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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!

July, 2009

Travels on Furlough! Well, two months have passed, and two more months to go on our first furlough in 15 years! We have travelled 10,000 miles so far since landing in Los Angeles on May 7th! It has been a wonderful trip, reporting to our supporting churches, visiting a few new ones, and just having some super special family time as we travel the many, many miles across the United States! So far, we have travelled through 11 States, seen our oldest daughter Sharon graduate from West Coast Baptist College, and then get married to Luke Miller three days later; we then got to see some of my family in Texas, but then got to visit with our son Joel and his wife Liz in Arkansas, and hold our first grandson, Noah! What a miracle life is! All along the way, God has allowed us to report to our supporting churches, and visit a few new ones! We currently are in South Carolina! But not for long. From here we continue on up the east coast, and hope to have reported to about 36 of our supporting churches by the end of



August! Let me just say, it is the greatest of privileges to serve our risen Lord Jesus in Ireland! Just preaching the Bible, teaching, and discipling, baptizing, praying with, and helping so many people in Ireland has been the greatest thrill of my life! And it has never been in vain – there are SO many fruits and success stories, and it is great to report it from church to church! Along the way, I have also had the great joy to be with the woman and her husband who gave me the Gospel back 29 years ago in a Dunkin Donuts Coffee shop, and also with my dear friend John Cranford who led me to Christ on Sunday evening, the 15th of June, 1980!

Church Celebrates 15 Years! On Sunday, June 14th, 111 people gathered at our Church in Ireland, with 8 first time visitors, *and 4 people got saved!* Fifteen years ago, our family opened the doors of an old Meeting Hall in Blarney, and we had two visitors! Since that time, almost 200 souls have been led to Christ, 90 baptized, and almost 100 disciplined! The church averages 90 on a Sunday, and it is all God's work!



New Believers in Ireland! While we have been gone from Ireland, the men in the church have been handling everything so faithfully, and the fruit of their labours is evident in the several new names that have been written down in glory: **Marilyn C** had so many doubts and questions about her salvation, but she has finally settled them on the merits of Jesus Christ alone; **Laura F** had been amazed by the supernatural transformation in her dad's life since getting saved just a few months ago, and so she started attending Church just before we left for furlough, and then in late May, one of the men led her straight to simple child-like faith in Jesus Christ and she was gloriously saved! She is chin deep into discipleship, and just loves growing in grace! Then a man named **Dermot M**, got saved, whose wife got saved back in April. It is so wonderful to see FAMILIES following the Lord together! Amen! There were a few others, and we could just go on and on about how God has worked in the lives of so many people, even in just the past two months!

New Supporting Churches! Three new churches have notified us that they are taking us on for prayer and financial support as we return to Ireland! Praise God! Our main effort this furlough is the reporting back to our supporting churches of all that God has done in Ireland, but the Lord has opened a few doors for us to be in some new churches, and we have been so cared for by all! The churches are; **Victory Baptist Church**, Cedar Park, Texas, under pastor Rick Brann; **Fundamental Baptist Church**, Springtown, Texas, pastored by Danny Morrow; and **Shasta Baptist Church**, Redding, California, pastored by Mike Johnson! What a help this new support will be!

Other Big Upcoming Events that need your prayers: This month we will have our annual *Victory Youth Camp* – last year 114 people came and 9 were saved! Also, starting this month our church will be holding weekly *Bible Clubs* in the Ballincollig area! Pray for many young lives to be transformed by the Gospel!

Prayer Request Summary

- Pray for our church in Ireland, and for us as we finish our furlough.
- Please pray for these precious souls to get saved: **Ann M, Noreen M, James H, Sharon M, Caroline K, Kathleen K, as well as Celine and Martin C, Sandra OC, James G, Barry G!**

We love you all, pray for you, and thank God always for you!

Bro. Craig Ledbetter and Family, Serving in Ireland

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