



## November UPDATE

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We hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving! As we look back on November, we're grateful for your prayers and for the clear ways God is working here in Derry. With Christmas approaching, we're rejoicing in fresh Gospel opportunities and praying many will come to know the true hope of Christ this season.

**Growing Youth & Children's Ministries:** The youth group continues to grow in exciting ways. Recently we had 13 teens, and only four attend DBF regularly. It's a joy to see such an unlikely group gathered to hear the Gospel and study God's Word. We've begun an apologetics-style study, helping them think through difficult questions about faith and Scripture. We were especially encouraged to see Femi—who trusted Christ this year—invite his friend Callum, who stayed for the Bible study. Please pray for continued salvations and for favor with the parents who allow their teens to attend.

The Kids Club, led by Bethany Norris, continues to welcome visitors too. Many parents stay through the entire meeting, giving us wonderful opportunities to share the Gospel with them as well.

**Evangelistic Bible Studies & Men's Fellowship:** We recently hosted a Men's BBQ and Bible Study with 22 men attending. It was a wonderful evening of fellowship, and a man we've been praying for—Ben—visited for the first time and heard the Gospel clearly. Please keep him in prayer. I challenged the men from Luke 2:8–20, with the example of the shepherds—ordinary men who heard of the Saviour, sought Him, and then shared Him with their community. This opened up an honest conversation afterward: 1. About 95% of our men have never taken part in outreach. 2. Many want to share their faith but admitted fears and obstacles that hold them back. 3. Several immigrant men shared how resistant and spiritually closed they find many Irish people, which can be discouraging. Outside of our ministry team—Pastor James, our family, and Bethany Norris—no other adults consistently join us in outreach. Please pray that God will raise up men especially who will take simple steps of obedience and grow in courage and compassion for the lost.

The Ladies' Bible Study continues to draw a healthy mix of women from both inside and outside the church, with encouraging spiritual conversations each week.

**Christmas Outreach & Street Ministry:** Our Christmas outreach has begun in earnest. We've already distributed thousands of Gospel leaflets and are now focusing on our city centre street outreach, where we set up our big green tent with tea, literature, and share the Gospel and give leaflets as people pass by. We've spoken with many people wrestling with real brokenness, loneliness, and hopelessness. This is exactly why we go—to shine the light of Christ where there is great need. Please pray for boldness, clarity, and fruit in the remaining street outreach efforts this month.

**Church Growth & New Visitors:** This month we welcomed **nine visitors** to DBF services. We're encouraged by steady growth—not just in numbers but in hearts. We've seen real progress in the music ministry, kids ministry, and clean up. This growth is still fragile and has taken years of patient sowing, but we give God praise for each step forward. Please pray for more **leaders and volunteers** to be raised up from within the church.

**Family Updates:** Our home battled plenty of sickness in November—everyone caught a flu, and the twins had fevers for an entire week. We're thankful for accessible healthcare and that everyone is now well. We also enjoyed a sweet **Thanksgiving meal** with church friends and those we've been ministering to—a joyful time of fellowship and gratitude.

**Looking Ahead:** December will be full with

- **Evangelistic Christmas Carol Services**
- **Special Kids and Youth Christmas Clubs**
- **Street evangelism & leafleting**
- **Christmas cards and Gospel invitations going to families, contacts, and politicians, etc.**

Please pray that the church and our family will stay close to Christ in the busyness—and that many in Derry will find new life in Him this Christmas.

As we finish this year and look toward the next, we're thankful for your faithful partnership in the Gospel. Your prayers and support make a real difference. Every conversation, every person reached, every seed planted—God is using your investment to make an eternal difference here in Derry.

**Grásta Youth Club**



**Christmas Outreach**



**Street Evangelism**



**Thanksgiving Pics!**



**Men's Bible Study**



**Ladies Bible Study**