



The Thatchers

Waterford, Ireland



- Ireland's population, 4.5 million
- 34% of population 25 years old or younger
- Dublin's population over 1.2 million
- Waterford's population over 46,000
- 85% still claim to be Roman Catholic

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Dear Friends,

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In Psalm 31:14 & 15 The Psalmist declares, "But I trusted in thee, O LORD: I said, Thou art my God. My times are in thy hand..." As we look back over the years of our lives, it sure seems that there is an increase of troublesome times with the happenings and events taking place all across the globe. As I have watched the heightened disintegration of the moral fabric of righteousness particularly where we have lived and serve here in Ireland these past 20 years, there is an accelerating that causes us to cry out with the David as in these verses. Truly our times are in God's hand, and as our God, we must trust Him, the Rock to which we are anchored. In the midst of this we continue to see the Lord at work in the hearts and lives of individual people the we come into contact with and that we minister to.

With summer wrapped up and autumn well under way, we continue to have good contacts in outreach on the doors and with Bible distribution as well as one to one contacts in shops such as the post office or auto parts store etc. I was in the auto parts store that I have gone to for years. The owner was behind the counter with his assistant and there was a customer there at the counter and they were all having a conversation about everyday stuff. I walked in a the owner said to the customer, "Don is a preacher but is not with the Jehovah Witnesses." The customer had the look of "TMI..." and was not quite sure why or what that had to do with anything concerning him. Well, that was my que and open door. I reaffirmed that I was not with the JW's but was a Bible preacher proclaiming the Gospel. I then said well since we are on the topic, I reached into my pocket and pulled out an assortment of tracts that I had. I found three of the same and said that I had one for everybody and gave each of them one. It began a short bit of conversation concerning a few different points on one of the panels of the tract. Then the customer said does this leaflet come with a with a holiday giveaway?? I said well it surely does! The holiday that comes with this package is reserved in heaven and is a holiday that you do not want to miss. The conversation began to diminish. I had gone in to get a bulb that had blown out on the car. I got my bulb and said, "Well, men, I am sure there will be some interesting conversation after I head out the door." I held up my little bulb foe the car and said, "Jesus is the Light of the world and may you be draw to Him." May the Lord continue to open doors and use us for His glory.

Continue to pray for Kaleb in college. He is well settled in and ticking along. Lisa has an upcoming ladies retreat at the end of October. We have special meetings with our friend, Evangelist Mark Lancaster in early November. It is time to be getting our Christmas Gospel outreach packets together. This evening we are having a church activity night with games and fellowship. The Lord keeps us busy and going in the ministry here in Waterford.

Thank you for praying with us and for us as well as the extra special gifts that are sent along the way. Also in closing, and in reference to prayer, I had asked prayer a few months back concerning the looming push to pass very heavy hate speech legislation here in Ireland. Well, last week the government has decided that they are going to pull back on the hate speech bill for now as there has been immense backlash and the government has had a few setbacks stemming from the voice of the people. So that is a great answer to prayer, and we appreciate your part in praying with us concerning it.

May the Lord find us faithful,
Don and Lisa Thatcher & Family