



February **UPDATE**

Josh, Bethany, Macey, Milani, Noelle, and Natallie

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Video Update & Future Plans

We have so much to be thankful for as a family as we reflect on our first two years on the field and the first two months of 2025. We created a **video** to highlight all that God has done in 2023-2024, to express our gratitude for your support and prayers, and to provide an update on how God is leading us moving forward.

We are grateful that Noelle and Natalie are healthy and steadily growing! In February we applied for the twins' passports, social security cards, and birth certificates, and we visited the American consulate in Belfast as a family. We were thankful to receive all of their documents very quickly. Please pray for us as we apply to add them to our visa.

Last month, a significant highlight was that two people we have been working with officially joined the church as members and are steadily growing in their service. They have been coming to church early on Sundays to greet attendees and help set up. Additionally, they opened their home for teen events and almost single-handedly with another couple organized a Christ-focused Valentine's Day event for 11 other couples in the church. Recently, others in the church have completed training for kids' Bible classes and are regularly assisting on a rotation schedule. We continually pray that attenders transition from being nominal to taking ownership and actively loving the local church. It's encouraging to see slow but steady growth in this area, which is essential for the church to be a stong base to plant more churches. **Please continue to pray** as we strive to disciple and train several others regarding service. Also join me in praising the Lord for first time and returning visitors in January & February!

While Bethany is a very busy wife and mother, I am grateful for her desire and ability to minister to others, and God is filling her cup. She has been greatly encouraged to start a series of evangelistic Bible studies with someone whose family we have been connected to and praying for over the last two years. Although she cannot currently host larger Bible studies in our home, she continues to meet one-on-one with women in the church and hosts dinners for both regular attendees and visitors. These are critical moments to discuss salvation and other spiritual matters in an unrushed environment. Please pray for the salvation three others who, as a result of our St. Patrick's day tracts from our regular evangelism, requested info on Bible studies and a free Bible. All three requests came from the "Bogside & Branydwell" neighbourhoods (Catholic areas that saw the most violence during the "Troubles" and are still under the oppression of gang-like paramilitaries), which are typically quite resistant to our Gospel outreach.

PRAYER & PRAISES

SPD Outreach



- SPD outreach and special Sunday on March 15th-16th
- More in the church to be saved, discipled, give, become members, and serve.
- More laborers in Derry and Ireland to be a part of church planting TEAMS
- Wisdom and grace to raise a stong, loving, and grounded family
- Preparations for new Bible Study in challenging area of Derry
- Visa application for twins
- Getting Noelle Faith and Natallie Grace's passports, others docs so quick!
- New one-on-one evangeltic Bible Study for Bethany
- Core group being developed in church and more serving
- Three requesting Bibles in area we have been targeting



Please pray for St. Patrick's Day outreach and a special Sunday on March 15th-16th. This is a time when we have more opportunity to engage local Irish people with literature, Gospel conversations, and a welcoming church service as we use the testimony of Patrick to point them to lasting hope in Jesus Christ! So far, we have much interest online for the event and are praying and preparing to welcome several visitors.

Please pray for us as we prepare to launch a new evangelistic Bible study and ministry this Fall in a challenging area of Derry. We will be looking for venues, meeting with local politicians, and preparing both print and digital materials. Additionally, we aim to gather a like-minded team that shares a passion for reaching others with the Gospel in a region marked by significant spiritual and historical brokenness, as well as physical and spiritual poverty.



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