



August **UPDATE**

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August has been a month of harvest, encouragement, and teamwork. We are humbled and grateful for how the Lord is working in Derry—reminding us again that it is His Spirit who draws people to salvation, and that He uses the prayers and partnership of many to make it possible.

Salvation Stories: One of the clearest pictures of teamwork bearing fruit came this month. For two years, we had been investing in a local teenager (Femi/David) through Bible studies and the bi-weekly youth group. After one youth event, he approached Josh and asked how to be born again. Josh explained the Gospel again and gave him a tract, encouraging him to read it before their next meeting. Later that week, he shared that he had gone home, read through the tract, and while alone in his room, prayed and asked Jesus to save him from his sins. What makes his story so special is how many different people God used to bring him to that point—faithful parents, Sunday sermons, youth club, and even the salvation testimonies of the Somerville mission team and Josh's dad this summer. His salvation was not the result of one person's effort, but the fruit of many working together in God's plan to reach one soul. Please pray as we continue discipling him toward baptism and greater involvement in the church. He has so much potential!

We also rejoice that an 18-year-old Irish **young woman made a profession of faith** after several months of evangelistic Bible studies with Bethany through the Gospel of Mark. Though she and her family faithfully practice their religion, she has expressed a hunger for God's Word and a desire to know Jesus personally. She wants to continue meeting weekly. Pray for wisdom and continued openness as Bethany diligently walks with her through God's Word.

Missions Team: Many of you prayed for our basketball outreach, and God answered! Through the three-day camp, we connected with 16 teens, and two of them have already registered for the DBF youth club. Several came from difficult areas of the city that are usually resistant to the Gospel, yet they heard it multiple times during camp breaks as the coaches shared their personal testimonies and challenges. We also had the privilege of sharing the Gospel with some of the families who were dropping off their teens—a wonderful reminder that God often opens unexpected doors when we step out in faith. The South Haven team also rolled up their sleeves to help us at the new Grásta Outreach Centre—knocking down walls, patching, and opening the space up for future ministry. They helped distribute Gospel tracts across Buncrana (a town where we are praying for a future church plant) and joined us for street evangelism in Derry city centre. Despite sickness running through our home while the team was here, we're grateful that God has restored our health. Another special encouragement came when two first-time visitors showed up to church after receiving a leaflet during July's outreach with the Somerville team. Praise God for answered prayers and for fruit from seeds planted weeks ago!

Growing Church: Sunday attendance has remained strong, with more people stepping up to serve in different ways. We are deeply encouraged to see God building His church and stirring hearts toward long-term faithfulness.









Looking Ahead: Please keep these upcoming opportunities in prayer:

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- 1. A **mission team from First Baptist (Seaford, Delaware)** will be joining us soon for evangelism, Grásta renovations, and possible university outreach.
- 2.We are working diligently to open the new **Grásta Outreach Centre this October.** There is still much work to be done, but we are trusting God to use this building as a light for His Gospel in the heart of Derry.



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