

Ledbetter's IRELAND UPDATE

4.5 million
people...



...who need
the Gospel



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

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New Year's Greetings from Ireland! November and December of 2017 were very busy and blessed months for us here! Thank you to all of you that sent such kind notes and Christmas Cards over Christmas! We certainly know that we are loved by our supporting churches, family and friends! It was a great blessing that our youngest daughter Sarah was able to come home from College in Florida for Christmas! Having her around was such a treat! She returned this month to Pensacola Christian College to continue her second year there!

Indulge me as I review some great things from 2017...

1. In March of 2017, **the church here finalised the purchase of the building** we use for our Church Office, and the adjacent 1,700 square foot warehouse. I can never THANK so many of you enough for helping us as a church extend all the money that we have saved as a church to buy the entire building for cash. The building allows us to continue to have our Church Offices there, as well our weekly Teen meetings and Twelve Weeks to Freedom from Addiction meetings, all rent free! And we have just finished laying carpet and started using the larger warehouse for sporadic church meetings! We LOVE the building! Such a gift!
2. At the end of May, 2017, **Nita and I finished up all the travels from our Furlough** that had begun the previous September, safely returning home to Ireland, rested and ready to get "back into the saddle"!
3. **The church here in Ballincollig stayed strong and active while we were on Furlough**, evangelising, discipling, and faithfully preaching the Gospel! I am so grateful for two key families who are vital for this church's strength and stability here in Europe: Dan and Kathy Eberly and Andrew and Jennifer Day. They, along with all the staff and volunteers, help Bible Baptist Church to thrive, each and every day!
4. **I'm Live on the Radio!** Since October of 2017, I have been *live* on a local radio station here in Cork for an hour every Friday night from 7-8pm Irish time (that's from 2-3pm Eastern Standard Time). I present **An Hour of Hymns**, where I give the background on who wrote them, and what drove them to write such rich wells of worship! I have learned a lot myself, and really enjoy doing a live program! I hope to expand the program to an additional Bible teaching hour, but we will just have to see how the Lord directs.
5. Our church's **Christmas Cantata** went great! Thank you for praying for its outreach! We had several visitors attend in answer to prayer! And our New Year's Eve Service was the best yet with great fun and a lot of prayer!
6. In the last 6 weeks of 2017, **9** people joined the church! That was a great response to some of the new Christians learning about its importance.
7. At the end of 2017, I preached our **annual Vision Service** and presented our new focus for 2018... *Building and Battling by the Book!* All year we will learn how Ezra and Nehemiah rebuilt what sin had destroyed! The preaching already has had a great impact on many of the people's lives!

WOULD YOU PRAY? 1) Pray for our upcoming Men's Spiritual Boot Camp in April, 2) Pray for our daughter Sarah while attending Pensacola Christian College; 3) Pray for these to get saved: **Joe P, David S, Kerri M, Timothy C, Allen S, Liam O, Rachel B, and Peter D.** And lastly, 4) Please keep praying for the following new Christians to grow: **William L, Mikey C, Chris M, James M., Darlene E, Ben M, and Wesley B.**

God bless and keep you all! We certainly love you in Christ!

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