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Dear Friends,

Going weekly. These simple words frame a huge step forward for Nenagh Baptist Church. We now have the rented shop front building modified sufficiently for a variety of uses. Even as we express our thanksgiving at God's provision for a regular meeting schedule and an identifiable location, we also sense the wonderful challenge of managing this physical resource.

Much thanksgiving is being expressed for final planning permission, finances, parting from the Thurles church, and finalization of the lease agreement with our landlord. The Father has provided a way forward with these necessary details that amazes us. We want you to share our joy over His provision for these significant hurdles.

Our Irish partner, Pastor Matt Tuttlebee has communicated to our folks here that during these transition months we will be testing various ways of orchestrating our times together. We must hold tightly to Jesus and His word, but more loosely to ideas, programs and styles; freeing people to love and serve in the community. What should we do (and not do) to be welcoming, display compassion and earn trust? Please continue to pray over this with us.

A physical location has made us more noticeable in the town and people are curious. Our signage, website and weekly invitations in the local paper have resulted in several new individuals joining our gatherings; but a continuing network of day-to-day relationships also opens doors. One of our men is connected with a local football (soccer) club which needed a place to hold their AGM (annual general meeting). It seemed like a natural opportunity to offer our premises to them for this, and now the families of the 27 men and teens attending hopefully consider us 'less threatening' than before. We continue to seek out ways of engagement with our community, including things like this which they see as important.

God intertwines His person and power together with your continuing prayer on our behalf. Thank you for praying and believing, which bring Him joy. Just like many of your households, a number of families here are being affected by economic downturn and job loss. It is important that we express our needs to the Father even as He already is displaying grace alongside the challenges.

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Psalm 143:10

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*"Truth without grace breeds a self-righteous legalism."
(Randy Alcorn)*