

WEEK OF PRAYER

4th - 11th January 2026

Our help is in the name of the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth. (Psalm 124v8)



Praise God for the growing interest of students in Marseille in discovering Him and His Word. Continue to pray that this interest will grow both in love for the Lord and commitment to Him. Pray for new students to join the little group and take time to read, discuss and meditate upon God's Word. I am grateful for Myriam and the joy we share in serving the Lord together.



Thank you for praying for me during my time in **Catalunya**. I have enjoyed a couple of weeks back in Northern Ireland over Christmas with my family. Please pray for me as I have just arrived in **Marseille**. Pray that I would settle in quickly and be a blessing in all the various ministries that I will be involved with.



I praise God for the past four months in Carcassonne. I have learnt a lot through studies, practical work and going consistently to the market to evangelise. We have had some great conversations! Please continue to pray for the growth of the church as we reach out to the people of Carcassonne and the surrounding villages. My conversational French has improved, please pray that will continue when I return in January. Pray that Jack (Knowles) – the other intern and I will continue to encourage each other in 2026.



When we launched our weekly services in the 5th on September 14th, we were delighted to have a good core group committed to the "long haul". Please pray that we will see more people saved in 2026, growing as disciples and the gospel changing lives in the centre of Paris. Pray that Rachel and I will be able to rest over the post-Christmas/New Year period and be refreshed and ready for a new term. Thank you as always, for your partnership in prayer. We do so appreciate our Irish Baptist family.



Praise God for the beginning of the **Bram** church plant. This SW area of France is one of the least reached parts and is steeped in secularism and occultism. Yet, we know several people who began to read the Bible for themselves and subsequently sought out a Bible believing church. God is working, but we long to see more people being saved. Continue to pray for the growth of the work in **Bram** and that more gospel workers would be sent to this gospel starved region.



We praise God that we have been able to meet monthly for Sunday services in Virginia this past year. Seeing God work and to be part of it, is amazing and humbling. We are blessed to have fourteen members of Cavan Baptist willing to work together with this plant, so praying for continued unity. We are thankful for the children who have come to the Bible Club. Pray that God will soften their hearts and that their families would be reached as well. Please pray for leadership to be developed and for Evan in preaching, especially next year as we plan to meet the first two Sundays of each month.



Shane & Luana Deane

Passage West, Ireland

Praise God for the baptisms and the new members added to the church. Please continue to pray that we would remain a church that reaches out, longing to see the people around us saved. God is able! Pray on as we seek to press on!



After a warm welcome from the Magherafelt church we have settled well into the village. We are now starting to form a core team for the Bellaghy church plant. Please pray as we visit door to door over Christmas and meet to pray in Bellaghy in January. We are so thankful to you all for your ongoing support and prayer.



Colin & Debbie Gervais

Fermanagh/Monaghan, Ireland

Praise God for His faithfulness throughout 2025 to the work here in **Clones**. There have been many opportunities to get to know people and to share the gospel with them. A highlight has been starting to meet monthly on Sunday mornings in the Peace Link with a real sense of God's presence in these gatherings. There is still much to do! Please pray for lives to be transformed by the gospel in Clones in 2026. Lord willing, beginning on Easter Sunday, we hope to meet twice a month. Pray for us!



Praise God for new contacts He continues to bring across our path. We are amazed by the webs of circumstances He works to bring people into Hope 4 U. The Sunday morning Bible study is steadily growing, with 20-30 attending from different backgrounds, many with no exposure to the gospel. Please pray as we actively promote the Bible study, that others will come along. Pray that God would use the New Testaments and gospel literature taken over Christmas/included in all our food distributions in the run up to Christmas. Thank you for all your prayers and support during 2025.



We want to give thanks for all that God has done throughout 2025 in the church and in our family. We praise Him for His provision of a home for the Kidd family and for the baptisms this year, including our son Paul. We praise God for the fellowship and support of our sister churches and signs of growth, with more people coming to the services. Hannah McFall (Ballymoney) has been a great blessing for WBC. Please pray for the second half of her time here. One specific need we have is for another elder and we would really value prayer for that in 2026.



Richard & Mandy McConnell

Blackrock, Ireland

Praise God for strengthening this local church by providing a new Elder and a new Intern this past year. Praise him for around 60 teens and College students involved in weekly Bible studies and for the seven people who got baptised last year. Please continue to pray that our people will grow to maturity in Christ and tell their friends about Jesus. Pray that this year will be a year of courageous evangelism among our colleagues and neighbours in Dublin. Pray that many people here in Blackrock will turn away from living for self to life in Christ.



We thank God for answering our prayers, enabling us to begin a regular Bible Lego Club. Please continue to pray for the Club and that through it we will reach more children and their parents with the gospel. We are grateful too for the Lord sending Rebekah (Reid) to work with us. Pray as we concentrate on outreach to the surrounding villages in 2026. Pray for growth and unity in the church and for new converts and pray on for those who continue to suffer from long term illness and debility.



Praise God for each of the young people coming along on a Friday evening and sitting under the teaching of God's Word. Continue to pray that God will use each of the lessons to work in their lives and bring them to Christ. Thank God for the opportunities He has given me to build connections with individual women in the community. Pray for openings to share the gospel and invite them to Ladies events. Thank you for your prayers and practical support. I am grateful to be able to serve alongside William & Yvonne.



Paul & Kate McFarland

Youghal, Ireland

Praise God for new people that have been coming along in 2025 and others that have come back after a time of absence. Some have come to trust in Christ and this has been a great encouragement. Pray for others who come regularly but are not saved. Pray for others who attended for a while and then didn't come back. We long for the seed to fall on good soil but take encouragement that the seed is being scattered. Pray as we continue to reach out, that we will see lives changed and souls won for Christ and His Kingdom.



Joel & Katya Marcus

Belturbet, Ireland

Praise God for growth in the church this past year both numerically and spiritually. The Lord is answering prayer, and we give Him the glory! However, there is still so much work to do. One family joined us this year who live about 30 minutes away from **Belturbet**. They drive away from a town (Ballinamore) that has a Tesco's, but no gospel church. They drive through a town (Ballyconnell) that has one of the biggest cement factories in Ireland, but no gospel church. Please pray for the light of the gospel to shine brightly in these dark places.



Praise God for the connections I've made in the community through attending various activities in the town. These have given me an opportunity to share Jesus when people ask why I am here. Please continue to pray that God would bless the Sunday school and Lego Club that we would be able to reach more children with the gospel. Also, pray that I would be the support and encouragement to David & Afaf and the church family here as we serve together in the ministries God has entrusted to us.



Praise God for a new youth growth group that has begun with up to ten young adults. This has been a source of encouragement – please be praying that they grow stronger in their faith and form closer friendships. Pray for breakthroughs with people after some great gospel conversations in recent months. Pray for deepening unity of purpose and a growing hunger for God's living Word among us. We will celebrate two years of meeting weekly together in March.



An amazing year here in **Castletroy** seeing God at work! Thankful for a meeting place, several months of morning services and seeing someone coming to Christ and declaring their faith in baptism. Give thanks for the core team that God has brought together. In 2026, pray for continued unity in the church plant and for all the evangelistic events planned. We long to see God doing "greater things" than we could ever ask or imagine. (Ephesians 3). Thank you for standing with us in prayer and for your partnership in the gospel. Pray that God will provide Lucy with a permanent job in 2026 and a more suitable home for us to live in.



Cormac & Áine Walsh

Ashtown, North Dublin, Ireland

Praise God that North City Baptist
Church has settled well into its new
venue, which makes church accessible.
Praise God for an increasing
evangelistic confidence among the
church. There is a real sense that God
has put us here for a purpose.

Pray for gospel advance in **Cabra**, the area adjacent to our new Sunday venue. It is a suburb of 22,000 people, with two believers that we know of.

Pray that the new believers in the church will see spiritual fruit as they spread the gospel among their friends and relatives.



This year has been full of changes. I thank the Lord for helping me depend more on His grace, for strengthening me and seeing how He is working both in my life and at the Seminary. I want to ask for your prayers for the coming year, that the Lord will help me to make decisions that will honour Him. I know that you are always praying for the work in Peru. We are very grateful for both your prayers and the gifts you faithfully send for the work here.



Praise God for opportunities to proclaim the gospel. We long to see a real breakthrough among the youth in this village. We look forward to baptising some new believers this month and welcoming them into membership. In 2026, we want to continue to reach out with the gospel as the Lord Jesus Christ commands us to do. Pray for a real move of the Holy Spirit in this dark and gospel needy area. Thank you for your prayers and financial support.



I thank God for your prayers in the ministry where I serve as administrator. We praise God for His mercy and the faithfulness of our brothers and sisters in Ireland, who through Baptist Missions support us in prayer and financially. Please pray that God will continue to give me strength and wisdom to manage the ministry well, handle the finances and prepare the reports and activities we have planned for 2026.



We thank God for His grace in sustaining us over the past five years as we served in the Luz de Vida church. Growth is slow but God is at work. We are grateful to each church in ABCI that supports the work of Baptist Missions, enabling us to continue.



We are deeply grateful for all your prayers and support. We ask you to remember in prayer the families we are visiting and those who will soon join the Agua de Vida church. We pray that God will care for His work and continue using each one in their area of service. We also ask for prayer for my son Natanael, that his haemoglobin may return to normal and that the Lord provides what is needed. We are thankful for everything received so far and trust in what God will keep doing.



We thank God for His faithfulness to His church in **Ilo**. This year was very difficult, but God was always faithful. At Ebenezer Church, we have had some baptisms and new members joining the church. Please pray for the spiritual well-being of those in church leadership, for my family and for our plans for 2026. Thank you for your prayers and financial support.



We thank God for this past year here in the church **Moquegua** and at the Seminary in **Tacna**. The highlight for me was getting married at the end of November! God has been faithful in sustaining the work at the Seminary. We have many challenges ahead and your prayers are always a source of encouragement and strength. Thank you for your love and financial support. My wife Gaby and I send you our warmest regards and blessings.



We thank God for unity in the body, the salvation of new souls, strength in difficult times, spiritual growth and His constant faithfulness in our community. We ask for prayer for the evangelisation of new areas, the launch of a new youth ministry, support for vulnerable families, leadership training and for clear direction from God for the work in 2026.



We thank the Lord for the impact His Word is having through Radio Sembrador (The Sower). Please pray for our listeners and for gospel clarity in all our programmes in 2026. Thank you brothers and sisters in Ireland for your faithful prayers and practical support.



In 2026, we ask for your prayers that the Lord will open doors for the preaching of the gospel in the city of **Tacna**. Pray that God will raise up new workers and sustain every ministry that seeks to bring light where there is still darkness. I ask for your prayers for my health and for my family. May the Lord bless you abundantly and continue to use the churches in Ireland for the glory of His Name in all nations.



Thank you for your prayers for us and our son José Antonio. We have had many visits from different schools and churches from Juliaca, Ilo and Tacna in 2025. We hope that this will continue in 2026. Please pray that we will manage our time wisely and work as unto the Lord. We are grateful too for the annual summer camps in January and thank you for all your prayers and support.



I praise God that in 2025, three people were baptised and received as new members of the Pan de Vida church and more are gathering at services and listening to His Word. Our prayer for 2026 is to begin a new work in Sama **Yaras**. God opened the doors for us to do so, just as they told Paul, "a man of Macedonia stood and begged him, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us'" (Acts 16:9). Your prayers are appreciated for this new church plant. I also thank you for your prayers and financial support for the work we are doing in Peru.



Henry & Sonia Zegarra

Carumas/Sacuaya, Peru

We thank God for His work in the valleys of Carumas, Sacuaya, Cambrune and Somoa. There has been some opposition from the Catholic Church, but we press forward with greater confidence in the Lord. Please pray as we make plans for 2026. We thank God for the churches in Ireland and for your support for gospel work here through Baptist Missions.



Through 2025, we thank God for a growing sense of direction towards the region of Castilla-Leon (northwest of Madrid). Our hearts are heavy every time we read of the 2,199 municipalities without an evangelical church; two of the three least reached provinces in Spain are in this region. Please pray for the Lord's clear guidance in the early part of 2026 as to specific town or city, so we can begin to plan our return, as well as seeing others begin to participatewhether summer teams, short-term placements or more longer-term workers.



At the school despite staff shortages, we have been able to keep adding new subjects and receive very encouraging feedback from the students. We also welcomed a new pastor-in-training onto the Dual programme.

There are 7,000 towns in Spain with no church so thanks for praying for our church plant. We had encouraging turn outs at our Christmas events. Please pray we will soon be able to meet in a public space in **La Garriga** and especially for people to be saved.









Mervyn & Karen Scott

The Baptist Centre, Moira

We are so grateful for the prayers of God's people in our family of ABCI churches, for those who encourage us, pray for our children (who are all adults now!) and support Baptist Missions so faithfully. We thank God for all of you. God is faithful and as we enter 2026, we do so, resting in His mercy and sustained by His grace.



Management Committee

From the Chair! (Stephen Bronte)

As we step into the second quarter of the 21st Century, our vision remains clear: "Proclaiming Christ and Planting Churches". It has been a real joy to witness the Lord's hand at work in new church plants across the globe in Bram (France), Cambrune (Peru), Castletroy, Clones, La Garriga (Spain), Paris, Somoa (Peru) and Virginia with fresh beginnings also taking root in Bellaghy. We rejoice that people have been saved, baptised, and added to local churches, and we give thanks for four individuals who have served short-term in three different mission fields. Their commitment has been a source of great encouragement. We are deeply grateful for your prayers and support of Baptist Missions. Together, we continue to press forward in the work of the Gospel.



Joanne's Jottings

The Baptist Centre, Moira

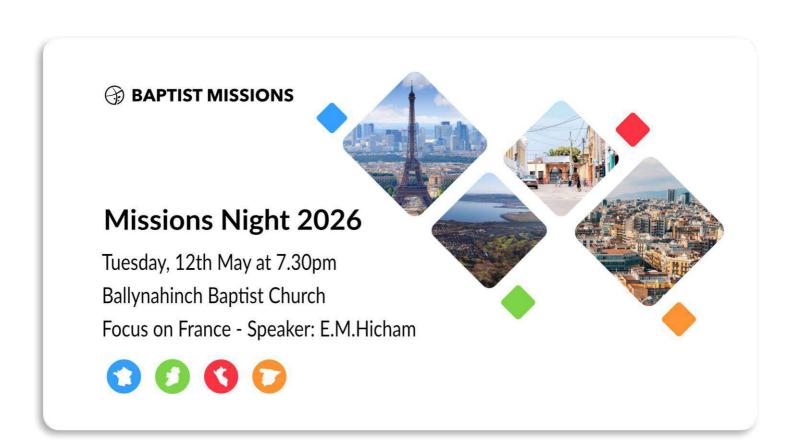
Thank you for your prayers and support during this past year, particularly in March when my dad went home to Heaven. As a family, we were grateful for the love and care of God's people. Thank you for your ongoing encouragement. Pray for health and strength to continue to serve well in 2026.



Tracy Ellison

The Baptist Centre, Moira

Thank you for your prayers during 2025. Please pray that during 2026 we will make good progress and that plans will come together as we anticipate marking Peru100 in 2027. Pray also for me as I will be devoting more time to this. Most of all please pray that God would be glorified and that He would use this anniversary to prompt people to send, give, pray and go with the gospel to those who have not yet heard.









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