

Dear Friends,

After months of waiting there is finally some progress to report regarding the acquiring of a rental shopfront for the Nenagh Baptist Group. Yesterday we received confirmation that our lease proposal was accepted by the owner which is a great PRAISE. Now begins the process of seeking town council approval for a change of use permit. PRAY that the paper work will come together quickly and that the right people will act on it without delay. If we were able to hold meetings at this town center site in early 2009 it would be a great victory.

The sorting of shoe boxes for "Operation Christmas Child" also began this month (www.samaritanspurse.ie). This is done in a local warehouse for 2 to 3 hours each weekday night for most of this month. It is a great opportunity for conversations with people because we are lined up shoulder to shoulder the length of extended tables. Our job is to check each box that has been collected in Nenagh and from the surrounding communities (there will be several thousand). Once the boxes are considered adequate and safe they are taped shut, stacked in large shipping cartons in preparation for the arrival of the "lorry" that will pick them up and deliver them to Europe via ferry. Each night there are between 20 and 50 volunteers so it is a natural place to make friends (PRAY for these contacts, some continuing from a year ago). There is something uniting about working on a project together, even a small one like this.

We have both been assigned a new literacy student this fall. These are adults who struggle with reading, writing and sometimes even math skills. It is an interesting situation because we meet with these people every week for an hour, but if we pass them on the street we must be prepared to act like they are strangers. Part of our job in this government scheme (program) is to keep their learning deficits confidential. PRAY that despite this we could build bonds of trust and friendship that would go beyond just improving their education.

During this season of Thanksgiving we give thanks for you.

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2 Thessalonians 2:13,14
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"Opportunities to communicate truth arise when others observe the acceptance, service, and authenticity displayed in the lives of disciples." (Milfred Minatrea)