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FOR THE WEAPONS OF OUR WARFARE ARE NOT CARNAL, BUT MIGHTY THROUGH GOD TO THE PULLING DOWN OF STRONG HOLDS. 2CORINTHIANS 10:4

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Dear Precious Friends in the Ministry!

So many **THANK YOU's** are in order to everyone who has a part in our ministry here in **Ireland!** My family and I can only stand in awe of the goodness of God placing us here in **Ireland**, amongst the most precious of people, and in the greatest work in the world – preaching the glorious Gospel of Christ Jesus! Your cards, letters, prayer and financial support keeps us here, and keeps us “*fervent in spirit, serving the Lord!*” Amen!

Souls Saved recently! Three people have been born again recently, and none of them without great trials. **Jim O’C** comes from a very rough background, and was reached in January through our Reformer’s Unanimous meetings! He has been faithful out to church on Sundays every week since! **Claire is from Mallow**, and was having some very rough marital problems (still is), but she knew her battles were more than emotional or marital – she knew she needed something more. My wife and I talked with her for almost 4 hours, and led her in prayer to surrender her life and problems over to the will of God, and to give her sins over to Jesus Christ! She did and was gloriously saved! I wish her “friends” would get saved, because **THEY** are making it very hard for her to live for God, and for her marriage to be restored! Please pray for her! **Philip** is a teenager who came out to the *Teen All-Nighter* that we had back in January. So sceptical and hard at first, but as more and more of his questions were answered from the Bible, he just melted. About 3 weeks later that he got saved because of the efforts of one of our older teenagers here! What a blessing to see the young adults having a burden for souls!

Lives Changed. **Michael M, Mary Ann, John M, Don K,** and others have been saved and changed by our *Reformer’s Unanimous Outreach* here! They are all in church on Sunday mornings, and growing, and developing such personal and rich relationships with their Saviour! Then there is **Leo and Pat**, who are amazing to see on a Sunday. Pat came already professing Christ as her Saviour, but Leo was sceptical. He has since taken many stands for the Lord, and shown such a difference due to finally settling his relationship with Jesus! There are many other new people who have been coming since before Christmas and have just “stuck” and we thank God for such a great church!

Recent Church Activities. Christmas here in **Ireland** was wonderful! Our daughter Sharon was able to be home from Bible College for a month - we hadn’t seen her for a whole year! We conducted a *Christmas on the Street* meeting with singing and soul-winning in downtown Cork City. We also had a tremendous *Teen All-Nighter* of preaching and fun! Among the 40 of us *tired souls*, 4 were unsaved teens who clearly heard the Gospel and God’s call to live for Him!



Christmas on the Street

Bible Institute News. Early on Saturday mornings, 10 men and women gather in my sitting



room for some intense study of God’s word, and preparation for the ministry. They all are so eager and hungry to know God’s word and the principles to lead by. We cover three classes on a Saturday mornings, followed by soul-winning that afternoon, then Wednesday evening we study verse by verse through a Book of the Bible, and Sunday mornings and evenings they learn more Biblical truths geared to prepare not just the students, but everyone in the church for the ministry! Pray for them as labourers, because they are so needed!

Church In Mallow – For almost 10 years now I have been holding Sunday afternoon meetings and weekly Bible studies in the town of Mallow which is about 45 minutes north of our main church here in Ballincollig. I have run Summer Bible Clubs with almost 50 in attendance every year, and been door knocking and soul-winning for all those 10 years all with the goal of starting a second church there. I also taught weekly Discipleship to over 15 of the people who got saved in Mallow. Mallow is a spiritually dark town, like 90% of **Ireland**. But I just can’t keep doing it all – not if I am pasturing the church in Ballincollig also. What Mallow needs is it’s own missionary/pastor who will minister to them much more than I can. Please pray for us and for wisdom about this struggling church. **Ireland** needs more Gospel preaching churches!

Prayer Request Summary

- Please pray for the following precious people to repent and trust Jesus Christ: **Celine C, Ann M, Edward B, Sandra OC, Sean H, Nora OK, James, Gladys, Eoin, Carmen** – pray that they find life in His name!
- Pray for these new Christians to grow: **Leo, Michael M, Mary Ann, John M, Don K, Philip, and Claire**
- **Keep praying** that we can buy property here in **Ireland!** More than ever we need to find land so that we can build on for the many ministries that we have going.

We do so Love you, and Thank God always for you all!

Bro. Craig Ledbetter and Family

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