



Annual trip to Christian bookshop

After our whirlwind trip to the States, we had a very eventful summer. We came back to a missions conference (two of the messages I preached), a teen camp, and a Holiday Bible Camp (HBC or VBS) at the church. We had an intern, Seán, for 10 weeks, and we hosted the Neighbourhood Bible Time lads, a director and friend from Baptist World Mission, and a supporting couple.

Through email updates, I informed you all that all our events and programmes went exceedingly well. The missions conference saw an increase of over a third in the faith promise commitment. The teen camp saw many of our teens revived, eager to study the Bible more, wanting to witness more, and wanting to surrender more to the LORD. A few teens got saved at the church camp. The HBC was the best it has been in



Teachers' meeting

years. We reached out to almost 40 kids, several of whom were first-time visitors. Although no one came to church as a direct result, three to four kids professed faith in Christ, some of whom are church kids. You can see the difference! We now have a database of families that we can reach out to for next year's club, and we are excited about that. During the summer, our daughter, Hannah, ran a kids' club. Although only four kids came at most, one of them got saved at our HBC. Hannah and a few of the church teens who helped her laid that foundation for Ava to be saved! We were also delighted to see our dear friends, Mike and Hannah Martin, from Baptist World Mission. We also had Pastor and Mrs Stertz from Bible Baptist Church (BBC) in Hudson, WI, visit. He is one of our faithful, supporting pastors from Wisconsin, and it was a blessing to show him the work BBC has been supporting for years! Seán, one of the missionary kids (MKs), interned with me for the summer. It was a rigorous and busy experience for him, but he survived GBC and graduated from the internship with flying colours! Well done, Seán!

As I have mentioned in earlier updates, the Muslim group received planning permission from the county council to turn the large building adjacent to us into a mosque. This is contrary to the development plan for Lucan village and should not even have been considered by the council, but it was. I am not sure if I already mentioned that we share a structural wall with them. The Hills Mills Management Company, which manages all the industrial units, and of which I am a director, has now put in an appeal to the planning board. Please pray for God's will to be done! In our minds, the location is just not right, but we do want to be a witness to see them saved. Please pray with us and for us regarding this extremely important matter.

On a very positive note, we have 12–13 signed up for a Bible Institute. Class begins this week, and our subject is New Testament Survey. Our people are really excited and looking forward to the class!

All our kids are doing well. Josiah and Caroline need a new car. Please pray for them. They plan to begin raising support next year. Josh had a tremendous internship in Georgia. It was hard for him to say goodbye, but he is back at Maranatha Baptist University. Hannah and John are back in school. They are doing really well, and we are thankful for their diligence. The four of us were able to take a short break in Cork and Kerry before beginning school again. Now that we are back, Jen is getting into the routine. Our final child has just started high school; thus, in four years, Jen will have earned a doctorate in homeschooling! ☺ I am so grateful to have her by my side as my wife!!!



Big Sean (just saved) and Sean (intern)

Thank you for your support while we seek to gain more territory for Christ, Les, Jenny, Hannah (17), and John (14) Hill