



THE THARP FAMILY

MISSIONARIES IN IRELAND

SEPTEMBER, 2021



Dear Praying Friends,

Thank you so much for all of your prayers for our family over these last few months. There has been a lot of change going on over here!

VBS Update – We really didn't know what to expect with having our VBS as an in-person event. We ran VBS Sunday night through Thursday night. Our theme was a Medieval one. We taught about the armor of God as well as clearly sharing the Gospel with the children. On our highest night, we had 17 children in attendance! Several of the children who came had remembered coming 2 years ago and were so thankful to be able to return. On the final night, I even got a pie in the face because of how many kids came! One girl who came shared with me on the final night that she had asked Jesus to save her just a few months prior and she was so thankful that we were preaching the Gospel to the others.



Pie in the face!

Missions Conference – We were so blessed to have my parents come for a visit last month. Time with family is absolutely priceless. My Dad, Pastor Darren Tharp, was our preacher for our missions conference while they were here. God worked tremendously in the hearts of our church family! We saw an increase of about 65% in Faith Promise commitments! This means that we are able to take on at least TWO more missionaries. We just had the great privilege of taking on a faithful missionary family in Brazil and we are praying for God's guidance about a 2nd missionary to take on. Once that is decided, we will be supporting 5 missionaries! Glory to God!



Missions Conference!

One massive blessing that occurred in our missions conference was that during the invitation on Friday night, our daughter, Lillian got saved! She has been asking questions and thinking about this decision for a long time and we have prayed much for her. It was so wonderful to see the joy in her eyes after she trusted Christ for salvation.

Baptisms! - Just one week after Missions Conference was over, we held a Baptism service. It was amazing to see 4 souls get baptized, including our daughter, Lillian and one of our young men who was saved back in 2019! Praise God for these precious believers following the Lord in this vital step of obedience! Pictured (left to right) is Phil, Lillian, Deo, Linna, & David.

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Abigail and Dathai

Another Marriage! – It was our privilege to be part of the wedding ceremony at the start of September for our one charter member (that was not Monica & Me!) We are so thankful that God placed Abigail in our life and church. She really has been like family to us. Please pray for her and Dathai (pronounced Dah' Hee) as they follow God's will for their newly formed family.

NEW BABY!! - It was bittersweet to see Abigail get married and move to Northern Ireland with her husband. But not long after that, New Life Baptist Church added another precious life to our midst! Jerome and Charlotte (a couple in our church) just had a baby girl

named Hadassah. She is so precious and we are thrilled for them. Please pray for Charlotte as she recovers and for Jerome and Jeremiah (big brother) as they all welcome Hadassah into their family and raise her for Jesus.

Home School – The school year has begun! We would really appreciate your prayers as Monica teaches our children at home and as we both are involved in teaching music with a few of the missionary families in our area of Ireland. We are especially praising God in this new school year as every one of our students has their own work space now! Thank you for your prayers about our new home!



My precious wife starting another year of home school

Church Prayer Request – There is a LOT coming up on our church calendar and I look forward to sharing more good news with you in our next letter. However, we are really busting at the seams in our children's church room. We are way over capacity for their space. This is a fantastic problem to have but it is a pressing problem. Please pray fervently that God opens up just the right space for our church. Currently, the nursery and Sunday School aged children are all in the same space. This needs to change ASAP! We are trusting God to show us His plan in His time.

There is so much more I could share but I have already written way longer than normal. Thank you so much again for all of your prayers for our family and for New Life Baptist Church and for the souls of Ireland. You all are being used by God in a vital role to help us remain here in Ireland and we are so grateful for your faithful giving and prayers.

Your Missionaries In Ireland, The Philip Tharp Family

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