Ledbetter's IRELAND UPDATE

4.7 million people...



...who need the Gospel more than ever



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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Christmas Greetings from Ireland! I am so grateful that God made a promise way back in the Garden of Eden to undo what the devil had done to all of mankind when he convinced Adam and Eve they could live without God. Amazingly, God promised in Genesis 3:15 that at the right time, He would bring forth a virgin born Son (the seed of a woman, not from a man) who would bruise and break the head of the serpent and undo all the curses that our sins have brought into our world to this day! Christmas is so much more than a baby in a manger – it is the keeping of the greatest promise ever made... The promise of a Saviour!

Preaching in Vermont, Maine, and Texas. In September, Nita and I travelled to Vermont to preach in a wonderful Bible Conference, and I was also able to preach in some churches in Maine that I had not been to for many years! We love this yearly trek to beautiful Vermont! After two weeks in the upper Northeast, we travelled to Texas to preach and to visit my mother who is 92 before heading back to Ireland.

News about the building purchase. After 10 months of praying and giving and planning and preparing for the purchase of a nearby building for larger auditorium space, we have been informed by the mortgage lender that they will not lend to us without special permission from the City Planning/Zoning board. This was a total surprise because the Lender has known all along that our church is verbally exempted from the planning restrictions due to us as a church already working through any restrictions when we purchased the building we presently are in.

In short, back in 2017 and 2018 the City Zoning Board asked us to not change our property from Commercial use and they promised they would leave us alone. Well, that was okay since we purchased our current building for cash back in 2017. But the Lending Company is much more strict about planning permission being obtained before lending. I have had several long conversations with many different people including our engineers, our local government officials, and our solicitor as well as the owner, but there seems to be no way to get official planning permission to change a commercial building's zoning to a church. And we do not have nearly enough money in cash to buy the building outright. So, just like that, we are not able to purchase the building across the street from our church. It was a big shock to all of us in the church. But I said very clearly at the beginning of this endeavour nearly a year ago, that this was a step of faith, and if the door shuts, God has the keys and will hold it open or closed based on His will. So, what will we do now? We will keep faithfully doing the work of the Gospel, and keep looking for another building, and be wiser about Zoning, and keep saving towards a future building! I am so very thankful for everyone and every church that sacrificially gave to our step of faith. We have not spent any money given from the States, and will be returning your giving towards this purchase soon with much appreciation.

Please pray for the following people: Aaron T (who just recently started discipleship), **Angela M** (who also just recently started discipleship), the **P family**, **Robert S, David S**, and **Ann and Anderson V** ● Pray for **Rashmi**, and **Ruvi** to grow strong in their faith, and **so many people in the church** who are really struggling. ● And pray for **God's help** in everything we do! Thank you for supporting us and praying for us! Everything we do is only accomplished by God's grace and help!

Have a blessed and Spirit-filled Christmas!

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