



The Thatchers

Waterford, Ireland



- Ireland's population, 5.3 million
- 34% of population 25 years old or younger
- Dublin's population over 1.5 million
- Waterford's population over 60,000
- 69% still claim to be Roman Catholic

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Dear Friends,

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By Irish standards we are experiencing a very warm and dry summer so far this year. The daytime temperatures have been running around 75-80 degrees compared to the usual summer temperatures of 65-70 degrees. In fact, things are getting so dry that the grass is starting to turn brown which does not happen very often in this country. We are thankful to be able to have a garden and plant out several things. The warm weather has been helpful in this regard.

The good weather along with having Kaleb home from college has allowed us to get so much more done out on the doors. The Lord also gave me the opportunity to preach a couple of sessions at a teen camp which was hosted by a fellow pastor and his church. The teens from our church were able to go and participate as well. Our daughters, Karissa and Kari, have been teaching our teen girls class, and this has been a blessing. They have had a few extra activities and special get together times this summer with more planned over the next 6-7 weeks. We are planning a family focus weekend at church for the second weekend of August to follow along with our church theme this year "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord".

The remainder of this letter I will share with you a few prayer requests on the health side of things. First, Lisa has a torn cartilage in her knee that she has been contending with for the past several months. It got to the point where she could barely make it up and down the stairs as well as giving her difficulty driving. The other issue has to deal with insulin resistance and some problems with pancreatic and liver enzyme production. She is on a prescription to help with these things as well as some injections. The injections are very helpful and are continuing on but outside the scope of our insurance. My own health issues are of the cardiac nature. Due to a few developing symptoms over the past year my GP referred me to a cardiologist. After a few tests and based upon symptoms he has decided that it would be prudent for me to have an angiogram to see if there is anything that needs to be addressed concerning the heart and vascular system. So that will take place here in Waterford on Wednesday the 15th. So, these are a few of the pressing health issues that we have going at the moment that you can be praying with us about. Lisa is seeing good improvement and Lord willing I will not have anything to major to contend with concerning the angiogram. Please do keep us in prayer this summer as we continue to serve the Lord with the opportunities that he has put before us. Thank you for all the cards and email notes concerning our wedding anniversary in June. We are grateful for your continued prayer and support of our family and ministry.

May the Lord find us faithful,
Don and Lisa Thatcher & Family