



Canavans

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IRELAND

PRAYER REQUESTS:

1. Andrew and Shawn as they lead the church in Ireland during our absence
2. Safety in our many miles of driving
3. For us to be a genuine help and encouragement as we encourage missions in our supporting churches.
4. Christmas outreaches and new attempts to reach the unsaved.

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November 2022 - Since Beth and I came back on furlough, we have grown in our appreciation of God's boundless love and provision in our lives. When we left Ireland, there was a certain degree of vulnerability. As we made plans to come back, we had no car, have not had a US drivers license for years and had no place to live and a new sending pastor we had never met in person. We are deeply thankful for Pastor Carpenter and his godly leadership of Heritage Baptist Church. He led the church to provide an apartment for us which has helped us be blessed in having a place of our own between meetings. Not having a US license, getting insurance would have been quite expensive, as well as securing a car and racking up the miles. We are so grateful for the previous staff car that was made available to us during our 4 month furlough! God has been so good, and we are very grateful for his provision.

We started out in meetings 4 days after we landed and have been quite busy ever since. After a few meetings on the East coast, we flew out to Oregon and Washington and were blessed to see the men of God in the Northwest standing strong in the face of the societal breakdowns that socialism brings. We then flew to Florida and were able to be part of some truly exceptional meetings. We also were able to meeting up for some blessed fellowship with our retired pastor friend, Tom Crichton and his wife Ginny. They have been over to Ireland several times and become dear friends in the Lord.

Because we have only been back 4 1/2 months in the last 12 years, several of our supporting churches have new pastors. Our focus has been to visit these churches first, as a courtesy, so they can get to know those they support. We are greatly encouraged by all of the new pastors and their leadership.

It has been an especially sweet to connect once again with some of our supporting pastors who have remained so very faithful for decades. Seeing the way God has used their steadfast, gracious, wise and godly leadership has become a tremendous, living example of what Christlike spiritual leadership is to be. So many faithful brothers and sisters in Christ have also faithfully followed Christ whom God has used to do amazing things. Oh, to be faithful to the great King of Kings and His glorious plan for our life until the very end of our life on this earth.

We consider it a solemn privilege to report back on what God has done, and encourage missions in the opportunities that God gives. I am thankful for the many opportunities God allowed me to have to preach in our supporting churches. We have seen some good decisions thru preaching endeavors. During one of our times soul winning, we had an unusually good witness with a lady that I trust is now saved.

Though God has blessed this furlough, we are looking forward to returning to Ireland on January 12, 2023 and reaching new heights in the ministry.