



# Canavans

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# IRELAND

## PRAYER REQUESTS:

1. Someone to help with the teens
2. See more Irish saved and added to the church
3. Our housing situation to become stable. Mrs. Goodwin to sign paperwork
4. Andrew, Shauna & the church plant in Galway
5. Phira, Aidan to be saved

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**AUGUST 2025** - In July of each year, we have 2 camps for children and one camp for teens. This year's camp was overshadowed with the passing of my mother, Johanna Canavan. After a long struggle with Alzheimers, she died on July 27. I was grateful to be able to be present and speak at her funeral. She was known by many as a ray of sunshine for she has always had the joy of the Lord. What comfort it is to know that she is saved and with the Lord.

To prepare for the camps we had a 12 hour prayer marathon, passed out 5k leaflets, contacted previous attendees, created a unique website and advertized online thru a promotional video.

**HOLIDAY BIBLE CAMP/NBT WEEK:** Our first camp was called Holiday Bible Camp. We are incredibly thankful for NBT for sending over evangelists to do this camp. The gospel is incredibly clear and well presented during the week of Holiday Bible Camp. Total enrollment was 32, highest attendance was 27, lowest attendance was 25. There were 3 children saved.

The teen part of our Holiday Bible Camp/NBT week resulted in 2 record highs with 21 teenagers on Wednesday and a total of 24 enrolled. Though none of the teens were saved in this meeting, the preaching by Levi, the NBT evangelist, was excellent. God did a great work in the teens' hearts; we are thankful for the many good decisions made and the clear gospel the unsaved heard.

**ART CAMP:** Every year we host an Art Camp in the first full week of August. Because of available space in our building, we can comfortably have 20 children. In a squeeze, we can have a maximum of 24 children. We were praying for 20 kids, but only had 17. With my husband gone for his mother's funeral that week, the lower number was easier for me to handle. The teens of our church are my helpers, which is great because most of them came to Art Camp as kids and so they know how it works.

Every year we have a theme for the week which guides our choice of art projects and our Bible lesson. This year our theme was Creation. Each day we focused on a day of creation and the great wisdom and power of God in His creating everything. With several kids attending without an evangelical background, we wait until Thursday and Friday to give an invitation for salvation. This year, Ivanna, was saved.

Ivanna is one of our church kids who attends with her mother and older twin brothers. She had gone through Bible Camp in July and was under conviction, but was too shy to come during the invitation time to be saved. Her brothers and her mother were really praying that she would accept Christ during Art Camp. When the invitation was given, she could hardly wait to go back and get saved. What a joy to see Ivanna become a child of God!

