

# NEWSLETTER

Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart:  
wait, I say, on the LORD. Psalm 27:14

## Prayer Request

- Please pray that we are able to build more relationships with people in the community and to see them come to know Christ.
- That we will be able to lead people to the Lord and start one-on-one discipleship in the month of January.
- That the kids would make the right friends at school.
- That our dual citizenship would be approved in January.
- That our new teammates will be able to find affordable housing here in Tralee so they can get settled into the ministry.
- That we find a church location in January.



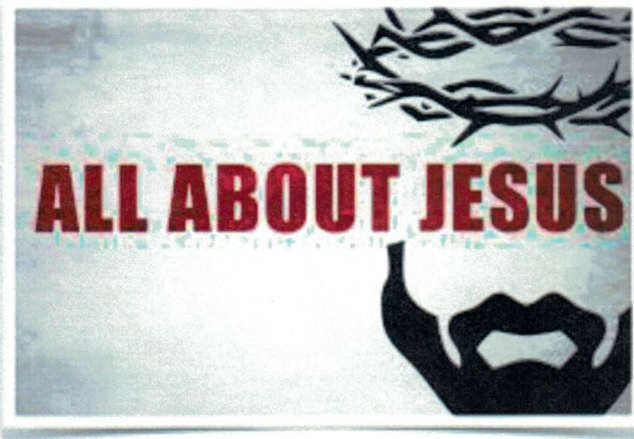
## Patience

Patience, according to Webster: the capacity to accept or tolerate delay, problems, or suffering without becoming annoyed or anxious. How many of us are genuinely patient? Sure we may think we are and may even show those qualities periodically, but sooner or later if you're like me, it runs out. 2019 was a year of change and waiting on the Lord for our family. If I were to be honest with you, when I prayed about things like our naturalization, I would give it to Him and then immediately claim it again. I know first hand that God is in control, and no matter the outcome we will honour Him because at the end of the day this seemingly massive situation is nothing to our God and it pales in comparison to His power and might. I have a verse that always comes to mind in these situations that reminds me of an important truth. "Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear" Isaiah 59:1.

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So in this new year of "2020", we are not going to get annoyed or anxious about the things we do not have control over. This year we are going to strive to be more patient while seeking God and His timing alone. We will wait upon the Lord as we boldly enter into the throne room seeking Him to permit us to be permanently established here Ireland. We are also praying about a couple of things in particular. First, His work in our new location of Tralee to get up and going and secondly allowing us to give our extended family "big hugs" on American soil personally. For the last six years of being on the field we have wrestled with some of these things, and at times it wears us down.



## *Sharing Christ*

I love to share Christ with as many people as I can and when I can get into a more in-depth conversation with anyone that will listen. Quite often people here want to know who we are and why we are here. I love that question and always try to interject the gospel into the answer as best as I can. Often I have found that it takes more than one conversation to get down to the nitty-gritty, so to speak. I'm noticing more and more

people claiming to be pagan in their religion. Honestly, it's a type of agnostic-catholic-paganism which is a weird combination to unfold. I was speaking to a man recently in his later twenties that identifies as just that. I would consider him to be a friend, and I've shared with him on multiple occasions what Jesus means to me and how we follow the authority of the bible at our church and in our family. It got to the point in our conversation, where I asked him if he knew what the gospel meant. He muttered something obscure, and I asked him with great excitement if he would like to know what the gospel is in the bible, and he said..... No! I looked at him and pleaded with him to no avail. He told me that he loves to see how excited I get when I talk about Jesus but that he had no interest. Talk about an emotional plane crash. I told him once again that if he ever comes to a point in his life where he would like to know or has any questions about our conversations, with all the excitement I can muster up, I would share God's truths with him. I wish this story were an oddity, but sadly it isn't.

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