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**— HELLO 2019! —**

## **Stewards In Ireland Newsletter 31**

Romans 11:36

36 For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen.

I'm so pleased to bring you our 2018 year in review. As always it's so hard to remember all the things we have done each month and focus on only one. I pray that this newsletter is a blessing to you as it is for us to write. We are constantly amazed and awed by what God is doing within His ministry here in Mallow, Ireland. And how He uses this plumber and domestic engineer that love Him for the work of His redemption.



### **January**

This is generally a quiet month for us. The picture above is of a welcoming ceremony that our National School, Scoil Aonghusa, has each year for the preschool aged students. A National school is a school that isn't Catholic per say but open to all faiths. In America we would considerate it a public school. Each year they invite me along with other faith leaders in the community to speak to the children at a ceremony aka assembly. I always take the opportunity to share a bit of God's Word and love to the



### **February**

It has always been my heartbeat to have a Christian men's group. Several years ago I started the Fella-ship within the church as a way of opening my life to the men of the church and of course have some fun. This year we had a men's breakfast (shown above), deep-sea fishing and clay pigeon shooting with a BBQ lunch. It is so amazing to see the men of the church growing closer together and becoming grounded in their faith. They are actively inviting other men from work and their friends to join in these Fella-ship meetings.



### **March**

We had the privilege of hosting a singles group meeting at our Family Life Centre. This group of fellow believers meet in different towns for their meetings. We had 15 or more in attendance as I gave a challenge from God's Word to all who attended to keep Christ as their first love. Denise put together a few icebreaker games that were both funny and fun which helped relax everyone there. The singles came from other churches in Limerick and Cork of like faith.

children and families in attendance.



### April

In the spring we have an Annual Family Conference. This year we were blessed to have our great friends here from Central Baptist Church in Portsmouth, Virginia Donnie and Amanda Dehnke. What a blessing it is to teach young families the Word of God and what it is to be a godly father, mother and raise godly children. It was very well attended each night and Donnie even did some magic tricks for the children who attended with their family.



### May

If you know me then you probably know that I love to try new and exciting things. So this month we finally got to do an outreach that had been on my heart for a very long time. I called it "Have a Nice day campaign." We went out to the streets of Mallow and paid for peoples' parking. This allowed our church to personally have contact with those in our town and give them some info. on how they can be saved and about the church.



### June

Just like in the states our summers are filled with so many activities. One of those activities is our Big Green Bible Club. We go into different estates in Mallow and hold a Holiday (Vacation) Bible Club. The photo above shows just how unusually hot (31°C or 88°F) it was for Ireland this summer but none the less we had well over 100 kids hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus and many for the first time.





### July

Camp VP is definitely one of the highlights of our year here. This year was a special time as we celebrated the camp's fifth year anniversary. It was amazing that our friends from Henry Baptist Church, with Pastor Jon Estes, helped with our very first camp and were able to return to help with the fifth. God blessed this year with so many teens in attendance and with many spiritual decisions. Ten teens accepted Christ.



### August

August was a special month for our church as a result of the decisions made at camp. Many took the step of obedience and were baptized. The Holy Spirit started to stir the hearts of others within the church and one by one over the next few months many surrendered to Him. Over the course of the next three months twelve people followed Him in baptism.



### November

Autumn is when we

### September

The church here in Mallow is striving to duplicate itself as much as possible. We now support both financially and prayerfully three missionaries around the world in Tanzania, Wales and Nicaragua. The photo above is of Traci Warner who is our newest missionary in Nicaragua. She was so good to come and share how God is moving and using her in many lives in Nicaragua.



### December

I always say that Charismas and Easter is the World Cup/Super Bowl (for you Americans ha-ha-

## October

Throughout the entire year we honor individuals that make it to the halfway point or finish the one-on-one discipleship book. This year was so encouraging for our discipleship recognition within the church. We had seven individuals make it to the halfway point and six complete the discipleship book. The photo above is special to me as it's the first time a disciple, on the left, has discipled another to completion. Praise the Lord and may there be many others to finish in the coming year.

have our Annual Discipleship and evangelism conference. This year it was an intensive one day training conference. It was well attended. All but one or two visitors were people from the church that are currently in one-on-one discipleship or had finished it. That realization really encouraged Denise's and my heart as we saw first hand the impact that discipleship is having within the church.

ha) of our faith. I just love celebrating the biggest birthday party the world has ever known. I find myself full of excitement all month long. One of the things we do as a church is to have a family meal together after the service. We don't get to spend Christmas with our family in the states but our family in Mallow is about 120 brothers and sisters from all around the world. Now that's a birthday party!

Denise and I want to extend to you a heartfelt thank you. Thank you for all the prayers on our family's behalf (you know who you are) and for every penny that was given to help us stay here and preach the gospel and make disciples (you know who you are). We also appreciate every note of encouragement that was sent (you know who you are), every gift that was given monetarily or mailed to us throughout the year (you know who you are). We simply cannot do this without you! We wouldn't want to for that matter. As for 2019 we have some BIG plans that the Lord has laid on our hearts. Denise and I can't wait to share them with you but sadly it's not the time. God bless and Happy New Year.