



An update from:

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Serge Grace at the Fray

Let the lessons begin!

Ever since we began to seriously explore the possibility of moving to Ireland we've been dreading a particular requirement of living here- earning our Irish Driving License. Unlike those moving here from the EU, or a select group of countries, we cannot simply swap our American license for an Irish one. We are required to start over as if we were a teenager again. That means passing a written test and a road test. We passed the written test and are now preparing for the road test. However, before we can take the road test we must receive hours of behind the wheel instruction from an authorised "school of motoring." This wouldn't be so



terrible except that the road test is very rigorous and half of all people taking the road test fail it, not just once, but often multiple times before passing. Therefore the lessons are difficult and stressful. Ugh! It's not driving on the left rather than the right that's hard. It's keeping track of all the tiny details that we must do in order to drive properly for the test. It will be months before we have completed the lessons and are ready to take the test. Double Ugh! Pray for us. We need hope, courage, confidence, and faith that the Lord will see us through this process successfully.

A Ministry Center of Blessing

A little over a year ago the church we are attending purchased a vacant building in the heart of our town with the vision to use it as a ministry centre. It's been named "The Carraig Center" (Carraig is Irish for rock). The story of the purchase of the building itself is remarkable, demonstrating the clear intervention and provision from the Lord. Part of the building will be rented to a community non-profit. The other part of the building will



house a worship centre, dedicated prayer room, meeting rooms, and administrative offices. A variety of community groups have expressed interest in occasionally renting the centre for their events. The Carraig Center represents a strategic opportunity for us to reach our community and bless them in the process. Before renovation of the building can begin a range of government and church body committees need to sign off on the plans. One group from the church is working with designers and architects. Chuck has been asked to serve as a project manager for the other aspects. It has already given him new contacts with civic officials and a group of attorneys. Another open door for relationships and potential ministry.

A Week of Prayer for you to Attend

Last month we mentioned an opportunity for you to come and be part of our work here through an active ministry of prayer. We've heard from a number of people that plan to come, but there is still room for you. Come and meet some of the Irish church leaders we partner with and pray alongside them for the broadening and deepening of the church in Ireland. **Come and see what God is doing in and through the Irish church** as you intercede and encourage. The Irish Prayer Summit will be held August 3-10, 2019. The cost is approximately \$1,100 plus airfare to Dublin. We'll arrange local housing and transportation. Let us know if you want to know more. Or contact our colleague Brad Wallace at bwallace@serge.org. Deadline to sign up is the end of April so don't delay too long.

A Team of Partners who Pray...

Your prayer on our behalf is more than a thoughtful gesture. We believe that it is critical for all that we are doing here. As you pray for us, you can ask the Lord to intervene on our behalf and for his glory.

- For us, for our health, marriage, our walk with the Lord (individually and together). The other week we were sharing with a good friend about the stresses of living in a new culture. She said, "Visiting a pretty place is not like living there." How true. Pray that we'd be full of the fruit of the Spirit, that our marriage would be full of this fruit, that we'd be abiding in Jesus as our life giving vine (Galatians 5:22,23 and John 15:1-13).
- For our neighbours. Join us in praying for God to bless our neighbours, their marriage, their parenting, their children, and their work. Ask God to open their hearts and mind to hearing about saving faith in Jesus. We long for opportunities to love them in Christ's name and explain the gospel.
- For us as we take our driving lessons and learn how to drive properly enough to pass our road test.
- For the permission process to begin renovation of the Carraig Center.

Thank you for your partnership in the gospel. As you pray for us know that we pray for you.

Joyfully,

Chuck and Kathy Hohnbaum

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