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people...



...who need
the Lord
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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

Dear Precious Friends in the Ministry! **September, 2009**

Back Home from Furlough! After travelling over **15,000** miles, and preaching **44** meetings, all in less than four months, we returned home to **Ireland!** From the time we landed in Los Angeles back in May, we were running! It all is still just a blur! We got to see so much of the United States, during some of the best months of the year! I think it rained only ten days out of the 118 days. The folks here in Ireland told me they think they saw the sun only ten days while we were gone! Oh well! That's summer in Ireland sometimes! My family and I were so encouraged being with so many of our supporting churches! I was thrilled many had grown, and we were blessed just seeing faithfulness in all of them! Our Lord is so, so worthy, and our world is so, so needy of the Gospel! In every one of the meetings, we were so graciously cared for, and blessed by the kindnesses of God's people! THANK YOU AGAIN TO SO MANY for the meals, the accommodations, and the chance to report on our labours here in **Ireland!** Most of the meetings were in churches that already supported us, but we were able to be in six new churches, and **four of them took us on for support!** Praise God! With the collapse of the

value of the dollar, this extra support is very needed! Along the way, between the meetings, we got to see and do things that I never dreamed we would be able to do – like walk my oldest daughter, Sharon down the wedding aisle, visit the Grand Canyon, spend a week in Washington DC, and just sit and hold our new grandbaby, Noah! The best part of the whole trip actually, was spent travelling with my precious wife, and the last two of our children! It was awesome!



While we were away... the church here grew and matured *and stayed the course!* The church celebrated its 15th anniversary in June (I phoned in using an internet program called Skype, and was able to speak to and hear everyone on a big projector screen), they excelled with running the Victory Youth Camp, they ran exciting Bible Clubs every week throughout the Summer, as well as carried out great Sunday preaching, Sunday School classes, prayer meetings, weekly soul-winning, and a great Church Get-Away at the end of Summer! The church carried out baptisms, celebrated the Lord's Supper, and faithfully disciplined many of the new believers throughout the time we were away! All in all, the church went from strength to strength like they are supposed to! I am so very pleased with these dear folks here in **Ireland**, and especially the leaders in the church! They are almost ready to stand on their own!

New Building Idea! Up to this point we have been looking at buildings to rent since just buying property is way, way out of reach. But now, a couple of nearby modern warehouses have come up for cheap sale, since the market on these buildings has collapsed! We could buy one, make it into a church, and 5-10 years from now sell it when the market is back up and move on into a proper church building on a real piece of green property! Please keep us in prayer about this need because we are beyond capacity in the rented buildings we are in right now, which is a great problem to be having! And if you could help financially, we wouldn't turn it down!

Revival with Buddy Blunkall! As soon as my family and I returned, we quickly got in gear for our week-long revival meetings with Buddy Blunkall! It was just what we all needed! We had many new visitors out who heard the Gospel, but mainly, a bunch of us backslidden Christians got right with the Lord, and God showed up in the meetings in such a needy way! It helped us as we get ready to head into the dark months of Winter here in **Ireland!**

Prayer Request Summary

- We have a team from New York coming in mid October to do some evangelism for a week here; we have our annual "**Light the Night**" October 31st meeting, and then a big evangelism push at Christmas with our Christmas Play, "**What If Jesus Had Not Been Born?**" which all need a load of prayer by God's people for souls here!
- Please pray for these to get saved: **Sharon H, Trevor R, Jason, Tracey O'D, Ann M, Noreen M, James H, Caroline K, Kathleen K, Celine and Martin C, Sandra OC, James G, and Barry G!**
- Also, pray for our car that we bought in California to sell in Connecticut! Amen!

We love you all, and thank God always for you! The Ledbetter Family

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