

# ANDREW & SHAWN CANAVAN

# Church-planting in IRELAND

We were blessed with a fruitful Christmas season of ministry, focusing on how our Saviour was born, so that we could be born again. We were encouraged to remember the glory and joy of Christ's first coming is not only so that we could be forgiven, but also that we could have new life. Thank the Lord that when He redeemed us, He began a good work in us, and will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ. (Phil. 1:6)

## CHRISTMAS OUTREACH

Each year, Galway is known across Ireland for its annual Christmas Market. (Thankfully our Christmas market was much calmer than Germany's this Christmas season.) We were able to stand just outside the market and pass out Christmas Gospel leaflets, with several Gospel conversations and several hundred tracts distributed. We were hoping for a more fruitful response to our "Free New Testament" form, but God has brought it other ways.

While door knocking we recently met Martin, who was saved years ago, and has begun attending services. Martin, in his early seventies and from the Gaeltacht, (native Irish speaking region to the west of Galway) enjoys passing out Gospel literature, and has already blessed us through encouragement and conversation. It is always a treat to have an older Irish person since they have such interesting stories, a gentle kindness towards others, and a great wit. We pray Martin will continue to attend. We also met Dylan, a young Irishman who has recently been wanting to study the Bible, and immediately agreed to meet together for that purpose. We have since met twice for coffee. Please pray for him. He has a real spiritual hunger and seems very close to being saved. We ask prayer for his wife, Veronica, who is Chilean and also unsaved.



Evangelistic Bible study with Dylan



DIY crew



our new home

John during Street evangelism



## SHAWN, CLARE & CIAN

Shawn has her hands full daily (and she reminds me, her heart full too!) with our two little ones Clare and Cian. They are remaining healthy during this time of sickness and flus and we are grateful to the Lord for that, especially in the midst of a move. Clare loves reading books and memorising Bible verses. Cian is not only walking now, he is running, climbing, jumping, and exploring. Shawn is continuing her Bible studies with Michelle, and enjoys teaching the children's class... when we have children.

Our most surprising Christmas gift this year was a new house God allowed us to purchase! It's a small bungalow about 30 minutes outside of Galway. Given our donation-type income, it seems miraculous that we were approved for a mortgage by an Irish bank, but God marvelously made a way. The house is a "fixer-upper" built in the 80's, and has been both a pleasure and challenge to renovate through the Christmas season. My currently sprained ankle is a daily reminder that I do, indeed, have DIY limitations, lol. We greatly anticipate using this new home as a home base as we continue to evangelize Galway with the Gospel. Thank you so much for your prayers and support, we deeply appreciate both.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**SALVATION:** Brian, Emma, Veronica, Dylan, Roberto, Michelle, Michael & Emma, Colie, Tom

**GROWTH:** Lars, Margaret, John, Jerry, Martin,

**SPECIAL:**wisdom, 3 current evangelistic Bible studies, more ladies and more kids to attend services.

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