

**April**, 2012

The Ledbetter Family

## **Dear Precious Friends in the Ministry!**

**Furlough Preparations.** Furlough is rapidly approaching us! On April 20th we will be leaving our ministry here in Cork Ireland for a little over four months, and heading to Fresno, California to begin a very busy schedule of preaching and reporting to over 44 churches! You read right! We will be travelling to over 44 churches, trying to get re-acquainted with some very dear friends in the ministry and encourage God's people to stay involved in soul-winning and Church Planting all over the world! Everything starts with my daughter Ruth's wedding in Fresno, and then the birth of our daughter Sharon's first baby! Then we will get to watch Ruth graduate after four years of hard work at West Coast Baptist College! I will also be marrying one of our young men named Nico to a wonderful young lady from Bible College! While all that is going on, my family and I will be travelling up and down the west coast to several meetings, as well as getting our son Joshua situated in Lancaster in preparation for starting Bible College in September. After all that, we will head East and REALLY begin our furlough! Please pray for us, and you can stay informed about our whereabouts and activities by following us on our website at <u>www.craigledbetter.com</u>

**Wonderful Meetings in Upstate New York!** Nita and I were graciously flown over to the Buffalo, New York area so I could preach ten times in three great churches there – Evangelical Baptist Church, Old Time Baptist Church, and Faith Bible Baptist Church! It was such a treat encouraging folks for soul-winning and missions, and just being with some precious friends in the ministry!



We Helped out a new church start-up in Limerick, Ireland! Back in February our church folks spent two



Saturdays going out door to door soul-winning in the Limerick area to help a fellow church starter named Keith Hamilton get some more people out to his new church meetings there! The folks were (and still are) so excited to be a part of people getting the Gospel!

**First Soul-Winning Blitzes of the Year!** Our church has already held two big evangelistic efforts with the Gospel! Mother's day here in Ireland is in March and so we use it as a big Open House meeting for people to bring their extended families to hear the Gospel! We had 28 people out door-knocking throughout March, and then a big Reformers Unanimous evangelism push with 33 people out on the streets of Cork City! It is the life-blood of our church to go out into the highways and hedges!

**Building Purchase Status.** We have the building plans finished but have been waiting for the lawyer here to get us clearance for Tax Exemption. I wish everything was done and dusted as they say here, but it moves like molasses and it keeps me on the verge of frustration almost 24/7! But the Lord knows and we just keep pressing forward and waiting on God's timing!

**Upcoming Events.** Our **Annual Ireland Men's Camp** is April 11-14, and our men will be looking hard at *Faith* from the life of Abraham. So far there are around 13 churches involved, bringing men and their sons down to the meeting. Following that, the church folks will be busy getting ready for a summer full of **Bible Clubs** and **Victory Youth Camp**!

## **Prayer Request Summary**

Please pray for **our Furlough Travels** this Summer. Pray for the church here while we are away for four months, that they will see many many people saved. Pray for us to be a blessing while on furlough. Pray for our oldest daughter **Sharon Miller** who will be delievering our second grandbaby (her first baby) in early May! Pray for our daughter **Ruth's** wedding on April 27<sup>th</sup>! And pray for the following people to get saved: **Denis L's family** who are lost, **Pat W**, **Brendan F**, **David C**, **Pat W**, **Jim O'L**, **Kerri M**, **Chris M**, **Barry G**, and **Ann M** to get saved. Thank you for faithfully supporting us financially and prayerfully! We can't wait to

Up-to-date information on what's happening here in our work in Ireland is available at: www.biblebc.com meet up with so many of you this coming Summer! *The Ledbetter Family in Ireland (and soon to be on Furlough!)*  WORD BAFTIST MINISTRIES

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