

ANDREW & SHAWN CANAVAN

CHURCH PLANTING IN
IRELAND

Greetings from Ireland. Thank you for your prayers, as we enter the autumn season, we are grateful to report on a corresponding harvest season of God's blessing during recent weeks of ministry.

BLESSED HOLIDAY BIBLE CLUB

Thank you to those who prayed leading up to our Summer Bible Camp, which we held in August. The Lord amazingly blessed with 30 dear children joining us each day to learn from our theme of "Knowing Christ." It was a joy to meet many returning children from previous years and also to meet many new children! Though no salvation decisions were made this year, we rejoice that children from all different religious backgrounds listened to the Gospel being shared day after day. We had a Muslim lady wearing a hijab come and stay with her two children for the entire day. We also had Radek, whom we had not seen in weeks, come with his son Julian, and now he has returned to weekly services! We held our first teen rally the last two days of the week, with ten teens attending, some of whom were unsaved. We praise and thank the Lord. As a result of NBT, we have begun one Bible study with a Catholic man named Haggai.



Catholic Rosary
Rally & Martin



Clare & Cían enjoying
time with cousins!

Holiday Bible Club
2026



Pastor & Mrs.
MacAvoy
at the Bible Table



NEW VISITORS

In recent weeks, we have been blessed with a series of visitors. Bridget attended one Sunday after receiving a leaflet on the street. She and her husband Ebere returned the following week and have continued to come. Juliet, a young lady from Nigeria who rode Yexica's bus, visited on a Sunday and has continued to come. Gibson and Karen brought their neighbors another week, and a young transfer student from Australia, Matthew, has joined us for the Fall semester. We are so grateful for the MacAvoy's who have filled in the last several weeks in our absence. The Lord has used them in tremendous ways since they landed in Ireland!

EXCITEMENT AT THE BIBLE TABLE

A few weeks ago, Martin walked up to our Bible table, received a Bible and asked, "Where do I start reading?" He agreed to meet for a Bible study, and we soon found this young man very Catholic but open. A few moments later, as we stood at our Bible table, we heard loud trumpets sounding with a procession of the "Catholic Rosary Rally" marching right in front of our Bible table. They held rosary beads, recited "Hail Mary's," and carried a large idol of Mary on their shoulders — leading it all holding a cross was young Martin! Please pray for him, that he would make Scripture his authority, not tradition, and trust in Jesus Christ. The next week an aggressive and vocal LGBT rally of more than a thousand followers came and stopped right in front of our Bible table, chanting their slogans for several minutes before continuing on. We were reminded, the people of Galway sit in darkness, and desperately need Christ! (Isa. 9:2)

A BRIEF FURLOUGH

In mid-August we returned to the US for a brief six-week furlough and have been so encouraged reporting to dear supporting churches. Clare has enjoyed singing and talking to everybody she meets, Caireann is making as many new "creche" / nursery friends as she possibly can. Cian enjoys attending Sunday school with other children and lights up whenever he sees toys or playgrounds on the road. The sunny warm weather here though sometimes a little extra toasty, has been wonderful -- we almost forgot what heat feels like, lol. Though we are only stateside for a few weeks, we have been so encouraged by the fellowship and encouragement of supporting churches.

PRAYER REQUESTS

SALVATION: Emma, **Roberto**, Michael & Emma, **Radek**, Joanna, Mohammad, Bashar, Martin, **Juliet**, **Haggai**, **Harry**

GROWTH: Margaret, John, Martin, Sean, Luigi, Yexica, Gibson, Karen, Abby.

SPECIAL: 3rd Anniversary service, fruitfulness, boldness, evangelistic Bible studies & follow ups, safe travels

PRAISES

- Blessed Holiday Bible Club
- Radek has returned and now is bringing his son to Sunday school.
- Bridget, Ebere, Juliet, Julian, Dennis, Matthew, Danica & Reynante visiting!
- Safety and encouragement during furlough travels.

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