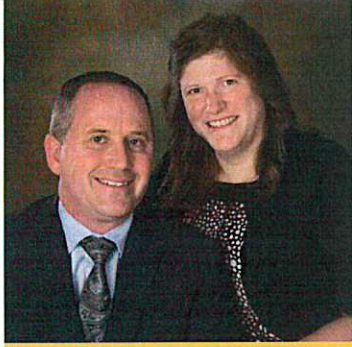


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PRAYER REQUESTS:

1. Salvation: Aidan, VJ Priyanka & Sandra

2. Young adults showing promise: Jaime, Nick, Sandy, Doyna, Wiktorja, Sampson, Joshua

3. Andrew & Shawn to remain safe and raise support to come back to Ireland.

4. Church to remain financially stable amidst stiff lockdowns.

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SEPTEMBER 2020 - By the end of September we were not allowed to meet as a church for 5 1/2 of the previous 7 months. We were grateful to meet as a church during the 6 weeks reprieve at the end of the summer (though a very stiff lockdown has since been reenacted). We are also grateful that YouTube, liberal as it is, has faithfully carried our message at no cost to the congregation.

ART CAMP - We prayed, then stepped out on in faith and took what seemed like a bold step: we went ahead with the Art Camp. Art camp is one of the outreaches we do that in-particularly resonates with unsaved communities around us. God led and did an amazing work!

Art Camp takes months of research and planning beforehand. But all of the time spent planning is well worth it. This year we chose creation as our theme. The art projects each day tied in with the Day of Creation being taught that day. The kids enjoyed the art projects, the games and the snacks each day. We're glad that they have fun, but our main focus is to present the gospel. Each Bible lesson taught a Day of Creation, a little science lesson and then finished off with spiritual application. It was amazing how teaching the kids that God is a loving Creator prepared them for the gospel. 9 of the 17 children who attended were from the community, not our church. 6 of those 9 made a profession of faith. We praise the Lord for His amazing grace!

We produced a video that would be suitable to show in church or a Sunday school etc. It is 3:30 long and can be found at this address:

vimeo.com/467940383

CHURCH GROWTH - We continued door to door soul winning, until the lockdowns were elevated once again and the reception turned decidedly cold. However we have continued to reach out with the gospel and online ministries. Interestingly, our mid week Bible studies, which we do via Zoom, are going quite well. Both the ladies and men's classes have picked up participants. Some of the participants saw us on YouTube, social media, the church website or were a reference from a friend. We are excited to be able to minister to these new people and trust they will join us when we meet again in person.

Two young couples joined the church before we locked down again in late August. Dale and Tamryn are from South Africa. Though Tamryn was Baptist, Dale was not and is currently in discipleship Bible studies with Dan. They are steadily growing and I have begun training them in the livestream ministry.

Chris and Marina have 2 young boys and have a hunger for the Word. Though they have a pentecostal background, they are open to truth and teachable. We are excited about these additions to the church.

Thank you very much for your consistent prayer and financial support in these trying times. Your sacrifice and faithfulness is greatly appreciated.