



What a privilege to minister to so many children during our Holiday Bible Club. Please pray for the seeds of the Gospel to take root in the lives of these precious children.

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Our first Family Camp, or Camp Oikos, was a huge blessing! There was a sweet spirit among God's people that was undeniable. Roughly 60 people who regularly attend our church came to the camp. In fact, a number of families chose to stay overnight. It was an encouraging time of fellowship, with a little bit of fun mixed in as well. We're already looking forward to next year's camp!

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Dear pastors/supporting churches,

Our heads start spinning – in a good way – when we stop to reflect on everything that has happened over the last month in Mallow. It really has been incredible to witness the Lord changing the lives of individuals and families!

Camp Oikos, our first family camp, was a massive success. We weren't sure what to expect, quite honestly, but by the end of the week roughly 60 of our church people had attended at least one service at the camp. Our congregation enjoyed teaching from God's Word on topics ranging from conflict resolution and how to study the Bible to financial stewardship and raising godly children. A sweet spirit pervaded among God's people. Nothing, however, could eclipse seeing two women receive Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour! The women, both of whom live outside the Mallow area, were invited to camp by one of our church members. The week couldn't have gone any better, and we're praying that Camp Oikos will become an annual event.

After a brief break, we started gearing up for Holiday Bible Club (VBS). We learned several months ago that the usual location for HBC wouldn't be available this year. Thankfully, we were able to reserve a community centre in an area filled with children who lived within walking distance. No doubt, God's plans are always better than our plans! The attendance at HBC hit 60 on two days, and, overall, we had the opportunity to minister to 77 different children during the week. Truly, it was a joy hosting the team from our sending church, Canton Baptist Temple; they did an outstanding job organising and leading the outreach.

Recently, we watched with joy as four adults followed the Lord in believer's baptism. Two were men in their 70s who have been saved for some time, but had never been baptised by immersion. Their obedience was quite a testimony to the church! That same Sunday, Doug had the privilege of leading a teenage girl to Christ! Please pray for Hannah to grow in her walk with the Lord.

Lastly, home school is officially back in session so we would appreciate your prayers for a fun and productive academic year for Evan, David and Nathan. Evan is a senior and this is David's final year of elementary school! Meanwhile, our daughter, Hannah, is back from Spain and will be returning to classes in Cork in just a couple of weeks. As always, we appreciate your prayers for our family and the ministry in Ireland.

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