

NEWSLETTER

4 Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. 1 Timothy 2:4

Please Pray:

Please pray for a new ministry we will be starting in the Autumn to reach young professionals aka University students.

Salvation

Please pray that we have the opportunity to lead someone to Christ.

Family Matters

Please pray for our family. Because time never stops our kids seem to keep growing more mature. Chloe will be moving back to the U.S in October which will be our second one leaving the nest. Clark 16 and Catherine 15 are working their way through Secondary school (High school). I believe most of us understand the struggles there.

Praise

We were able to see spiritual walls come down do to our outreach during the Rose of Tralee festival.



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I want to start this newsletter by saying hello and thank you! If you take the time to read this newsletter, we want to thank you from the bottom of our hearts and tell you that we love you.

Where do I start? I aim to get you up to speed on everything the Lord is doing here in Tralee in this short update. I guess I better pick up where I left off. After our first Missions Emphasis Month in May, we went full steam into the summer. This summer was remarkable because we had several ministry opportunities planned out, and COVID was in our rearview mirror now. It was time for this new church (Tralee Bible Fellowship) to start pushing forward. If you were to ask us what ministry is our favourite, we would respond with a hardly One-on-one Discipleship! We continue to disciple a few people and cannot wait to begin more. After that, I love getting the church's men together outside Sunday mornings. We call the men's group Fella-ship. We went deep-sea fishing in July. I believe it's vital for men in the body to have a community of support outside the walls of the church building as much as possible. And yes, of course, there are bragging rights for an entire year, haha.

Our August plans were a year in the works. What I mean is that due to COVID, the Rose of Tralee Festival has been cancelled for the last two years. And this year was its triumphal return. This festival is centred around crowning a young woman as the "Rose of Tralee" in a pageant event. You might be asking yourself what a beauty pageant has to do with ministry. Well, this beauty pageant draws people of Irish descent from around the world and many without Irish ancestry. And that means that Tralee swells in numbers and numbers mean ministry opportunity. As missionaries, we are blessed to have some fantastic supporters, and one of those supporters is First Baptist Church of Jackson from Canton, Ohio. FBCJ brought a team of 13 individuals with servant's hearts to share the gospel.



The family minus our oldest son Connor and his wife Holy



Fella-ship deeps fishing

The team was led by Pastor Stephen Wineka, a personal friend. Watching this group from day one was something special. On the first day, we had planned to hit the streets to try and get into some spiritual conversations. The group was nervous with anticipation of what was to come. Would the Irish people receive them? Would they have the words to utter? Would they be able to muster the courage? And whatever other fear the devil tried to derail us with was knocking at the door. Denise and I could see them all settle in, and what impressed us was their love for the Lord, each other and their willingness to push past all their insecurities for the sake of the gospel. No matter where you are on this giant planet, watching your brothers and sisters push on for the name of the Lord is genuinely inspirational. Because of their efforts, I believe the ground here in Tralee is a little softer than before they came. Two people came to visit our Sunday service. This resulted after a week's toil and talking to hundreds of people. Please pray that these two individuals will accept Christ as their saviour and be born again.



180* teen group

Our 180* teen ministry is ramping up now that school is back, and we saw a significant increase in numbers at our last meeting. We are also planning to launch a young adult ministry for all the university students attending MTU here in Tralee in a few weeks. Devon and Emma have a genuine heart for young adults and will spearhead the whole ministry with Denise and me playing the background. The name is Identity, where we desire to see these young men and women find themselves in Christ. We are planning to launch in October.

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For some time now, we have been praying for God to raise teammates up; whether they come domestically or abroad, it doesn't matter to us. We see that slowly taking place domestically and abroad, where we had a wonderful couple from Kansas come on a survey trip for three weeks to pray about joining Team Ireland. Tyler and Sarah Prince had their eyes open to the real need for boots on the ground here in Ireland. The task at hand is sooooo much more extensive than any one man can handle, so that's why we see the Lord sending His disciples out as teams. Right now, we are all praying about God's direction and seeing if He wants us to work together to reach the Republic of Ireland with the gospel. Could the Lord be calling you to team up with us as well?