



**Bible Baptist Church of Ballincollig**

**Dear Pastors, Churches, and Friends**

**Jan. 2009**

It was a wonderful time we spent with our family and friends back in the states during Christmas and New Years. We had two weeks of a relatively busy schedule, but well worth all the effort. Our four grandchildren (Brandon, Seth, Duane and Elijah) were such a blessing to see and hold. Two of the children (Paul and Danny) are in Chicago and Virginia respectively so we weren't able to see them. I also had opportunity to preach in one of our supporting church's and my home church, First Baptist Church of Southard in Howell NJ.

Before we left on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of Dec. for the states we had our Christmas on the streets of Cork City and our Christmas dinner in Bandon. The church was in great form as we ministered to thousands of shoppers on the streets of Cork through song and tract distribution. The church ministered to itself through the Christmas dinner. It was great fun and fellowship for all.

This New Year is full of challenges and blessings and Kathy and I look forward to being involved in all the Lord wills for our lives. There are Men's retreats, Youth Camps, Bible Clubs, Church Getaways, weekly R. U. meetings and a myriad of other outreaches and fellowships. The theme for the church this year is "Open Doors- God's Opportunities for Us" and I am excited to see what the Lord will do this year. We will (as a church) also be doing something new by beginning to minister in one of the nursing homes in Ballincollig. Anyone who has ever served in a nursing home ministry will understand the great need to just show them the love of Jesus Christ.

If I could recap 2009 it would be a year of adjusting, serving, sharing burdens, seeing souls saved, watching the church grow numerically and spiritually and further discerning of God's perfect will. There is so much more because the blessings of serving the Lord are innumerable. Between Bible Clubs, Sunday school, preaching and all that falls in between we have seen so many lives changed. Don't look back but "press on"! **Phil.3:14**

**Prayer requests** – My brother Ron, and Rodney to be saved, the R.U. ministry, Amanda - unspoken, and the church as a whole to walk through the open doors of opportunity the Lord gives us in this new year to serve Him and win the souls of a people here in Ireland.

**Praise**- Please rejoice with us in the salvation of one man. God opened the door of his heart and he asked Christ to save him. Please pray for him to read his bible, pray and be faithful to church. We will just call him blessed!

**Dan and Kathy Eberly John 12:24**

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