



The Thatchers

Waterford, Ireland



- Ireland's population, 4.5 million
- 34% of population 25 years old or younger
- Dublin's population over 1.2 million
- Waterford's population over 46,000
- 85% still claim to be Roman Catholic

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Dear Friends,

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“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men-Luke 2:14.” This has been our theme for this year's Christmas season. It was truly a glorious thing when God sent forth His Son Jesus into to the world as the greatest gift to all mankind. There is great joy in knowing that one's sins can be forgiven because Jesus came as the baby in the manger and lived this life as a man which led Him to the cross to pay the great sin debt for humanity.

We have been enjoying the opportunities to share Christ with folks using our Christmas Gospel packets. It opens the door to many conversations about the Saviour. It has also helped us make connections with people over the years. The gift packets give people a reason to smile and also something to consider.

I attended two funerals 5 days apart at the end of November. One was a catholic funeral and the other a protestant one. The catholic funeral was for a man that I had the opportunity to meet just a week before he died. I went to see him about six different times that week and read Scripture and tell him the Gospel and then pray. Though he could not speak he did nod his head in affirmation and held my hand. So many people today have not time or concern to consider their souls eternity.

The opportunity for new missionaries coming to Ireland has become extremely difficult and even nigh unto impossible apart from the Lord opening a door. The laws were changed earlier this year and the requirements are daunting. There is an opportunity right now to make a call to your senator and ask for a like for like arrangement as they are preparing to push through legislation for the Irish being able to enter/work/reside in the USA. You can read more on the page to follow.

Thank you for partnering with us this past year. The year had its share of blessings and challenges. We are thankful for a new family that has been attending for the better part of the year. This was an answer to prayer for which we had been praying. This Sunday will be our special Christmas celebration at church. Please continue to pray for our family and ministry here in Waterford. We are looking forward to moving ahead in the new year and achieving more for the Lord with the people that He has called us to. We trust that each of you have a very blessed Christmas.

“For we are labourers together with God...” I Corinthians 3:9

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

Dear Saints,

As many of you may know, the Irish government has recently put in place requirements for new missionaries entering Ireland that basically make it impossible for any new ones to get in. We should be in prayer about this issue, but now there is a golden opportunity to change this situation. The need for action is urgent, however. You need to act by immediately telephoning your senator and seeking his/her help. If he/she is a believer, you can acquaint him/her with the missionary angle. If they are not a believer, they should still see the inequity of a deal that the Irish government is pushing in the US senate.

I know of several US citizens who would like to work and live in Ireland but it's totally impossible unless they are very rich indeed (the rich can BUY Irish citizenship). I know of several missionaries who would love to get into the country but are excluded by the unfair rules. On the other hand, the Irish government wants an amnesty for Irish illegals and for many other new Irish entrants to be allowed in the USA every year.

This is grossly unfair and inequitable. **Just ONE US senator can block this unfair deal and help win valuable concessions from the Irish government.** This is a golden opportunity to force open this closed door open for missionaries. But you must move immediately by telephoning (first) and then writing (second) to your local senator in the US.

Ask your senator for the following:

1. US citizens of any age to be allowed to live in Ireland, provided they are financially supported from outside Ireland (this would allow missionaries in, among others).
2. For equal opportunity for US citizens of any age to work in Ireland. Thus the same number of US citizens should be allowed into Ireland to work, as the number of Irish citizens that it is proposed to be allowed to remain in the US - i.e. who are currently illegals. In addition the same number of US citizens should be allowed to move to Ireland and work there annually as the number of Irish citizens who it is proposed to be allowed to do the same in the US every year.

Please read this article for the full picture and then come back here to re-read this e-mail:

<https://www.breitbart.com/politics/2018/12/08/paul-ryan-pushes-stealth-outsourcing-amnesty-irish/>

Hope this makes sense. I think it's fairly clear.

Feel free to write to me for more information: psalm111v1@gmail.com

Please pass this e-mail to anybody you think is sympathetic to the cause of getting missionaries into Ireland (individuals, mission boards, etc). The existing missionaries in Ireland are doing a great job but we need more.

Every Blessing,

Derry Sullivan

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