

Newsletter

“And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.”

Galatians 6:9

Empty Tomb, Full Hearts

Although I’m reporting on what the Lord has accomplished in us and through us during April, there was no “fooling around.” I’m glad the month starts with a few practical jokes—if we’re honest, after a tough winter, we probably all needed a good laugh. But while April may begin with some lightheartedness, the lessons God taught us this month were anything but light. They were serious... and they were deeply joyful.



Good Friday movie night at Tralee Bible Fellowship

Early in the month, a young lady came to me with her mother and said, **“I put my faith in Jesus.”** I never get used to hearing that. No matter how many times the Lord lets us witness it, it always stirs deep joy in my soul. In moments like that, Denise and I are reminded again: serving the Lord here in Ireland is worth it.

I don’t want to underplay the cost of ministry. The cost is real. There are sacrifices that don’t show up in a photo or a prayer card—being away from ageing parents and family, missing the day-to-day of grown children and grandchildren, feeling the weight of distance in moments you wish you could be present. Those costs are not small. But then you hear, “I put my faith in Jesus,” and it’s like the Lord Himself reminds you why you came. Watching lives change, seeing families transformed, seeing the gospel take root here—and then be sent from this small church in Tralee out into the world—there’s nothing like it. And when we see believers go through one-on-one discipleship and then begin discipling others, it humbles us. It’s God at work. So Denise and I keep our eyes fixed on Him, because He is worthy of it all. And honestly, it still amazes us that He chooses to use two people like us to serve Him here.



Denise and I, along with Catherine, on Easter Sunday.

Then Good Friday came, and we gathered at the church to watch a Christian movie together. Nights like that are such a gift, because they open a door for people to invite friends—friends who might never come to a regular church service, but who will come to something like this. As I looked around the room, the Lord quietly reminded me of something I need to remember often: **love and serve the ones who want to be here, who want to learn, who want to love the Lord.** Not everyone comes with that posture—and that can be discouraging if

you let it. But God helped me see again the joy of investing in those who are hungry. As Paul told Timothy, we are to teach faithful people who will pass it on to others.

And then Easter arrived, and once again the Lord strengthened us as we celebrated our risen Saviour. On Sunday, **April 26**, I’ll preach the final message in the series, **“Raised in Power, Proclaimed to the World.”** This series has reminded us that the risen Christ is not merely to be admired—He must be received, believed, and obeyed as Lord. From the triumphal entry to the empty tomb and onward to the nations, we’ve been pressed with the truth that Jesus died, rose again, and now sends His people out with the gospel. The call has been simple and weighty: live in the power of the resurrection, carry Christ to others, and make much of the Lamb who is worthy. And after a month like this, one truth still never gets old: **God is good all the time!**



Project 4:32

Please continue to pray for Project 4:32 Phase 2. Because of one generous donation, we’ve now reached **26%**—praise the Lord.



Between the bright spring evenings, the warm fellowship, and the steady goodness of God, there’s been no shortage of craic this month—especially with Easter weekend bringing full hearts, full seats, and plenty of reasons to rejoice.



- New believer follow-up
- Faithful leaders raised up
- Project 4:32 Phase 2 provision



“Like a dog with two tails”

It means **very happy and excited**, usually in an obvious, almost childlike way

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Concept photo for Project 432. Isn't it amazing?