



2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022

## Director's Desk

It was lovely to be back with the saints in Kilkeel last Friday night and a real joy to be in Hamilton Road on Sunday evening as they commissioned Peter & Payton Carrigan to serve with Baptist Missions as church planting interns with Passage Baptist Church. This week I was with the McFarlands in Carrickmacross, knocking on doors in Castleblayney with Tim and giving out invites (see Tim's entry below). We received a very friendly reception. Joel and I are in Banbridge Baptist on Sunday evening. Thank you for your prayers.

Mervyn Scott - Missions Director



# Andrew & Ruth Reid

Barcelona, Spain

We have 14 new applicants at the school but there is space for more: deadline 5<sup>th</sup> September. Pray for the right rhythms in the team delivering existing courses, retraining teachers for a new online degree and simultaneously progressing towards accreditation.

Ana moves to Madrid 9<sup>th</sup> September. We appreciate prayer for her, as she (like all the family) goes through a significant transition. Ruth travels back to Spain 14<sup>th</sup> September, once the boys are into their accommodation and will immediately need to get Kasal Kidz organised.

Praise God that in her absence a woman Ruth has discipled led another woman to the Lord and they are beginning to meet up to read the Scriptures.



# Philip & Rachel Moore

Paris, France

We are very thankful for this summer: we have been able to spend time with friends and family, which has been very encouraging.

From Sunday onwards everything is back up and running at full speed!

Please pray for wisdom for our church members as we all sign up for the year's activities.

We will be starting the year in Ephesians - pray that we would all walk in a manner worthy of the calling we have received.



# David & Pamela Dickson

Shankill, Belfast

We give thanks to God for His hand upon the summer work and are now looking forward to the Autumn and Winter session. We would really appreciate prayer for “Hope Explored”. We plan to run this outreach event in on the first three Tuesdays in October. Please pray that the family members of those who attend SCF will come along. Also, that we can make and invite new contacts. SCF Ladies, SCF Men, One Way Club and Transform will all be starting this month after the summer break.



# David & Hannah Sandall

Egletons, France

Please pray for us as we all get back into routine.

We are thankful that all three girls have had a good first day back at school. Eva has started secondary school, Emma is in her last year of primary and Abi has 3 years to go. They are all in classes with some of their friends.

Our French classes went well this week, and we are excited to be learning more.

Please pray for God's guidance for the local church as it makes plans for the term ahead this weekend.



# Elisario & Esther Vargas

Tacna, Peru

We are eagerly awaiting a shipment of gospel literature from Every Home Crusade (written by Geoff McIlrath) to arrive in Tacna. Please pray as we engage with new people coming to live in this ever-growing city. Please pray that God will save many for his glory.



# Cormac & Áine Walsh

Ashtown, North Dublin, Ireland

Please pray for a meeting on September 4<sup>th</sup> where I will be talking through the steps to becoming an independent church. We have been encouraged recently by increasing commitment among the group.

Tomás started school this week, which is a big change for us as a family and provides a whole new network of local relationships to build and speak the gospel in.

We are planning a 6-week public evangelistic course starting in late September as part of the national 'What's the Story?' campaign. Pray that we will secure a good local venue, and that the church plant group will take hold of this opportunity to invite their friends.



# Len & Joyce Keys

Clogher, Ireland

Praise God for Holiday Bible Club last week with 60 kids. Parents night was particularly encouraging with lots of parents from both 'sides' of the local community. The kids listened and participated really well. We're thankful to the Lord for the faithful team of over 20 leaders who worked tirelessly and with great enthusiasm all week. We were encouraged by a number of enquires afterwards about the regular Hope 4 Kids club and also about some Sunday evening events for all the family, which we announced at parents night. We have confidence that the gospel message shared will produce a spiritual harvest in the Lord's time and for His glory.





# Unidentified Couple

Medina Sidonia, Spain

Please continue to pray for Mario & Amuy on Home Assignment. They had a miraculously smooth entry into Panama to see elderly parents, but Mario's health continues to give some concern. Josué & Lidia had a very encouraging time with the group in Madrid and have returned with lots of stories of God's blessings from their time there. The churches in Chiclana and Jerez have met faithfully over the summer encouraging one another through their studies in Proverbs. Please pray that they will continue to grow in maturity.

Thank you for your prayers for this corner of Spain and the work God is doing there.



# Tim & Arlene McFarland

Castleblayney, Ireland

We're excited and nervous! Please continue to pray with us as we step out in faith. Over the academic year we are hosting a monthly Bible study starting September 18<sup>th</sup>, "Coping in the Chaos: exploring the hope of the Christian faith for a world gone wild." Pray that those we have contact with may come along with others who have been invited. More community events are restarting since stopping over COVID, please pray that as we seek to get involved with some of these that we will be directed to people God is working in already.



# Joel & Katya Marcus

Belturbet, Ireland

As the summer draws to a close, we are glad for the rest we enjoyed and excited about the new ministry opportunities that await us. Our Men's Bible studies, Ladies Bible studies, children's Good News Club and Home groups are all restarting after the break. Please especially pray for our new youth group. We aim to meet fortnightly with the secondary school aged youth in our home to have fun, eat food and study God's Word.

Please also pray for the upcoming national 'What's the Story?' evangelistic campaign as we as a church plan events to coincide with the national effort.



# **Craig & Heather Maiden**

Kinsale, Ireland

Craig and Heather are on holidays over the next few weeks. Please pray for times of refreshment.

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