



# Canavans

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## IRELAND

### Prayer Requests

1. Salvation: Adian, Dino, Sandra, John
2. Young adults showing promise: Jaime, Nick, Sandie, Katrina, Doyna
3. New song leaders and youth leaders
4. Andrew to remain safe and raise support to come back to Ireland.

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### February 2020 Prayer Letter

Last year we had the best year in the history of the church with nearly 20 salvation decisions and 14 baptisms. This followed a major, multi-year battle to buy the building we had been renting. The energy and potential for growth in the church is at a level I have never seen before. Though Satan has fiercely opposed gospel progress on this dark mission field, God has ABUNDANTLY blessed. It is truly better than we deserve! **We produced a 2 minute video to show what God did in 2019. You can go to [vimeo.com/391664731](https://vimeo.com/391664731) to view the video.** There is an option to download this video.

The last several months have been extremely busy. Beth and I have been working very hard to keep up with growth the Lord has brought. Amidst the men in the church, we are always reaching out to, two godly young men have shown spiritual promise. I am working and praying very hard as we train these two men for leadership positions. However, they have been saved less than 2 years and are not yet ready. In the midst of this situation, God has brought considerable potential for growth and we are struggling to keep up with it. We are held back by a lack of qualified, mature spiritual leadership in the church. With the right assistant, there is no doubt the church would grow significantly. Our prayer request is that we would be able to maintain growth and God would provide the right person(s) to help take the church where He wants it to go.

We had a leaky roof and the quote to fix it was \$14,000 as the roof is 123 years old, and steep. We couldn't afford the quote to fix the roof. In rainy, wet Ireland, a leaky roof is a serious problem! Damage to the ceiling was getting worse and worse. We prayed and prayed for months. In the mean time, I contacted 13 roofers to try and get a better quote to no avail. We had a 24-hour Prayer Marathon, highlighting the need to fix the roof. During the prayer marathon, one of the roofers I had previously contacted felt compelled to come visit the church, that day. About 12 hours into the prayer marathon, he showed up at the church and he practically begged us to fix the roof for materials and labor only. A short time later, he and a few other men worked on it for a few days and we paid them \$4,900. To God be the glory!

Jonathan is an 18 year old who has been part of my son in law's youth group. He graduated early and is looking forward to going to Bible college to study missions this fall. He volunteered to come over to help out with the youth and building maintenance for 6 weeks, starting in February. I have enjoyed working with him and explaining missions to him. Though his primary responsibilities have been to assist with youth work, he is gifted with building skills. He completed several building projects that sorely needed attention.