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# The Staleys

Serving in the Republic of Ireland



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**We had a packed house for our recent Mother's Day service, including more than 20 moms representing a variety of cultures.**

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## **Dear pastors/supporting churches,**

We need your continued prayers for our housing situation. We can't overemphasize how critical a need this is for our family and our long-term future in Ireland. Last month, we received notice from our landlord that the homeowner was giving the house to his niece and, as a result, we would need to move by the end of September. So far, the process of finding a new home proved to be frustrating. Ireland is in the midst of a severe housing crisis and there are few rental properties available for a family of our size. Additionally, rents have skyrocketed over the last couple of years because the demand for housing is high and the supply is low. Our rent will double, no matter where we move. I

In recent weeks, we, along with our teammates the Slaters, have been praying for a solution to this very serious problem. We believe the best option for the long-term security of our family, and the future of the church and its leadership, is for the church to buy property. We're praying to find property to be used as a parsonage and other ministry opportunities.

The congregation has voted to move ahead with the next steps of buying property so please pray for God to guide us. Please consider giving a special offering toward the purchase of property. We will keep you updated during the process.

As we look to the future, we also reflect on the past and all that the Lord has accomplished since we moved to Ireland 10 years ago. It's hard to believe that a decade has passed since we boarded a plane in Ohio and landed the next day in Ireland on March 8, 2016. In all seriousness, we count it a privilege to serve as your representatives in Mallow, County Cork. God has been SO faithful through the good and the hard times. We praise the Lord for your generous, faithful giving and the many fervent prayers that have been lifted up on our family's behalf.

Earlier this month, our family was blessed by the SALT (Serving And Living Together) Conference Europe in Athlone, Ireland. Missionaries serving across Europe attended the conference, which was operated by a visiting church from Texas pastored by former missionary Steve Burkholder. It was so encouraging to fellowship with and hear testimonies from other European missionaries as they shared both the blessings and the struggles of ministering in their respective fields. We're thankful for the solid Bible teaching that we received during the week as well as the fun times – including pickle ball, ping pong Connect 4 tournaments – that we enjoyed with new friends.

In addition to the conference, the group from Texas also helped us spruce up our church during their visit by doing some painting, general cleaning and organizing. They also helped coordinate a one-day youth conference. I figured we might have 15 to 20 teens show up for the outreach. Oh, me of little faith! In the end, there were more than 30 teens – including a number of new faces – in attendance. The Gospel was clearly presented to the teens and we're praying for the seeds that were sown to bear fruit. Pastor Burkholder delivered a powerful message to a packed house – March 15<sup>th</sup> is Mother's Day in Ireland – on Sunday morning. To top everything off, it was beautiful to see more than 20 moms representing many cultures in the service.

Finally, a group from the church participated in Mallow's St. Patrick's Day parade. As we walked along the parade route, we distributed tracts detailing the story of Patrick, the first Christian missionary to Ireland, and the hope he discovered in Jesus. We're thankful for the opportunity to share the Gospel with hundreds of people.

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