



MINISTRY UPDATE

DECEMBER 2021

The Lord reigns supreme over all the earth and the heavens, and He is working mightily here in Ireland.

We are pleased to announce the birth of our daughter, Lydia Caroline, on the 6th of October! She was born at the Cork University Maternity Hospital, where she had to spend some extra time getting treatment for jaundice. Due to Covid regulations, Emily and I could not be present in the hospital at the same time, so we took turns caring for Lydia until her jaundice improved. We were thankful to finally bring her home to meet her sister and brothers several days after her birth.





Unfortunately, our entire family became ill a few weeks ago. Despite our best efforts, Lydia eventually contracted the illness, too. Her breathing becomes laboured, and we were forced to call an ambulance. She was admitted for several days, and once again, only Emily could be with her. Praise the Lord that she has made a full recovery and is doing much better.

We are planning our first official furlough. We will be in the USA from February to June of 2022. Please contact us to schedule a time when we can visit your church to report on our first term.

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We celebrated the *new* birth of two of our teenagers at MBF with our first ever in-church baptism! While they had professed Christ quite a while before their baptism, they were convinced of their need after a sermon series on baptism. Normally we baptize in a local pool, but we finally figured out the logistics to have it on a Sunday morning during church! Praise God for these two teens who were obedient to the Lord!

John has been leading the singing and running the audio and video for quite a while now. With our furlough, he knew he needed a team in place to handle all of the various moving parts that make up our service. We are so thankful for the teens and adults who have volunteered and are being trained to take over the different aspects of leadership in the church. Pray that all of their questions will be answered before we leave!



In November, we were privileged to join our friends, John and Orpah, in dedicating our children to the Lord. Our church has seen so many children grow up here, and we have committed to praying for each one of them. It truly is a blessing to see our children serving the Lord. Speaking of which, Abigail and Josiah have both been helping our church learn memory verses by reciting ones they have learned in the service. We are so proud of them!

As always, thank you so much for continuing to pray for and support our family. It is difficult to believe that nearly six years have passed since we arrived in Ireland. We are so grateful for you.

John, Emily, Abigail, Josiah, Micah, Noah and Lydia Slater

Praises & Prayers

1. Pray for our disciples and disciplers.
2. Pray for Mallow Bible Fellowship and Tralee Bible Fellowship.
3. Pray for Emily's continuing medical needs.
4. Pray for trip back to the US for furlough and for our family as we readjust to life there.
5. Would you please prayerfully consider joining our ministry?

