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4.2 million
people...



...who need
the Lord



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

February, 2009

Dear Precious Friends!

Full Speed Ahead in 2009! 2008 was an absolutely awesome year for the folks here in Cork, Ireland! Our church has grown so much this year, spiritually, and numerically! Our Christmas evangelism efforts saw many people saved and our Christmas Cantata drew **22** first time visitors to hear the Gospel probably for the first time in their lives! It was the highest attendance day of the entire year as well, with **123** people in attendance! It was awesome! But it didn't stop there! Normally, the weather keeps us sort of indoors as a church until around late February, or March, but since the second week of January, there are almost always at least 8 to 10 people who already are out, knocking on doors, telling people about the way of Salvation, every Saturday afternoon, and that's after an entire morning of Bible Institute classes! The folks are fired-up for our city! The Church's theme for this year is "**Be Steadfast**" from Galatians 5:1, and the Lord is teaching us about commitment and stability, and vision!

One of our Men is getting Ordained to the Gospel Ministry! His name is **Kevin O'Keeffe!** He has been in our church for 11 years, and been so very faithful to the Lord! I had the privilege of leading his future wife to Christ, marrying them, and watching them, and their three children now grow and mature in the Lord! It is with great pleasure that I and our church here will be ordaining him into the ministry, and look forward to what God is going to do with this faithful man!



Ladies Retreat in Germany. For the past two years, our ladies have had the opportunity to go and meet together with several hundred other ladies from all over Europe to be ministered to and helped at a Ladies Spiritual Retreat in Germany! The flights are cheap from here to there, but the Retreat is rich in truths and helpful fellowship that ministers to the women in such a life-changing way! Fourteen of our ladies got to go this year, and it was a blessing!

Looking at a Possible Building to Rent. Well, we are looking at yet another possible warehouse that we might could use as a bigger Church building to rent for a while. We would need to do some modifications, but the building is very close to what we need! The owner, as expected, wants so much more than we can offer, but the economy here is so low, that hopefully, the Lord will convince him that we are a good "bet", and that he should make it available to God's people. Please pray that something would open up soon because we are at capacity in our current building that we are renting.

Ireland-Wide Gospel Tract Outreach. This Spring, a Gospel tract is being mailed out to every home in Ireland around the time of Easter. 14 Independent Baptist Churches here in Ireland are working together to accomplish this massive effort, and we look forward to much fruit! The Irish deserve as much effort as possible to get them to see that their religion won't save them, and their money won't save them, but only a crucified Saviour can save their lost souls! Pray with us that this evangelistic effort will draw some broken lives to the cross!

Our Mini-Furlough Begins in May. Yes, we finally are taking a Furlough from our ministries here in Ireland! After fifteen years on the field, *with no Furlough*, we will be heading back to the States for about 4 months, starting in May. We first are going to be arriving in California to watch our oldest daughter **Sharon** graduate from *West Coast Baptist College*, and then a few days later become Mrs. Luke Miller!!! From there we will head West via Texas (of course), and on up to New England for a whirl-wind attempt at getting 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 around, but we will be back soon, prayerfully.

Other Big Upcoming Events that need your prayers: Our *Mission's Conference* in March. We will be having a special "**Search and Rescue**" Sunday the last Sunday in March. It will be the pinnacle of a whole month of evangelism here in the Cork area! Then, in April, many of our teens will be going over to the **Youth Conference** in Lancaster Baptist Church, Lancaster, CA to be stirred up for godliness and service to God. Then, in April will be our annual **Men's Retreat!** Last year we had 77 men come and get transformed. We can't wait for this year's meeting! In July we have our annual **Victory Youth Camp** – last year 114 people came and 9 were born again! Also, throughout the Summer our church will be holding **Bible Clubs** in the Ballincollig area. It just doesn't get any better when you serve our Lord!

Prayer Request Summary

- Please pray for these precious souls to get saved: **Ann M, Andy and Eltze 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 especially the new Christians to grow.

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

Bro. Craig Ledbetter and Family in Ireland

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