

The Hoods in Ireland Herald

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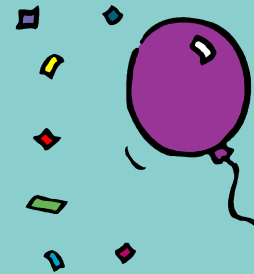
Waterford City



Waterford City is a lovely place to look at. The ocean is 15 minutes drive away. Amidst all the busyness of people going to and fro, we find ourselves in a spiritual vacuum here. Although the people don't seem to be as religious as they are in the smaller villages, they are ardently humanist and materialistic. Many interesting times have been had open air preaching, and the message is new to many. "How shall they hear without a preacher".

We had a gospel meeting at a local hotel. There were 2 Danish teachers and their students visiting Waterford and resting in the Lobby. They all came to the meeting at our invitation, and some 30 young people heard a simple gospel message and took away Bibles and literature with them. We were encouraged, as we didn't expect many to come.

The Big Bang !



One young fellow came and burst a balloon in front Linda while she was singing. She blessed him and asked what he wanted to talk about. He said that if Jesus is God's son, then how can He be God? Linda explained to the lad (who was about 16 yrs old) that although he may not understand how a car is built, he can still drive it and make it work for him. Likewise, we may not understand everything about God, but we can believe what He says and understand that it

works "for getting to heaven. Jesus said that He was the Truth the Life and the Way to the Father, and that He also was God. Therefore He has the authority and the power to save completely anyone who trusts in Him. The lad left seemingly satisfied with that answer.

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Tim has taken a Bible Explorer Training Course and hopes to use it in the national schools as a 5 week part of religious training. It is similar to the Walk through the Bible (Old Testament) and would be a means of introducing the Bible to school kids. Tim is going from school to school to make presentations to principals. Lord willing a door will open for this.

A visit from friends

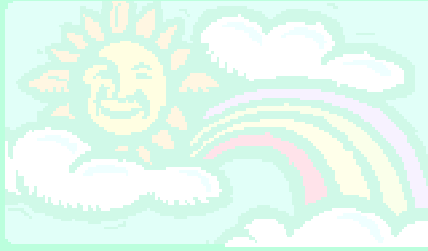
We enjoyed having a family (the Janzens) from Oregon USA , come for a week to see us on their European visit to England / Ireland / France. We traveled to many sights from the East Coast to the West Coast, and on Saturday they joined us for open-air preaching in downtown Waterford. Five of their seven children were with them, and they all sang Christian songs for people as they passed by. Many tracts were handed out and conversations had about the Gospel. Some young teenage girls, found their 15 year old daughter very interesting to talk to and asked her many questions about the "christian "

lifestyle. They found it amazing that Chelsea (the Janzens' daughter) was content to stay at home and not pursue boys and drink (getting drunk) on the weekend. Chelsea said that as a Christian,, her body was a temple of the Holy Spirit and needed to be taken good care of for God.



Summer Is Coming

We have had some interest expressed by people to come during the summer months to

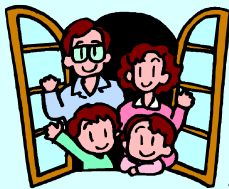


assist with evangelism and summer Bible Clubs. Ron Hampton will be bringing a team to the Waterford/Kilkenny area for 2 weeks in June. Door to door gospel telling, street preaching, and 3 day Children's' Clubs on in the green areas of various housing estates will be planned.

Another friend and his daughter plan to come in the months of June and July to stay with us and serve the Lord here. We would appreciate prayer for Dale Malyko and Alex as they make plans and arrangements to come here.

Anna Ng,, who formerly was a co-worker for 3 years in Cork with us before she returned to Ontario ,, has also decided to come to Ireland for this summer. She will be seeking the Lord's guidance as to where He would have her be , during her time back in Ireland .

Our family



Home schooling are now "working begun an

knows that he will not have a life until at least..... July! Valerie continues with the work at Hebrews (the Christian drop-in centre for youth) and the Lord is blessing her there. We look forward to seeing her in April as she will be coming here for the wedding of her friend.

Our ' resident ' daughter Rachel , is leaving us in about 2 weeks. She has been living in Ireland since October. We will miss her help in the ministry and home and the girls will miss their 'big' sister.

David has been working at school and playing a bit of soccer on the weekends. This past week he suffered a separated shoulder that required being put under anesthetic to replace the bone into the socket. His shoulder is still tender.

We would ask for prayer for our family, especially our children,,, that they would know God's closeness and love for them and would be drawn to Him in Love. For Tim and Linda as well, .. we are aware that without The Lord we can do nothing, and desire a closer walk with Him. ... to abide in His love. Then our motives will be rightly guided and we will not fail to please Him. The Lord bless each of you, in this journey we all take,,,, until we meet Him face to face.

The Gospel



Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

For He has made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin: that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him. 2 Cor 6:20-21

We have been having Bible studies in our home on Wednesday evenings. This is an outreach, and we hope that people we meet on the streets or doors who are interested in knowing more about the Bible will come. Some have expressed an interest to do so .

This Sunday will be our first video showing at Dooley's Hotel on a main street. Tim has purchased a video projector for this purpose and this can be a means to introduce the Gospel message.

'The Passion' a movie that has gained some notoriety among the public is showing in our town and we are taking Gospels of John out each evening to give to people as they come out of the theatre. We have seen the movie and feel that although it contains heavy Catholic overtones, ,, and does not present the Gospel message,,, it can be used to present Christ to those who may have softened hearts after witnessing such a graphic portrayal of the Lord's suffering for sinners.