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The Ledbetters in Ireland

For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds. 2 Corinthians 10:4

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Dear Precious Friends in the Ministry!

I am finally getting around to writing this Prayer Letter! It has been one very busy winter here in Ireland! As I write this, the whole family is spread out across our kitchen table finishing Christmas cards, and crafts for Christmas, and I am writing this letter to all the precious folks who love us and prayerfully support us here in God's Country (Ireland)! Thank you for co-labouring with us for souls and church-planting here!

Christmas is in full swing here in Ireland. Christmas traditions that we have here include getting everyone in our church out onto the streets singing Christmas Carols and handing out thousands of Christmas Gospel Tracts! The folks love it and it really is a chance to impact our community with lifting up the Lord Jesus publically! We also have a Christmas Cantata being performed just before Christmas with a big evangelistic push for it. Our church also gathers for Christmas Dinner just 2 weeks before Christ's birthday.

And then on Christmas Day we all gather for just one hour to honour the One whose birthday we call Christmas – we gather to sing and sing and sing, and I preach and then we fellowship until we have to leave to head home for family dinner! I wish you all could be here, but please, know that you do have a very special part in all this!



Cork Bible Institute. I am preparing the remaining final exams for this semester for our students enrolled in the Cork Bible Institute. The students have worked-through quite a heavy load this semester, and the Lord is helping them grow by leaps and bounds. Please pray that God would have His way in calling someone to be an Irish pastor one day soon!

Preacher's Workshop. Part of the Bible Institute involves a class for the men called *Preacher's Workshop*. It covers training in Biblical research, preaching, teaching, public speaking, lesson and sermon preparation, and debate. The guys love it, and the Lord is ironing out some real godly, and fearless men for future ministries. Some of them have already had chances to not only preach in our church here, but also in other churches in Ireland!

Preached a Men's Retreat in Scotland. I have made several preaching trips lately, but one was really special and dear to my heart as I and some of the men from our church went to Scotland to lead a Men's Retreat for a few churches there. We love getting men together, and preaching through a godly leadership subject with hungry men. Thank God for men hungry for change in their own lives! Also, this year was one of the busiest for me travelling to the States to preach Mission's Conferences. The Lord has been very good to me giving me the chance to impact churches for souls!

Family News – The kids are growing up (duh)! **Sharon** is midway through her third year at West coast Baptist College and doing wonderfully! We can't wait to see her this Christmas – it will be a year since we last saw her! **Joel** is living in Hot Spring Arkansas and enjoying it there, working and finally able to make some money. **Ruth** is finishing her final year of High School classes, and she and I will be looking into the various Bible Colleges next year to find the Lord's will for her next stage of life! What a blessing! **Joshua** is really developing his ability to draw, and is very good at roller-blading at the nearby park. **Sarah** is our princess, and still loves art, crafts, dolls, and nature! She really enjoys astronomy (I can relate to that because I love it too)! Raising children is harder than ever, and I stand in amazement of the grace and protection that God gives in spite of ourselves! Thank you for not only praying for my wife and I, but also our children!

Prayer Request Summary

- Please pray for the following precious people to repent and trust Jesus Christ: **Ann M, Andreas G, Stephani J, Caroline K, Tadgh O'C, Celine and Martin C, Ann M, Edward B, Sandra OC, Nora OK, James, Carmen, and others!**
- Pray for these Christians to grow: **Kathleen, Jim, Weston, JD, Michael M, Mary Ann, Don K, Richard and others!**
- Pray for our daughter **Sharon** at *West Coast Baptist College*, and our son **Joel** who is working in Hot Springs Arkansas



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We do so Love you all, and Thank God always for you!

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