



# Canavans

## IRELAND

Sowing the gospel \* Watering the hearers \* Reaping changed lives

### Prayer Requests:

1. Beth - recovery from serious pneumonia
2. Andrew - deputa-tion, wedding, safety
3. God to raise up a song leader and youth leader
4. Baptism - Sandie, Katrina, Myra, Mia
5. Young adults showing promise: Jaime, Nick, Sandie, Katrina

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**AUGUST 2019** Sometimes it seems the hardest to write prayers letter when spiritual fruit is most abundant. God has been abundantly blessing and we have much to share.

**WE HAVE 2 CAMPS FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS.** There is a fierce hostility to the gospel in Ireland. It requires intense preparation and a lot of hard work to get out a handful of kids to the summer youth events. We have seasons of prayer and work very hard. We prepare high level graphics for various platforms in the spring (web, banners, leaflets, social media) that can be used by the other NBT churches if they choose. In June, we start going through the neighbourhoods with the leaflets. We visited over 15,000 houses and put a leaflet in 12,000 of them. All totalled we put out about 17,000 leaflets that promoted our summer youth events and shared the gospel.

My son, Andrew, creates the graphics and organises Holiday Bible Club's (VBS) in Ireland and the UK thru Neighbourhood Bible time. The NBT format works extremely well on English speaking mission fields where having godly, qualified youth workers is rare. This year we had 2 lads from Bible College, Matt and Peter (Peter is my nephew). Many children in our church and other independent baptist churches in Ireland are genuinely saved thru NBT rallies each year.

**HOLIDAY BIBLE CLUB** - We had a solid starting attendance (40) with several unsaved children visiting and other returning visitors for the five-day event. Peter, along with church workers, did a superb job with the elementary age children. The gospel was thorough, age appropriate and clear. Four children made a clear, genuine profession of faith.

Matt led the teen group. We had 12 teen agers show up in the evening. Matt is a strong preacher and gave a spiritually persuasive gospel presentation and helpful spiritual advice to the teens. They had a phenomenal time competing with each other in games, listening to preaching and eating dinner together.

We made a six-minute downloadable video of the week: <https://vimeo.com/351706347>

**ART CAMP** also went well. God sent helpers who would be needed more than we realised. Beth plans every detail of the art camp. She is integral both to planning and execution. This year we were thrown a curve ball. Beth was hospitalized with pneumonia a week before our Bible Camp and three weeks before Art Camp. All totalled she has been on bed rest for eight weeks and is still very weak. Though all of the planning had been accomplished, the final pre-Art Camp prep work was not. God sent a lovely young lady, Karlee, as a summer intern to help. God also sent a superb group of young people with their youth pastor and wife to help us for the week of Art Camp. Humanly speaking, without their help it would not have gone well. Beth made it thru the Art Camp, but was very sick afterwards.

Art camp is particularly helpful at reaching unsaved children. We had some children from the community who we had not had previous contact with. This is always our desire! One of those young boys made a profession of faith. This makes it all worthwhile! While the children had fun being creative with their art projects, this is not our ultimate goal. Our goal is to reach children in our community with the gospel. Seeds were planted. One soul was wonderfully saved.

