



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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Wow, we emerged from our third level five lockdown in the month of May. Many were excited to be back in church for in person services. Some people are stirred to stand for the Lord and do what they can with the time that we have, but my concern is that there is a significant portion that are content and complacent and willing to simply drift spiritually. My heart goes out to those who hear the preaching of the Word but do not act upon the preaching of the Word. My heart grieves for parents who have unsaved junior and teen aged kids, and those parents do not seem to exhibit much concern or passion for their own kids regarding salvation.

I had asked prayer on a few occasions for two families that were in serious trouble with their families. One family seems to be entrenched even more in the muck of this world, but the other family that was apart of our church for many years has seemingly made amends within their home and asked to meet me to see about coming back to church. That was quite amazing as I had begun to think that this family was not going to be back in church and ultimately torn apart. God is the god of the impossible! I am meeting with this family a few times to try to solidify the restoration in their home. I was nice to see them smiling and joyfully back at church.

In the month of May we enjoyed a couple of special events. First, Kari finished her first complete year of college with The Baptist College International of Romania and received a one-year certificate. Kari was supposed to go to Romania last September but due to lockdown she could not go. The college decided to make all the classes available online to Kari and two other international students. That was a huge blessing. Our little upstairs apartment became Kari's own little place. She was up two hours earlier than the rest of us due to the difference in time zones so that she could be in those classes live online. The other event was celebrating Lisa's birthday. We had a great day and enjoyed the special time together. Lisa has been a great blessing and encouragement to me especially this past year of lockdown.

Today marks 17 years serving with BIMI here in Ireland. Our family arrived on the Delta Airlines flight from Atlanta to Dublin, Ireland. We are grateful to the Lord for His blessings and provisions all these years and His allowing us to serve Him in this spiritually dark and needy island. Thank you to all of you who faithfully pray for us and give so that we can serve here. Be praying with us that more souls will be turned from the darkness to the light of the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ.

May the Lord find us faithful,
Don Thatcher