



The kids who attended the Holiday Bible Club in Mallow had a blast learning about "trusting Jesus in a wild world."



We averaged 40 kids each day during the Mallow HBC with a high day of 45. At least 2 accepted Christ during the week!



The first-ever HBC in Fermoy was a success. We ministered to 20 different children throughout the week.

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Dear pastors/supporting churches,

Summer is winding down and we're counting our blessings after a wonderful and fruitful season of ministry that included two Holiday Bible Club outreaches to children.

The first VBS-style outreach was geared toward children in the town of Fermoy, which is located roughly half an hour from Mallow. It marked our first outreach in the Fermoy area. The purpose of the HBC was to connect with children and parents in order to begin the process of launching a church in Fermoy. We and our teammates, the Slaters, have been praying for several years about the possibility of starting a church in the town. Attendance grew during the 3-day HBC and, by the end of the week, we had ministered to 20 different children who live in the Fermoy area. We praise the Lord for a visiting church from the US that helped lead the outreach and for the many seeds that were planted and watered.

About a week after the HBC ended, missionaries Brian and Monica Berry arrived in Ireland. The Berrys are settling in to their new home and will be leading the efforts to start a church in Fermoy. They're already making connections in the community and recently started a Bible study that meets on Friday nights. Please pray for the growth of the Bible study and for the Lord to open doors in the community to reach people with the Gospel. We're praying that in the Lord's timing a church will be established in Fermoy.

During the second week of August, we organized a second HBC in Mallow with the help of a supporting church from the U.S. We ministered to an average of 40 children each day and the majority had never attended a service at our church in Mallow. The kids had a blast "learning how to trust Jesus in a wild world" through Gospel-centered Bible lessons, Scripture memorization and engaging science experiments. At the close of each day, the Gospel was presented to both children and parents as they gathered to collect their children. On the final day of the HBC, Doug took a pie to the face in celebration of reaching our goal of 45 children in attendance. We praise God for the two children who trusted Christ as their Saviour during the week.

Now that autumn has arrived, we've resumed home schooling with our boys, Evan, David and Nathan. Our oldest son, Evan, is starting his junior year of high school and is seeking God's direction for the future. It's a huge responsibility, but we count it a privilege to educate our boys at home. Meanwhile, our daughter, Hannah, has moved to Spain for the academic year to study Spanish. Please pray for her safety and that she would be able to grasp the language quickly.

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