



Our dear friend and church member Jennifer died last month after a courageous battle with cancer. We rejoice that she is with Jesus and her suffering is over!

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Dear pastors/supporting churches,

People in Ireland can't help but talk about the weather! Regardless of whether it's sunny, rainy or somewhere in between, the weather always seems to be the topic of conversation no matter where you go. This summer has been amazing - one of the warmest and sunniest we've experienced since moving to Ireland more than 10 years ago. And the clouds parted just in time for our annual teen camp as we basked in the beautiful weather at Drewstown House in County Meath. We're grateful for the more than 40 Texans who flew to Ireland to help run this year's camp.

The 34 Mallow teens who attended Camp Vertical Perspective heard powerful preaching from the Gospel of John. It was evident that the Spirit of God was moving in many hearts during the daily chapel services. Even the bout of sickness that made the rounds among some of the campers couldn't dampen the great things God was seeking to accomplish. By the end of the week, several teens had trusted Jesus as their Saviour! Please pray for the continued spiritual growth of the teens who made decisions during the week.

Right before the start of camp, we lost a dear friend and a faithful member of the church named Jennifer. She fought a brave battle with cancer for several months before the Lord chose to call her home. We're saddened by her death, but we rejoice in the fact that she's with the Lord. All of her suffering is over! Week after week, she would wheel up to the front door of the church with a bright smile on her face. She was an inspiration to so many! There are many other things that we miss about Jennifer, including seeing her tidying the footpaths (sidewalks) near her home in Mallow. Please pray for her family and friends as they grieve her loss and that they, too, would come to know Christ as their Saviour.

Our family is settling into our new rental house, and we're grateful for the space that the Lord has provided for us. We also want to thank the churches and individuals who have given sacrificially to enable us to buy furniture. It's a blessing to have so many wonderful friends and partners in ministry.

Finally, we said goodbye to dear friends earlier this week. Brian and Monica Berry are among the many wonderful people that we've met in ministry over the years. Several months ago, the Irish government denied Monica's visa application, effectively shutting the door on the Berrys remaining in Ireland. They moved to Ireland roughly a year ago with plans to eventually start a church in the nearby town of Fermoy. They've been instrumental in launching our Wednesday kids ministry known as Roots and Brian has been helping to lead the music on Sunday mornings in Mallow. The Berrys also invested countless hours planning the SALT Conference, which was held in March near Athlone, Ireland, for European missionaries. But God has other plans for this servant-hearted couple we've come to know and love. Later this autumn, they'll be moving to Puerto Rico to begin a new life of ministry. Thankfully, our partnership with the Berrys will continue as our church will soon begin supporting them financially on a monthly basis. Please pray that the Lord will use the Berrys in a mighty way to reach the people of Puerto Rico with the Gospel. Ireland's loss no doubt will be Puerto Rico's gain!

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