



THE THARP FAMILY MISSIONARIES IN IRELAND JULY, 2023



Dear Praying Friends,

Happy Independence day to you all! We pray that you all had a wonderful celebration of the blessed, God-given freedoms of our precious home land.

First Fruits – Thank you so much for your prayer for our First Fruits convention. It was a blessed and busy day! We had 6 churches that participated and so many student submissions that we were going from 9:30AM until 8 PM! It was a day filled with teaching, singing, preaching, and much more! Everyone had a wonderful time and expressed a strong excitement for next year's event. One of the biggest blessings of the day for us was seeing our precious church family jump in and serve in totally new ways. Praise God!



Monica's Choir at First Fruits



Darren & Evangeline -
The Graduates!

Graduation / USA trip – Just after our first fruits event, we took a brief trip to the USA. Originally, this trip was planned to be a full furlough and report to some of our supporting churches. Because of

our pregnancy, we had to shorten the trip to just enough time to get some rest and let our son walk in his high school graduation. It was a blessed time with family and friends and we are thankful for the opportunity. Our youngest, Evangeline, also graduate from Kindergarten! Please pray for Darren as he is continually seeking God's will about what steps should follow graduation.

Baby News – Thank you so much for your prayers for Monica and our baby's health. Our little boy – Peter, will be born some time this

month or labor will be induced by the end of the month. To God be the glory, Monica's sickness and nausea stopped many weeks ago. However, she is in the final weeks and every day gets physically harder for her. She and baby boy are well and being given good care and close monitoring by Monica's doctor. We are also very grateful that Monica's mom will be coming to stay with us for a few weeks when Peter is born. This will be a huge help and blessing.

Youth Camp – At the end of June, I (Phil) took our 4 oldest children to Victory Youth Camp. This was hosted by Bro. Craig Ledbetter and Bible Baptist Church from Ballincollig, Co. Cork. There were more than 70 young people there all week. God did a mighty work among many hearts. I believe that one young boy got saved. It really seemed that God was working most among the older teens and young adults, especially the missionary children. This time of fellowship, singing, games, preaching, etc. was so very beneficial to our spirits. Please pray that we will allow the work to continue that God has begun.



Darren & Katie singing with friends at camp

VBS – Since our baby will be born right during the time when we would normally have our VBS, we have chosen to postpone it until August. Of course, Monica will be at home recovering and caring for our newborn. But we are planning to do things a little differently this year. Our meetings will be held over the course of 2 or 3 weekends and will be more focused as being a form of Gospel outreach into our community. Please pray that many children come and that souls will be saved!

Thank you all again for your prayers and support. We appreciate you all. Please pray that God will help us as we seek to raise more financial support. Ireland is one of the most expensive places to live in all of Europe and is quickly rising higher on the cost of living in the world as well. Along with us being a growing family and the loss of some supporting churches, we are at about 78% support. We are trusting God and know we are in His will here and that He is using you all to keep us here!

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