



# Canavans

## IRELAND

Sowing the gospel \* Watering the hearers \* Reaping changed lives

### PRAYER REQUESTS:

1. Salvation: Aidan, Priyanka, Naill, Angelo, Jonathan, Art, Gary
2. Church building to remain unlisted/wisdom with future plans
3. Soul winning efforts to be Holy Spirit filled and bring forth fruit
4. Christmas outreaches and new attempts to reach the unsaved.

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**NOVEMBER 2021** - As Beth and I continue in the work God has called us to, those who support this ministry are often on our minds. We are so very grateful for the generous sacrifices of those who give to and pray for missionaries such as ourselves. While the church has grown and matured, and the obligations of ministry have become increasingly heavy, we are called by God to be fishers of men on your behalf. We view it as a solemn responsibility to be active, fervent and effective soul winners.

**SOUL WINNING** - Over the years, I have personally knocked on nearly 100,000 doors giving gospel tracts and sharing gospel with whoever would allow. I have shared a clear, comprehensive presentation of the gospel with thousands of people and done a lot of call backs. I go out for 2 hours (1.5 on the doors) every Saturday morning with men I am training to be soul winners. We each attempt to knock on 70+ doors and/or have at least one solid gospel presentation. I normally have at least one 20-40 minute gospel talk. There are various degrees of hardness in many. A few slam the door quick and hard; some communicate they have no interest and refuse to take a tract, but close the door gently. Many will turn away but receive a gospel tract. We have to go thru a lot of doors to get to someone who has a bit of warmth and spiritual interest. I have found if you don't go thru the hard door experiences, you will never find the doors where someone is searching and will listen to a gospel presentation. Sometimes I am challenging an atheist to rethink their position and why they should consider the gospel. I take it as far as they will let me. Those talks have a lot of arguments from apologetics with gospel lovingly woven in. Though Irish RC's are significantly more fundamental than American Catholics, they are shockingly ignorant of Bible truth, especially gospel truth. I find most RC's, especially the younger ones, are sliding or have already slipped into an agnostic world view or outright atheism. The official numbers are that 1% of the Irish are born again. Of those that answer the door, I can go thru well over a thousand doors without finding a single person with a testimony of salvation. I think far, far less than 1% of the Irish in affluent S.E. Dublin are born again.

**ANDREW & FAMILY HAVE ARRIVED** - Andrew and his wife (Shawn) and baby girl (Claire) have finished their deputation and arrived! Andrew is at least 5 years ahead of a missionary as he grew up here and knows the ways of the Irish. Shawn is adapting to Ireland and the European way of life quite well. We are incredibly grateful to have them working with us for about 1 year. We hope to go on a furlough in the Fall of 2022 while they watch the church for us.

