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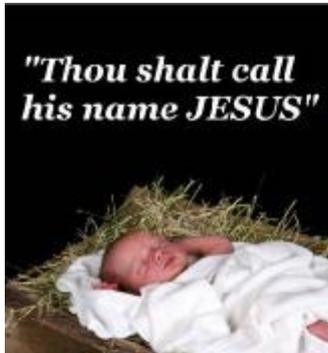
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The Ledbetters in Ireland

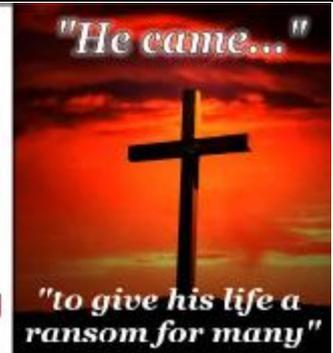
For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds. 2 Corinthians 10:4

December, 2008



Born to Die...
Christmas is more than a Manger!

Bible Baptist Church, Ballincollig
Westgate Foundation, Main Rd



*Wishing You All A Blessed and Merry Christmas,
and especially, a Spiritually Fruitful New Year!*

Dear Precious Friends!

Where do I begin? Well, your prayers have been answered! **David S got saved!** He has been coming since our Revival back in June, and has been full of questions and been drawn to the answers found in the cross! He came over for lunch after church one Sunday a month ago, and we went at it. He knew all his final questions were just smoke-screens that he was putting up to not have to deal with the sin in his life, and the fear of living by obedient faith in Jesus Christ! He got down on his knees with me and called on the name above all names, and got gloriously saved! He is so faithful to church, faithful in weekly discipleship, and a great blessing to everyone! Also, a young man named **David H** got saved one Wednesday recently! He has been coming off and on for over a year, but would always back off when pressed about surrendering to Christ! Well, thanks to some faithful Christian men, David heard one more time how he needed to quit running, and follow Jesus Christ, and that afternoon, he decided that's just what he is going to do from now on! He came to church that evening and gave testimony of getting saved that day! What a great Saviour we serve! There are 2 other people who have gotten saved this past month as well (**Lawrence**, and **Jocelyn**), with one of them already starting Discipleship!

Revival Meetings in Athlone! Back in October, one of the men here named John Mahony and I drove to a town called Athlone to preach an evangelistic meeting for Pastor Stephen Finley, for a week. His church was greatly encouraged, and **25 visitors** came out and heard the Gospel, with several being dealt with from the Bible after each meeting! John sang and played his guitar along side Pastor Finley's banjo before the preaching each night! It was a great meeting!

Church Fall Get-Away! It has been a long time since we, as a church family just "got away" overnight, and fellowshiped, so instead of our normal non-halloween activities, we went away to the mountains of Killarney, and heard some preaching on Rest, and just drank tea and coffee, and the men cooked, and the ladies played games and the kids huddled around a big bonfire and roasted marshmallows! It was absolutely magical! We will be doing it again real soon!

Some New "Troops" have Arrived! Some special friends of ours going way back from New Jersey have just retired and moved to Ireland to help us with soul-winning, discipleship, and just about anything else we might need! They are **Dan and Kathy Eberly**, and they are a blessing! Also, **Keith and Kelly Hamilton** arrived at the end of November to spend the next year with us in preparation for going out and starting their own church here in Ireland! Our church here is going to be spoiled rotten, and are so excited to be able to do more for the Gospel here in the Cork area with all these labourers!

Some Big Upcoming Events that need your prayers: Our Church choir will be performing a special "**Born To Die**" Christmas Cantata on the 21st of December, and we are really pushing to get many new visitors out to hear the Gospel in the Christmas story! We wrote our own song, and a new Christmas Tract around that theme. We purchased a full page in the Cork City newspaper for the 16th of December to put the tract in full colour! Just the week before the cantata, many people from our church will head out onto the streets of downtown Cork to sing Christmas songs, and give our testimonies with the goal of giving out up to 3,000 Born to Die gospel tracts and invitations to the Cantata! We have Church for one hour on Christmas morning from 11am until Noon, and it is the highlight! There is such a buzz when we get together on that special day, so pray for a great opportunity for all the families to be together, and to honour the Lord Jesus Christ's birthday!

Up-to-date information on what's happening here in our work in Ireland is available at:
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Prayer Request Summary

- We have had many, many new visitors come out to church this Fall due to door-knocking and visitation: pray for much fruit amongst them as they regularly hear the Gospel. Pray that they keep coming out to church and are under conviction about their sins.
- Please pray for the following specific precious souls to repent and trust Jesus Christ: **Ann M** (*she is the wife of one of our faithful men here and she desperately needs the Lord*), **Sharon M, Caroline K, Kathleen K, Dervl, Celine and Martin C, Edward B, Sandra OC, Nora OK, James, Carmen!** These names are very precious to us, and have been prayed for, for a long time! Please pray with us that there would be many breakthroughs, for their eternity's sake!
- Pray for these new Christians to grow: **David S, David H, Jocelyn M, Lawrence C, Christine L, Sylvia H, Claire C, Michael C, Michael M, Gladys O, Richie L, Christina M, Mikey C, Ashling M, Kathleen C, Weston G, JD, Leo L, and others!**
- **Please pray for our Reformer's Unanimous Addiction's Programme!** We have some really dedicated folks who work with alcoholics, and drug addicts, and it is the toughest ministry! Pray for Tony Mahony as he leads this vital ministry, and pray for much fruit to remain!
- Pray for **our daughters Sharon and Ruth who are at West Coast Baptist College**, and please pray for **our son Joel** and his wife **Liz** and working in Hot Springs, Arkansas!
- **Keep praying** finally that we can buy property here in **Ireland!** We are so close to being able to afford a building, but it is always just beyond our reach! The Christians here are faithful in their giving, and the offerings are increasing all the time. Our mission's giving is up, and we never lack, but we would like to be able to finally make the HUGE step of faith and get our own building! Please pray for wisdom for us, and for God's enablement!

We do so love you all, and thank God always for you!

Bro. Craig Ledbetter and Family in Ireland

