

Ledbetter's IRELAND UPDATE

4.5 million
people...



...who need
the Gospel



Sarah

Nita

Craig

For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty

through God to the pulling down of strong holds. 2 Corinthians 10:4

November, December 2016

Greetings! I am writing this newsletter from California! Nita and I have travelled over 10,000 miles and we have only been back in the United States 2 and a half months! We have travelled from **Texas** (to pick up a car), to **Arkansas** (to see my son Joel and his wife), to **South Carolina** (to see my Dad), to **Florida** (where we dropped off our daughter Sarah at Pensacola Christian College), and then back to **Texas**, and then to **Colorado** (to stay in a couple of mountain cabins), **Utah**, **Montana**, and then **Washington State** (to report to 4 faithful supporting churches), and **Canada**, and now we are with our daughter and her husband, and our three grandchildren in **California**! Along the way my wife and I have been so blessed with safety, and special time together (as empty nesters, yay!). We have been in some awesome churches too who have not only allowed me to report on our ministry and work in **Ireland**, but have also so taken care of us and allowed us to just do *nothing* while there! But we've also met some very needy and hurting people along the way too. One woman was sitting next to us in a coffee shop, and we got to spend over 2 hours just listening and befriending someone who was pretty broken. She clearly loves Jesus, but has been away from Him for a long time, and just needed a caring ear and shoulder! At every church we have been in, my wife and I always grabbed fist fulls of tracts and handed them out to everyone we could. We laugh thinking of all the tracts from Texas, Colorado, Utah, and Washington that have ended up in people's hands even up in Canada!



So, What is a Furlough? Five words: **Report, Rest, Recharge, Renew, and Retool**. At least that's what it is for me and Nita. When missionaries have been super busy winning souls and discipling them and starting churches, and are away from their families for an extended time, it is time to take a break and **Report** back to the churches that support them, letting them know the fruits of their investment in the kingdom of God. But, while back in the States we missionaries need some **Rest** – real rest. After 22 years, Nita and I need to not have the pressures and burdens of full time ministry for an extended period of time, so that we can **Recharge** both physically, and spiritually! And as we recharge, we are watching God **Renew our vision** of the work that God called us to do almost 36 years ago! And then there is the **Retooling**, which is such an important part of a missionaries' furlough – learning better ways to study, preach, and lead and fashion people to live faithfully for Jesus! So during furlough, you will find us watching and listening, and reading, so WE can grow!

The work in Ballincollig, Cork, Ireland. While we are in America, the work in **Ireland** presses on with great success! The attendance has stayed faithful (averaging about 109); the folks keep soul-winning; the offerings are faithful as well; our addictions program has grown, and the **Irish** men helping with the preaching and the leading are doing great! I am also especially indebted to two faithful missionary families (the Eberly's and the Day's) who work along-side me back there! The church still is waiting for the lawyers handling our purchase of our office building to just finish the deal, so PLEASE PRAY THE SALE SIMPLY GOES THROUGH SOON!

Have a Wonderful and Blessed Thanksgiving! Nita and I thank God for being able to serve the Lord and His people in **Ireland**. We are thankful for all the safety we have enjoyed on this furlough, and for the time we have been allowed to refresh our marriage, and visit with our families here! Thank you for being the supporting team that each of you are!

Things we would appreciate you praying for: 1) For *Bible Baptist Church* in **Ireland** to THRIVE and GROW and reach many souls before my family and I return in May, 2017! 2) For Sarah as she attends college at Pensacola Christian College. 3) For Nita and I as we travel, report and rest on this Furlough. 4) That my wife and I would be a blessing to others everywhere we go! 5) For the following people to grow: **Ben M, Wesley B** and especially **Chris M**. And 6) for the following to get saved: **Kerri M, Timothy C, Allen S, Liam O, David S, Rachel B, and Peter D**.

As always, THANK YOU for you faithful support of us! We love you all!

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"For God in loved the world."
John 3:16