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Prayer & Praise

We have had so many prayers answered and want to sincerely thank all of you who stand so faithfully in prayer with us.

^Lauren is now working full time as a doctor in the Galway Hospital. She loves it.

^Liam is in his final year of nursing studies.

^Lilia & Leisha are thriving with new friends at school.

^We have loads of new college students attending church.

^Connect groups are growing and people being disciplined.

^Our church is growing fast

Prayers for our church:

1. New Leaders
2. Next Church Plant
3. Our Own Church Building in Navan
4. Financial Resources to accommodate our growth
5. Discernment
6. Strength & Stamina



SOMETIMES

HARSH **CONDITIONS**

PRODUCE

BEAUTIFUL **THINGS**

Photo taken at the Cliffs of Moher this summer.

Made To Bloom

We have just celebrated our first year here in Blanchardstown Dublin. We have seen this tiny church plant bloom into a fast moving church. We have new visitors weekly. Partly location (we rent space at the cinema in the largest mall in Ireland), partly people are searching for a vibrant Christian community, but mostly because of God's favor. When we got here a year ago, the numbers had dropped to 40-50 people. This past Sunday we nearly hit capacity with over 180 people! Last session, we had 4 small groups, now we have 8. It is exciting to see growth.

How do we measure growth? We measure it by seats, rows, and how far back we can place the curtain. Michelle oversees the Welcome Team and she begins the morning with the curtain behind 5 rows which makes up exactly 67 seats. Then once it fills we go back another row and then another until the flow of people have stopped.

Each seat is filled with a story. A history. A prayer hoping to be answered. Last October, Derek's prayer was answered. He got saved about 3 years before at Lighthouse Church

Navan and it was life changing for his entire family. He felt strongly that his family should be a part of the launch team for this Dublin church plant.

The significance of this area to Derek was because he had been praying for his family since day one of his salvation and this is where they lived.

We were not able to meet Derek. We have heard his story, have seen his pictures, and most importantly are living in his answered prayers. Just days before the first day of Lighthouse Dublin, Derek died of a heart attack. His neice Blanaid (an Irish name pronounced Blah-nid meaning blossom) was very special to him and the same age as his grown daughter. Blanaid was the focus of many of Derek's prayers as her life was fading fast from drug addiction. It was near the one year mark of Derek's death that we met Blanaid. She came to church for the first time. Blanaid's life has completely transformed since she walked through the doors of our church. We have seen her "blossom" from God's Grace inside her.



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Mission Minded

In July, we were able to host Pastor Debbie Moylon from Ashby, MA and her daughters as they joined us for 10 days to help with our outreach to the community. We joined the church at a local school to provide a summer fun kid's day camp. Children were able to play games, perform drama, sing, dance, and learn about Jesus. It also brought the church and the community together. We ended the week with a SERVE DAY where we had teams picking up litter, painting & cleaning the Alzheimer's Day Center, and fully landscaping a widow's yard.

In August, Patrick was able to lead the young people on their very own Mission's Trip. They went to Brazil and worked very closely with the Pastor to reach out to their community and beyond to fishing villages in very remote and poor areas.

This month, we will once again be working with "A Journey to the Potter's House". We enjoy taking this ministry into remote places in Ireland and even the UK



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When we're connected to others
we become better people

-Randy Pausch-

Simone, Pindi, Blanaid, & Michelle
Celebrating life at our Bible Study
Connect Group.

Here is her story in her own words:

"When I was 15 I became pregnant and gave birth to Joseph who was given up for an open adoption. It completely destroyed me, I was diagnosed with PTSD. My life quickly spiralled out of control and I turned to alcohol to block out how I was feeling inside. It wasn't long before my drinking turned to drugs. I lost over a decade of my life addicted to methadone, heroin and crack. I finally gave up all drugs in 2016 and gave birth to my son Calvin in November 2017.

But the anxiety and PTSD had come back and after the break up with my son's father it became worse than ever. I was finding it so hard to cope with life as a single mother without the drugs as my crutch. So I started to drink again.

Sometimes God lets you hit rock bottom so that you will discover that He is the Rock at the bottom. - Tony Evans

It was then that Derek's daughter Jade was talking about the year anniversary of Lighthouse Dublin and I asked if I could go. Something was just telling me I had to go to church as I knew something had to change or I'd be back on drugs in no time.

I went to Lighthouse Church and was greeted by such wonderful inspiring people.

I was saved and I never looked back. I know Derek would have been so happy that his prayers were answered. I don't think I would be here today it had not been for Lighthouse church and the team."

Derek prayed, Blanaid received Christ, Blanaid prayed and recently her son Joseph received Christ. Their prayers went full circle.



O'Loughlin Life

It is simply an understatement to say we are very, very busy. It has been a year since we are here and the journey has been one of learning new things and going through many new doors. We have had the opportunity to join CCI which is the Assembly of God covering in all of Ireland on their care team that reaches out to the participating pastors all over Ireland. We also are very involved with promoting church planting on a national platform. Another movement we help is called "Faster & Further". They hold conferences throughout Ireland and the UK as a resource for churches that are praying for new life & fresh change. Then of course, there is Lighthouse, one church two locations, where we do anything & everything from preaching, teaching, leading, training and administration.

All this; yet, we do find time to relax and do the thing we love... explore the Irish countryside.



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