



The Thatchers

Waterford, Ireland



- Ireland's population, 5.3 million
- 34% of population 25 years old or younger
- Dublin's population over 1.5 million
- Waterford's population over 60,000
- 69% still claim to be Roman Catholic

Email:

thatchers@bimi.org

Sending Church:

Fostoria Baptist Church
8933 Fostoria Road
Fostoria, MI 48435
(989) 795-2185

Serving with:

Baptist International
Missions Inc.
P.O. Box 9
Harrison, TN 37341
(423) 344-5050



Dear Friends,

November 2025

As autumn is transitioning to winter, we have been making plans and preparations for the Christmas activities. Musical events at church and in the community will begin taking place in early December. Special Christmas services and fellowships will also be highlights at church and with church family and friends. A major focus in our ministry for many years is our Christ Gospel packets. This consists of a chocolate, tea, usually a homemade ornament to match the theme (gingerbread man this year) of our specifically designed tract which all goes into a clear cellophane envelope which displays all of the contents. Our tracts have arrived from the printer and the ornaments are being finished up. Packaging these things is about to commence. A copy of this year's tract, "Created in His image for His purpose," is attached to the email edition of this prayer letter. These packets have generated a lot of contact and witness with folks in our city.

I have to say that autumn is my favorite time of year for many reasons. It has been absolutely beautiful in Ireland this season. I love the sights and smells of the crisp air and harvest activities that takes place. We have been able to process a lot of garden veg and also a load of black currants and apples this year. Our landlord has several current bushes and apple trees to which we have unlimited access. God has blessed us in a wonderful way with these things.

Pray with us as we are seeing some spiritual fruit from our labours here in the place God has called us. On going witness continues with several that we have repeated contact with. Our hearts desire is to see more souls harvested with a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Continue to pray concerning those who need believers' baptism. Progress is being made with a couple of folks in this regard. Continue to pray with us for the undercurrent of displeasure that is mounting mainly among Irish nationals due to the flood of undocumented migration that has been going on here particularly over the last two years. Ireland is changing....the world is changing with the shifting of people groups from one place to another. It brings many challenges, but also, it brings many more opportunities.

Though Ireland does not celebrate a thanksgiving time, we are looking forward to a day of thanksgiving next week. Kaleb is doing well in college and will be home in a month-19th December! In the meantime there is much to do over the next six weeks. Please continue to keep us in prayer for wisdom, health and strength in our lives so that we can serve our Lord faithfully.

Thank you for **your** faithfulness of love and support of our family as we minister in the place that God has called us. Have a blessed Christmas season!

May the Lord find us faithful,
Don and Lisa Thatcher & Family

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. John 1:14