



# Canavans

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### Prayer Requests:

**Salvation** - John, Sandra, William, Jonathan, Adam, Sean, nAidan, Jasin

**Church Mortgage** - offerings enough to cover it

**Andrew** - deputation ministry begins in April.

New youth leader and song leader

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### January 2019 Prayer Letter

Just before we got back from our 2 month furlough, our son Andrew (serving as the youth pastor, music leader and treasurer for the last 4 years) completed an 8 week soul winning course.

"It is my conviction that the model church of the New Testament was a working church, and the great work of the church was and ought to be Gospel work. While it is exciting to watch many in our church making significant steps of growth, I felt that some were struggling to be a personal soul winner. In the Fall of 2018, we held a class for our members equipping them to engage in personal

soul winning. The response was exciting! We had five students attend, and during the course, each gave a testimony of how they were able to personally witness to others. One student was even able to lead her friend to Christ! In addition to teaching soul winning, we increased our own soul-winning efforts, and were amazed during 8 consecutive Sundays, as we saw visitors come whom we'd never met! While we are still working on following up with these dear people, I believe if we will faithfully labour together in God's harvest, and continue by faith, though initial results may seem slow, God is looking to do a supernatural work." – Andrew Canavan



When we arrived back on November 27th we jumped straight into the Christmas season. Andrew did a superb job preparing the Christmas youth and music programs. We had a childrens Christmas play and dinner with unsaved parents in attendance. It was well attended and I was able to preach a clear presentation of the gospel. We also had a Christmas Cantata the following week. Though attendance was a little low, it was one of the best Cantata's we have ever done. We followed that with a candle and carol service on Sunday Evening, Dec 23. In Europe, it seems only Catholics have a Christmas Eve service. Bible believers have a Christmas day service, which we did agains this year at 10am. We had a fairly good attendance and enjoyed the fellowship with our church family here in Ireland. In each of the Christmas services I brought the Christmas story back to the Bible and made the gospel clear. May the Lord bless the preaching of His Word.



My son Caleb is the youth pastor at Calvary Baptist Church in Smithfield, Virginia along with his wife Hannah. On October 17, Hannah gave birth to little Titus Alexander. Titus is growing and seems to be doing very well. We are thrilled to have a second grandchild being brought up in the love of God and the fear of God.