



RIBBON ROADS

Dear Friends:

December, 2022

We want to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. It seems as though 2022 has flown by at warp speed and before we know it 2023 will be upon us.

We want to thank you for your faithful prayer and financial support over this year. We just returned back to Ireland at the end of November from a 3 month furlough in the US and Canada. We were able to visit with and report to 14 of our supporting churches in the 12 weeks we were there. We had great meetings and everyone seemed encouraged with the news of what God has been doing here in Ireland recently. It had been 7 years since our last trip to the States and it was interesting trying to condense 7 years of ministry activity into 30 to 40 minutes of a report but we tried to give the highlights, the broad brush-strokes, of what God has been doing. We experienced our first bout with COVID, contracting the virus just 2 weeks after arriving in the States, but thankfully neither of us were seriously ill with it. God gave us safety through 3,000 plus miles of driving on the opposite side of the road and blessed us with the opportunity of being together with all of John's brothers and sister in October, they hadn't all been together in one place since 1994. We were also able to spend time with Amanda's brother and his family in Canada as well.

As good as it was to be able to be in the States and see so many of you who have so faithfully prayed for and supported us over 33 years of ministry in Ireland, it is so good to be back home in Ireland. We arrived back on November 30th and hit the ground running with a quick trip along with our daughter Leah, to see our daughter Abby and her husband Renan and their son, our first grandson, Micah in Cork. We were able also to see Sean while we were there, another mini family reunion. We also celebrated Micah's first birthday.

Right now, we are busy getting ready for our Christmas ministries. Our church here in Tralee will be singing Christmas Carols in 2 nursing homes on December 18th and then have our annual Christmas Eve service on the 24th. We are also hoping to give out gospel calendars to the homes on our housing estate and trying to spend time reaching out to our immediate neighbors with Christmas goodies as well as evangelistic literature.

We just want to take this time to wish you all a wonderful Christmas and may 2023 be a year of great ministry as we serve our Lord.

Glory to God in the Highest
Your missionaries to Ireland

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