



# 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

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Dear Friends,

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Romans 8:27 say, "because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God." I am thankful for the ministry of the Holy Spirit in New Testament Christianity. He knows exactly how to pray and intercede for each and every one of us according to the will of God. Sometimes my prayer just might not line up with the will of God, but thankfully the Holy spirit does not have this challenge. We are thankful for each of you who continue to labour in prayer on our behalf. God has certainly helped us through our summer and a big influence in that has been the effectual fervent prayers of you who do regularly pray for us.

Our summer ministries have gone well. We had some good church workdays, a first-time puppet training day, holiday Bible club week and eight different visitors to church. Our class times with the guys and girls has been very beneficial in stirring the hearts of our youth to develop their relationship with the Lord. It has been a blessing to see what God is doing in the young people. Lisa and I continue to meet up with, minister and counsel some folks that just really struggle. It is a challenge at times ministering to folks who are having a rough time in life and WITH life. It can take a lot out of you as you pour yourself out. Sometimes it seems like three steps forward and two backward or even three backward. But we thank God for his help and strength in ministering to people in our community and for the victories that we do see in their lives along the way.

Our girls are all busy with the various activities in their lives with work as well as continuing to be a great help in the ministry of our church. Kaleb turned 20 last month and has just returned to Romania for his second year in Bible college. We thank the Lord for this opportunity in Kaleb's life. Kevin continues to be doing ok for the most part with his health after the liver transplant. He and Jamie would appreciate your prayers as they face the challenge of their house needing to be cleaned and updated due to mold accumulation over the past year.

Our Wednesday evening Bible study time will embark on a new series concerning Christian life principles. It is also that time of year when we are planning and developing of theme and Gospel tract for Christmas.

Continue to pray for us and the ministry here in Waterford. There has been an increase in the push back on the migration that has and continues to take place in Ireland. Some of the push back has resulted in attacks on folks from India. This is a bit disconcerting as we have several Indian folks in our church who are believers and are actually Irish citizens.

Thank you for your faithfulness of love and support of our family as we minister in the place that God has called us.

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