



Canavans

Sowing the gospel * Watering the hearers * Reaping changed lives

IRELAND

PRAYER REQUESTS:

1. Someone to help with the teens
2. See more Irish saved and added to the church
3. The Lord blessed the roof works. Thank you for praying!
4. Andrew, Shauna & the church plant in Galway
5. Tyler - recently saved Sean, Phira to be saved

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JUNE 2025 - Early in 2023 we informed you of the attempt to sue the church over falling slates by an aggressive neighbor. This caught us off guard, as we could not afford to re-slate the roof at that time. As a result of this pressure, the church in Ireland focused on frugality and saving. I also wrote for help from supporting churches. Over the years, I have rarely reached back for support as missions churches must learn to support themselves and not depend on outside support. I felt this was an indispensable exception. We are extremely grateful for your help!

In an expensive, socialist country, finding a roofer who was reliable and able to handle our difficult roof was a massive challenge. The costs could easily spiral out of control or the roof job could turn out badly done or unfinished. In a country that rains over 200 days a year, a good roof is important! After much prayer and many interviews, God led us to Steven. Steven is an Irish man who is from several generations of roofers. He had a small crew and specialized in repairing old slate roofs. He promised to replace all of the slates and other miscellaneous roofing structures and to do several things to strengthen the roof. In May, the scaffolding was set up. The 127 year old slates broke and crumbled in some cases as they took them off. If we had waited longer, the roof would have been worse. Over the next 6 weeks, they put on new wood, covered it with sheathing and nailed in new slates with copper nails (they don't rust). The roofers did a superb job and the roof came out very nicely. The costs stayed on budget. This is a miracle to praise God for. God was exceptionally good to us in this re-roof job. Many of the unsaved neighbours are quite surprised at the superb outcome of the roof job.

I witnessed to all the roofers, but the youngest roofer, a man named Tyler, responded the best. Tyler is a full time roofer, but he is also a semi-professional boxer who devotes every spare moment to boxing. One Friday afternoon, Tyler was sitting in our side room, waiting for a bus to take him home. As I shared the gospel with Tyler, he mentioned that many boxers are quite spiritual and pray much. Over the next hour, God worked and Tyler came to understand the gospel. I was grateful to see Tyler accept Christ as his personal Saviour.

