

ANDREW & SHAWN CANAVAN

Church-planting in IRELAND

Greetings dear friends, the wettest winter / early spring in memorable history has prompted more than the usual "weather" conversations here in Ireland. Just when we thought the sun had left us forever, a beautiful sunny spell brought spring blooming into life. This delightful shift in the weather came just in time for our missions team from Good News Baptist Church (Chesapeake, VA) to land and begin in earnest to share the Gospel with many on the streets of Galway. We are reminded of the precious promises, following months of rain, "As the rain cometh down... and returneth not hither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud... so shall my word be." (Isa. 55:10-11) God's Word has the awesome power to create life, which makes evangelism exciting.

BIBLE TABLE

We began our Bible question / Bible give-away table this past month, and are delighted to report a blessed start. We have been presented with lively questions ranging from, "Do you really believe once saved, always saved?" to a post-Christian skeptic asserting, "You can't tell me anything about the Bible I haven't heard!" We have also had sincere Bible recipients listen to a full Gospel presentation. The Lord has protected, given blessed opportunities for witness, and encouraged us with 35 Bibles given away thus far.



Bible stand in Galway city!

with GNBC helping in Limerick



Clare & Cian helping

sharing Gospel with Bible recipient



VISIT FROM GNBC

A father / son team of 12 men and boys joined us for ten days to labour in leafleting / street evangelism (passing out tracts on the streets and trying to engage in conversation), assisting at the Bible table, and even helping to lay a cement foundation for my future office. These godly men clearly came to labour and to encourage. We cannot express our appreciation for their efforts. Many hundreds of Gospel tracts were handed out, thousands of leaflets inviting to Holiday Bible club were given, and many Bibles as well. Clare and Cian especially enjoyed our fun guests, and our whole family was edified in the Lord!

SPEAKING WITH MUSLIMS The Lord gave our second evangelistic Bible study for which we have been praying, with a follow-up from street evangelism. Interestingly, both have been young Muslim men. Mohammed is from Egypt and desires to know more about the Bible. He still struggles to accept the trinity, and the truth that God became man and then suffered for mankind's sin. Please pray for continued Bible studies with both young men and for their salvation. (Bashar is the other)

Caireann is now ten weeks and capturing the attention of all she meets. Shawna is doing much better in her recovery, and we are now a bustling family of five. Thanks a million for your prayers and support.

PRAYER REQUESTS

SALVATION: Emma, Roberto, Michelle, **Michael & Emma, Radek**, Joanna, Mohammad, Bashar

GROWTH: Margaret, John, Martin, Joel, Rhona,

SPECIAL: Shawna's recovery, **upcoming Holiday Bible Club**, wisdom, fruit

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