



September UPDATE

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September has been a very full month of ministry, busy, but also full of answered prayers, encouraging growth, and new open doors for the Gospel. As we look back, we are humbled to see God's hand guiding both long-term relationships and brand-new opportunities.

Training Leaders: One highlight has been the privilege of teaching a missions class in an **online Bible college based in the UK**. The college is connected with Calvary Baptist Bible College in King, NC, and I've been teaching alongside Pastor James and other Irish and British pastors. It's an answer to prayer to partner with others in training men for ministry. Right now, three Irish and British men are preparing for full-time ministry, and we are **praying that God would raise up someone from here in Derry to train for full time ministry** as well. We also praise God that more people in DBF are stepping up to serve on a rotation schedule—whether teaching children, reading Scripture, helping with music, or setting up and cleaning the hall. It is a joy to see a core team forming and growing stronger, especially among the teens. Working together with James and Bethany Norris, and watching a spirit of teamwork develop in the church, has been a huge encouragement.

Growing Relationships & Discipleship: In recent weeks, God has uniquely opened doors in relationships that began over two years ago. People who once seemed spiritually closed are now asking deep and difficult questions, giving us opportunities to clearly share the Gospel. Some of these conversations have been prompted by the raw emotions in Derry following global events like the war in Ukraine, the conflict in Israel, and even the assassination and testimony of Charlie Kirk. People are wrestling openly—sometimes negatively, sometimes positively—but it has created opportunities to point them to the hope of Christ. Veteran European missionaries have told us that this kind of openness often comes only after years of sowing into people's lives, and we are starting to see that firsthand. The young woman who trusted Christ last month is continuing to grow spiritually. She studies the Bible weekly with Bethany and recently joined a new season of ladies' Bible studies, where she is building relationships with other women in the church. **Please continue to pray for her spiritual growth and that her testimony will influence those around her.**

Grásta Outreach Centre/Teens: The new Grásta Centre is nearly ready, and we are rejoicing in all that God is already doing through it! **A missions team from First Baptist Seaford, Delaware**, came to help us with finishing touches. They also joined us for outreach, distributing over 2,000 leaflets on the streets and in the doors of Derry and having multiple Gospel conversations along the way. We also held our very first youth club at Grásta, with 10 teens attending—including two Irish first-time visitors who were originally connected with us through the basketball camp in August. **This is such a clear answer to prayer.** When we first arrived in Derry, there were no teens connected to the church. Now, teens are not only attending but reading Scripture aloud, asking questions, and showing excitement about inviting friends from school. One teen shared that, aside from the DBF youth, he only knows two other students in his school of over 500 who attend any kind of church—most, he said, are agnostic. **Please pray for more salvations among Derry's youth.**

Growing Church: DBF has averaged 45 in local attendance for the past seven weeks (not counting mission teams)—the strongest and most consistent attendance we've seen. We are also thankful for new visitors, especially students from the university. One young woman from India who is a believer has already been a blessing. She plays guitar and has expressed a desire to help in the music ministry and serve wherever needed. **This is an answer to prayer**, as we haven't had live music since Bethany had the twins!

Looking Ahead: Please keep these upcoming opportunities in prayer:

1. Beginning next week, the **Grásta** Centre will host an after-school evangelistic kids club on Wednesdays, an adult Bible study and drop-in on Thursdays, and youth club every other Friday. **Please pray that God will bless these outreaches and bring many to faith.** We are especially grateful for the ministry of Bethany Norris, who has jumped in to serve with the ladies, children, youth, and preparation for the new Grásta building.
2. **International Sunday:** Last year, God brought a record 105 in attendance. **Please pray** again that many will come, but most importantly, that people will be connected to God through repentance and faith in Jesus.
3. **Visa application:** We have just submitted our renewal paperwork. It is costly and complex, especially with pending changes to permanent residency requirements. **Please pray for favor!**

We are so grateful for your prayers and support that make this work possible. Every seed planted, every Gospel conversation, every act of discipleship is fruit that abounds to your account (Phil. 4:17).



Grásta Youth Night

Mission Team: Sunday & Street Outreach

