

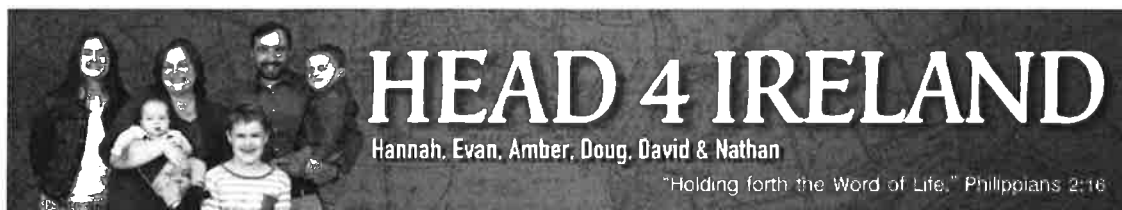
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A new semester started this month at Crossroads Bible Institute. Praise the Lord for new students who are interested in studying and learning the Word of God.



We had a number of visitors at our Christmas Eve candlelight service. Those who attended heard the message of the Gospel presented through special music, a Bible-based Christmas play and preaching from the Word of God.

Please pray for the Lord to  
impact lives through this  
ministry.

## Ministry Update

January 2018

When I was growing up, I quickly discovered that I wasn't a gifted athlete. I couldn't run very fast; my hand-eye coordination was terrible; I couldn't throw accurately or very far. Maybe you can relate. Thankfully, the Christian life – which is compared to a race in the New Testament – is a marathon, not a sprint. A believer doesn't have to be among the swiftest or the strongest or even finish first in order to be considered successful. No, the goal for spiritual runners is to remain faithful and persevere to the end through the many ups and downs of life.

As we reflect on the year now past, we are humbled by the many reminders of God's faithfulness to our family and His ministry. He truly blessed during the months of October, November and December. There were 3 who trusted Christ as their Saviour in October and 3 who were baptized in November. In December, we served as volunteers for the annual Christmas Fair in Mallow. The fair is an excellent avenue to develop relationships in the community. In addition, we were privileged to present the Gospel in song at two local nursing homes. On Christmas Eve, we shared the message of salvation through music, a short Christmas play and the preaching of God's Word during a candlelight service.

We're also encouraged by some exciting opportunities to serve the Lord in 2018 in the Republic of Ireland. This week, for example, marked the beginning of a new semester for Crossroads Bible Institute. We've been praying for more students and the Lord provided! Praise the Lord for the new students enrolled in the New Testament Survey class. They are excited to go deeper in their relationship with God and learn more about His Word. Please pray that the Lord would give Doug wisdom as he teaches the class and for the

spiritual growth of the students. Our prayer is that the Lord would use Crossroads to further His kingdom by training leaders to serve in the local church and for others to surrender to full-time Christian service.

Please pray that the Irish government will grant us a one-year extension on our visas. We will be applying for the extension in March, which would put us another step closer to our goal of obtaining dual citizenship. Thank you in advance for your prayers.

Lastly, thank you for the many encouraging cards, letters and ministry gifts that arrived during the Christmas season. We were so blessed by your thoughtfulness, care and concern for our family. We appreciate your investment in our ministry through your prayers and giving.

Serving Him,

Doug & Amber Staley  
Hannah, Evan, David & Nathan

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