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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!

Summer Furlough Begins in May! As I wrote in my last prayer letter, we are taking a short, four-month Furlough from our ministries here in Ireland this Summer! After fifteen years on the field, we will be heading to the States in May, and returning September 2nd. We are going to be in California first for our daughter **Sharon's** graduation from *West Coast Baptist College*, and then for her wedding THREE days later! From there we will travel across the USA all the way to New England for a whirl-wind attempt at trying to report to as many of our supporting churches as possible! We won't be able to be in every one of our supporting churches this time, but we will be back soon, prayerfully! We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible! Pray for us as we travel and report on fifteen years of God's work here in Ireland!

New Believers! In the last two months, we have seen so many people get saved, and it is awesome! Their stories are all miracles, but for the sake of space, let me just give you their names as testimonies of God's grace and goodness to sinners still today! **Noel O'M, Austin M, Tony, Judith M, Jim F, Edward A, Shin Wook K, Tyra O, and Jessica C!**

Ministry Sunday. A special effort went into our first *Ministry Sunday* in February. We focused everyone on understanding 15 of our Church's main ministries to encourage all of our folks to get involved somewhere for the Lord! And it was an amazing success! All the ministries have seen new enthusiasm, and much fruit because of the new helpers in absolutely every ministry! It changed our church from the 20% doing most of the work, to well over 50% now!

Ireland-Wide Gospel Tract Outreach. 1.8 million Gospel tracts are being delivered to every home in Ireland as I write this report. 14 Independent Baptist Churches here in Ireland are working together to accomplish this massive effort, and already over 60 people have phoned in to a central telephone number, and 5 have gotten born again! Pray with us that this evangelistic effort will draw many Irish souls to the saving grace of the Lord Jesus!

Evangelism Conference in March. March was our month for emphasizing EVANGELISM! We first had in a special preacher who trained us in praying for, and witnessing to Muslims! It was very eye-opening, and burdening! The following Sunday was **Balloon Sunday**. We wrote a special Gospel Tract just for the occasion and we all wrote out our testimonies, and we attached both to a helium balloon. A hundred balloons took to the skies on Sunday, March 15th with the prayer that whoever receives the Gospel tract and the personal testimony will get saved! At the end of the month we had a big push for soul-winning and the whole weekend was dedicated as our **Search and Rescue** effort in Cork! 28 soul-winners went forth, preaching the word, and turning our corner of the world upside down! It was awesome! Sunday morning a man from the actual Search and Rescue Lifeboat Team came and spoke about the dangers of work in a storm at sea, but that the lives of those lost at sea were worth it! What a lead-in to the efforts of Christians for just one soul!

National Men's Retreat Best Yet! This was our 14th annual men's Spiritual retreat, and it was the best! Of course, I say that every year, but it is true! We studied how God prepared Joshua to take the lead after Moses, and attempted to help the men of this island to prepare themselves to take the lead in the pastoring and leadership in Churches across this nation! Ireland needs some Joshua's desperately, to finish what we Church planters have started! Oh may the Lord bless the next generation of leadership here in Ireland!



Five Baptized in April. Five precious men and women followed the Lord in Baptism on a cold Sunday afternoon this month, and we all shouted for joy at the strong testimony it gave to the glory of God!

Other Big Upcoming Events that need your prayers: In July we will have our annual *Victory Youth Camp* – last year 114 people came and 9 were saved! Also, throughout the Summer our church will be holding weekly *Bible Clubs* in the Ballincollig area.



Prayer Request Summary

- Pray for the new believers, that they would be strong in the Lord and grow in His Word!
- Please pray for these precious souls to get saved: **Ann M, Noreen M, James H, Esther C, Sharon M, Caroline K, Kathleen K, Celine and Martin C, Sandra OC, Nora OK, James G, Carmen N, Barry G!**
- Pray for our Church, and pray for us as we are away for the next four months.

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

Bro. Craig Ledbetter and Family in Ireland

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