



RIBBON ROADS

November/December 2023



Dear Friends;

Many of you have been asking about our house situation. God has abundantly answered our prayers. When our house went up for sale, it only took two weeks to sell. It does take a bit longer for the paperwork to go through, and that was all officially done two weeks ago. The keys will be handed over on our closing date in January. We had been looking for a house in Cobh, Cork but nothing was available within our budget or there was a bidding war going on with the property. We have been praying for some particular things with this house, and the Lord has answered our prayers (and yours). We have found a house, and our bid was accepted and there was no bidding war on it. Everything that we had prayed for was in this house. We saw God work out to the very tiniest detail for us to have this house. This week we have an engineer going out to survey the house and Lord willing the contracts could be signed by early December. We serve an Amazing God. Nothing should surprise us when He is in it. This whole process and the speed at which it has taken place have confirmed that we are moving in the right direction. It looks like sometime in January we will be moving. God goes before us **"The LORD is the one who goes ahead of you; He will be with you He will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed."** Deuteronomy 31:8

This has been difficult at times for us as we talk with our neighbours, they don't want us going. To our surprise, they are having a farewell party for us in December. Our hearts are overwhelmed by their response. We do hope to keep in contact with them and continue to pray for them as they do not know Christ.



Our family is growing. In October our son Sean got engaged to a beautiful young lady. Her name is Róisín (rowsheen). We couldn't be happier for them. We look forward to seeing what God will do with these two. They love the Lord and are serving together in their local church. The wedding will be in January 2025.

John also had his surgery 2 weeks ago. He is doing so well and we thank the Lord for the progress he has made. We are thankful the surgery came before Christmas and the move.

Please continue to pray for us as we make this transition. Not only for us but for Tralee Baptist Church. This is not an easy move for any of us. These dear people are our family. We have spent almost 35 years with them. There are many emotions that people are feeling and we are trying to have good conversations with everyone. Some people understand and others feel abandoned. We know that God walks with us through all the leaving, the grieving and the celebrating. As we pack our belongings for the move in January please pray that the Lord will continue to prepare us for ministry ahead. We look forward to coming alongside a new Church Plant to help train and disciple the next generation of leaders. Pray for the Churches in Ireland. We have many men who are being trained but we need a generation of men who will pastor some of these churches that have been established over the years. There are Churches in Ireland that are without Pastors and are crying out for help.

We want to take this time to thank you for your continued prayer and financial support. All of these years you have been faithful in praying for and giving to our ministry in Ireland. We appreciate every one of you. We couldn't do what we are doing without you. Please keep us going strong through your prayers, there is much to do here.

We know that this is a busy time for everyone as you prepare for the Christmas season and the activities in Churches and neighbourhoods so we want to wish you a very Happy Christmas with family and friends. May you take time to reflect on all that Christ has done for you and that the coming year will be a blessing as you serve Him.

God Bless and Happy Christmas

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Isaiah 41:10



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