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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 in the Ministry!

We are almost finished with Furlough! As I sit down to write this Prayer Letter in New Jersey, I am reflecting over the **32 churches** that we have been privileged to be in over the past three months! We arrived into a little airport in Fresno, California on April 20th, just in time for the birth of our Granddaughter **Selah Grace!** Since that time, we have travelled **13,585 miles**, and boy am I starting to feel it! My GPS says we have travelled for **437 hours** in total so far! That is a lot of time in a car folks! But, EVERY church has been such a blessing to us along the way! Nita, Sarah and I have **20 more** church meetings to be in, and then, *oh boy*, it is homeward bound, leaving out of Newark, New Jersey on September 5th for *God's Country*, back in Cork, Ireland!

What have I learned as we have travelled for the past few months? Well, first off, just how easy it is to get grouchy at 49 years old when you are in the car for 9 and 10 hours at a stretch! I hate the flesh! Secondly; just how precious my wife is to put up with all this! Both she and our youngest daughter Sarah have been the best companions, and it has been awesome, just spoiling Sarah every once in a while, and spending all this time with these two wonderful ladies (even though they never get enough of window shopping)! The third thing I have learned is that I love the ministry. Yes I loved it already, but I love it more than ever, and have had loads of blessings being here in the USA ministering and reporting in churches, but I can't wait to get back in my own pulpit in Ireland! I miss all the precious folks at **Bible Baptist Church, Ballincollig Cork**, and can't wait to tell them face to face that I love them! And I can't wait to get back to regular and faithful door to door soul-winning around Cork! Lastly, I am learning just how tough it is to not worry about my family as it grows and spreads out across this globe! Truly God is so good to take care of my children AND grandchildren seeing that we are so far away from most of them – but I still worry about them! If you are interested, you can follow our whereabouts and Furlough activities by clicking on our website at www.craigledbetter.com.

A New Church in our Area! On Sunday, July 15th, a new Bible believing Baptist Church was started in Carrigaline, Cork, Ireland by one of our men named Kevin O'Keefe that we ordained 3 years ago! He is on fire for the Lord's work, and his family is so excited about finally being a pastor's family! God has been preparing them for so long! Please keep them in prayer as they do what God says needs to be done all over Ireland and Europe!



Upcoming Events. Right now, the church folks are getting ready for our **Victory Youth Camp!** The men and women of our church have been preparing to reach many young people with the wisdom of God's word during this week of Youth Camp! Praise God for faithful labourers! I can't wait to see what GOD does in the lives of our youth because of this Camp! It follows hard on the heels of a very successful **Summer Bible Club** that had a high day of **77 children** hearing the Gospel and **25** wanting to know how to follow Jesus Christ! So many thanks go to Dan Eberly who has handled things so well while we are away! Praise God!



Prayer Request Summary

Our needs as we get ready to head back home to Ireland include 1) the selling of our Toyota Sienna that we have travelled all these miles in. 2) Please continue to pray for **our Furlough Travels** this Summer, that the Lord would keep us safe AND sane. 3) Pray for our church in Ireland while we are away these four months, that they will see many many people saved. 4) Pray for us to be a blessing while on furlough. And pray for us to lead some sinners to life-changing faith in Jesus Christ! Lastly, please pray specifically that the following people get saved: **Denis L's family** who are lost, **Pat W, Brendan F, David C, Pat W, Jim O'L, Kerri M, Chris M, Barry G, and Ann M** to get saved. Thank you for faithfully supporting us financially and prayerfully! *The Ledbetter Family in Ireland (on Furlough)*

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