and recreation with fellow believers. Our children also had the privilege of spending time with other missionary kids, and they have formed some friendships for life.



The team also spent their time with us after the conference working hard on updates to the building. They also hosted a youth conference that Saturday evening, and thirty-three teenagers attended! Not only were they able to hear the gospel and have a clear invitation to accept Christ, but they were also invited to come to camp with our church this year. We were able to give away several camp scholarships, and the buzz about camp is already building. To date, we have fifteen teenagers who have registered to go to camp, and we are praying for twenty-five more.



The month of March had two very important holidays for the Irish. Mother's Day is always an incredible celebration of the hard work that the mothers in our congregation exert for their children and homes. We were so excited by the amount of mothers who attended, and we honoured them with a small gift. Our church was also able to do a special holiday outreach for Saint Patrick's Day! We invited our congregation to join us in our town parade, where we carried a banner with a QR code that would share the gospel to all who followed the link. Additionally, 600 tracks were handed out along the parade route, along with a bunch of sweets! Please pray with us that the word of the Lord will return full and overflowing!

We are also thrilled to announce that, in addition to our fire safety certificate, our construction plans for disability access were approved! We are now waiting on the architect and engineer to put together a plan to carry out the work. Please pray that they will move quickly so that we can get to work! We would love to be able to have the building suited to our needs as quickly as possible. Please also continue to pray for Doug and Amber as they search for housing, and pray for wisdom for our church on how we can assist them.

Thank you all so much for your faithful prayers for our family and our ministry. We couldn't do this without you!

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

