



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,

September 2026

This year has certainly been an interesting summer in that we actually had a summer with plenty of sunshine and heat. Along with that we had a very dry summer. There has been nearly no rain for July and August apart from I think 2 times that it did sprinkle a bit. It was very strange to not cut the grass for those two months. Due to the draught conditions, water restrictions were put into place so that you could not use garden hoses or wash cars, etc. The government was urging neighbours to report violating neighbours, and the fines were up to 1,000 Euros. Thankfully, we have had some good rains since the last two days of August, and the grass is green again, but the restrictions remain until the end of September.

We have had a busy summer with various youth and collage age events as well as a family focus weekend in early August. The Lord has used these opportunities in many folks lives. Several visitors have passed though over the course of this summer. It has been more than usual. Two of these seem to be continuing to come. One of them is a man who found us through searching online. He has some sort of biblical religious background and is searching because he is lost. I was able to share the gospel for an hour with him after a Wednesday evening service. We have since had several ongoing discussions as he is still trying to come to some definitive conclusions. Twelve years ago, a lady brought her husband to church because as she put it, he needed to get saved. After coming to church for several months it finally clicked with him, and he got saved after the service on Sunday. He continued to come, but his wife did not come back for various reasons connected with her health and being content with television church. Well, after all of these years she came back out to church during our family focus weekend. The good weather has given us plenty of extra opportunities to be out on doors with the Gospel.

As we shift into autumn, we have scheduled a baptismal service on the first Sunday of October for two of our teen girls that many of you have been praying for. This will be an exciting time as there will be unsaved family and friends attending and will hear the Gospel. Continue to pray for them as well as those who have and are visiting our services. You can pray with us for as gasoline is running around \$9 a gallon and going back up. Electricity has risen 10-11%. This in turn is affecting groceries and consumer goods. I would suspect that you all are seeing some of the same things in your part of the world. Pray with us concerning extra outside medical costs this year. And also, be praying for our son Kaleb who is now in his third year in Bible college in Romania. We would ask that you be praying for us that we finish out the 2026 year serving and being about the Father's business. Thank you all for your card and emails of encouragement along with your faithful prayers and support.

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