



The Thatchers

Waterford, Ireland



- Ireland's population, 4.5 million
- 34% of population 25 years old or younger
- Dublin's population over 1.2 million
- Waterford's population over 46,000
- 85% still claim to be Roman Catholic

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Dear Friends,

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We have arrived at the point this summer where we have a bit of space from all the summer events and guests that have passed by. Before the kids finished school back in May we were working and preparing for our summer holiday Bible club (VBS). We used a kit this year that was simply jammed packed with more than enough stuff to cover everything in our Bible club this summer, so thankfully, we had a Bible college student here as an intern for four weeks to be a helping hand. We did five days at 2 ½ hours each day and were pressed for time. We could have easily done 3 hours or more with all the material that we had. I think this was one of the best clubs that we have ever done. There were 15 kids that came out with a few visitors. Saturday was to be a cleanup day, but the Lord gave us the opportunity to do the five days of the club into a condensed hour and a half for two kids from our church who could not attend due to difficulties beyond their control. Then on Sunday, we gave a few highlights to all the parents, announced the contest winners, and then I preached an expanded message from the final lesson of the Bible club. It focused on the race of life which has two distinctly different final destinations. There was one adult and two teens that raised their hands for needing salvation.

Our revival meetings with Evangelist Bob Jones were well received. The Lord used Brother Jones again in a very wonderful way to get the Word of God into the hearts of those who were at the meetings. During the meetings, we had a men's breakfast and Bible study time as well as a church luncheon in between the Sunday services. Amid the summer events the Lord answered one of our prayers that we had going into the new year, that being a new family to come to church. Just in time for the Bible club, the Lord brought us a family that had a six-year-old daughter. They have been coming faithfully since that time. Then just this past Sunday we had another visitor in the service who had gotten saved in December last year and is looking for a Bible preaching church. Lord willing, we can be a help as that is just what we are—a Bible preaching church!

Another major answer to prayer is that the Lord has provided all the funds needed for Lisa's final dental work to be completed. We have now made the 50% down payment and have secured dates to have the work done beginning on the 17th of September. It will be a great relief to finally be to the end of this long journey, but God has given so many opportunities along the way and has proven Himself strong and able to meet this need throughout the journey. Amen!

We are pressing on with trying to find a replacement van. Pray for the Lord to meet our needs. We need to find one with an automatic transmission and that can be a bit of a challenge here in Ireland as most vehicles are manual transmissions. The annual vehicle tax comes due in September along with the vehicle inspection so it would be a blessing to have this all sorted before the due dates so that we will not have to have them done on the old vehicle.

Thank you for all your prayers this summer for our family and ministry. Keep 'em coming!

May the Lord find us faithful,
Don and Lisa Thatcher & family