



Dear Pastors, Churches, and Friends

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Looking Back Whoever said planting a church was easy? I guess I can't think of anyone! I must say it is the most blessed work I have ever been a part of. I got to tell you that my wife, those in the Bible study and others from the church in Ballincollig have helped immensely. I want to say also that I am sure if I looked long and hard enough there have been some sowers in Macroom and now we have watered. God has and will give the increase; and we stand on the shoulders of those who may have sowed in tears before us. *Psalm 126:6 He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.* We have been told the building is ours and as I write I am waiting, on a rental agreement. Keep praying, because things can go south in a hurry here. Gavin (a young man in the church) and I have started door to door again and we are going where we have not been; such as surrounding clusters of homes and farms. *Luke 14:23 "...highways and hedges..."* People must be compelled to hear the gospel; so compel them! Also a big thank you to 5 of my supporting churches responding by their giving to help. *Phil.4:19 Your liberality will abound to much fruit!*

Looking Ahead There is lots to do these next few months as far as readying the building space for meetings. I will be putting my work boots back on after 10 years of retirement (my first retirement). There are some men from B.B.C. in Ballincollig that want to help also; wow thanks! The space is large enough that we can throw up some walls and have a SS room, crèche (babysitting), and a fellowship area, along with a good size meeting area. To be able to have the doors to a meeting place on Sunday's in Macroom will be unique. I don't think there has ever been a Bible preaching church in Macroom. I am thinking of how we can reach out to lost, blind, and needy in Macroom. My heart is very moved right now for the young people in Macroom in seeing how we can get them started on a different path then the many souls that have gone on before them. Our hope is to turn them from darkness to light, and we know our adversary.

Updates I am able to report that the new couple in the church has begun discipleship. It is very exciting to watch people get fed and grow in their personal walk with God. I believe that discipleship is the very backbone of any good Bible preaching church. GROW!!! There is still the need for help from my supporting churches for a slight increase in monthly support temporarily, or a one-time gift. Either way it is a huge help to this little flock. Thank you for your help!

Prayer Requests Hannes – Waiting for a back operation. Amanda – strength / healing! Elaine L. - Back pain / needs MRI. Pray for us to be faithful and salvation for precious souls in Macroom. Please pray for us to have the wisdom of God as we move forward in this endeavor for the Lord. Thank you First Baptist Church of Southard (**home church**) and all of you for being so faithful.

*His servants and your friends Dan and Kathy Eberly **Mark 16:15***

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