

Ledbetter's IRELAND UPDATE

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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!

Furlough 2012! This coming April, my family and I will be coming back to the United States to finish the second half of the furlough we started back in the Summer of 2009. During that time, we only got to be in and report to less than half of our supporting churches. So, I have been contacting pastors to see if we could come *this Summer* and excitedly report all God has done here in the Emerald Isle! Since December, I have logged over 60 hours calling on Skype trying to contact our supporting churches (several are very hard to get a hold of) and book meetings! But it has been such a thrill to hear the voices of pastors that have been faithful ministering in their churches for the 20 plus years since I was last with them! That blesses my heart! It just thrills me to hear them get excited when I mention my name as if they know me well – proving that so many churches and especially pastors really do love their missionaries and pray for us all the time! This Furlough, I have 42 churches that my wife Nita and myself, along with my youngest daughter Sarah will be reporting to! That includes 9 new churches that we plan to be in and prayerfully try to be a blessing! It will be a full Summer!

Preparing the Church here for our Furlough. Since November, I have spent much time with the men in our Church, mainly preparing all the teaching materials and activities for the whole year. There are 9 men who make up the strong leadership and stability of this Church, both while I am here, and especially when I am away like I will be starting this April! I thank God for these faithful, mature men who have the respect of the whole church, and who work so sacrificially for the reaching of souls!



Dropping Off Joshua. When we arrive in California, we will be dropping off our son Joshua at West Coast Baptist College as we continue on and travel east! It is so hard letting go of your children as missionaries, but we know he is in a great place and we pray that God will do a marvellous work in his life!

Our Needs. Often, we are asked if we have any needs personally, to which I always reply “no”, but with our upcoming furlough plans, I need to let you all know we need some extra funds. If you could help us it would be so appreciated! But please know, that your prayerful support is more than priceless to us!

Church Building Purchase Status. I have been very, very busy submitting all the paper-work for the bank to approve our loan request for the purchase of the building we are pursuing! The Church here continues to give and give, and the Bank has been very pleased with our financial stability and growth, and all we lack is the granting of a Tax Exemption Status, and then the approval of the Bank Loan!!! I am praying that everything gets approved before I leave for Furlough, so that during the Summer, the men in the Church can be busy preparing the building for its grand opening in October... that's our goal!

Upcoming Events! Our first **Friend Day** of the year is in March; our annual **Men's Spiritual Training Camp** in April. On April 27th our second daughter Ruth will be marrying John, our Music and Teen director here! Ruth will then graduate from West Coast Baptist College on May 9th, which is around the same time as our daughter Sharon and her husband Luke will be having their first baby (our second grandchild)!

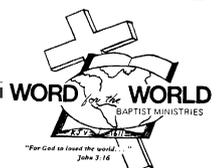
Prayer Request Summary

Please pray for our oldest daughter **Sharon Miller** who will be delivering our second grandbaby (her first baby) in early May! Pray for our daughter **Ruth's wedding** on April 27th! Pray for **our travels** starting in the middle of April, from coast to coast, that we would be a blessing! And continue to pray for these precious souls to turn to Jesus Christ! **Brendan F, David C, Pat W, Jim O'L, Kerri M, Wendy O, Chris M, Barry G, and Ann M** to get saved. Thank you for faithfully supporting us financially and prayerfully! **We love you all, and thank God for you always!**

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A Review of Spiritual Victories in 2011 in Cork, Ireland

2011 was a tremendous year, with much fruit! Your help through prayer and financial support had a great part in all of the following miracles!

1. At least **14 souls** were personally led to Jesus Christ in 2011 by either myself or someone in our Church here! These are besides those saved during Bible Clubs and Youth Camp!
2. We averaged **102** people in church on Sunday mornings!
3. We graduated **2** people from Discipleship, and have **13** being trained in Discipleship!
4. We baptised **16** people on two occasions and have **3** more ready to be baptised (as soon as it gets warm enough to baptise them in the local river)
5. We have saved back **€205,000** (that's roughly \$272,000) in the building fund in preparation to purchase our very own building!!!
6. Our Reformer's Unanimous Programme has seen **19** men and women visit throughout 2011!
7. We had **78** men and boys at our annual Men's Retreat back in April
8. We had a record attendance of **141** on our **17th Church Anniversary** in June with **20** first time visitors!
9. Our annual Victory Youth Camp had **96** people attending with **10 saved!**
10. We were allowed to set up a 30 foot King James Bible History Display in the Ballincollig Shopping Centre for 3 days in August, and were able to give the Gospel and hundreds of free Bibles and New Testaments away!
11. We had a great week of Summer Bible Clubs with **107** total children attending, and **10 saved!**
12. The Light the Night Activity on October 31st had over **120** parents and children attending!
13. Our Children's Sunday School attendance has certainly increased! Averaging **22**, with high of **29!**
14. The Teens from our church went to California for the Youth Conference at Lancaster Baptist Church!
15. We had **195** first-time visitors come to the church in 2011 alone!
16. We ran a huge Bus Advert for Reformer's Unanimous for a whole month in APRIL!
17. We have **35 new people** attending church this year that just started coming and then stayed coming!
18. A young man I led to Christ named **Scott** went up to the Reformer's Unanimous Men's Home in Dublin last May, and by God's grace will be graduating in 3 months!!! Free from all his addictions and busy working, back contributing to society as a great testimony of what the Gospel and some hard work can do!