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Dear Friends and Faithful Supporters,

Greetings from Barry, Wales! We've had a full and busy summer, and we're thankful for the rhythm and routine that September brings. Knowing that you are praying for us has been a constant encouragement—especially during moments when things have felt heavy, hard, or overwhelming. Your faithful support has truly helped to carry us through. Thank you for taking the time to read our update and for lifting us up in prayer. We are deeply grateful for you.

LEGO CLUB

In August, our church launched a weekly LEGO Club — and we were blown away by the response! We honestly weren't sure what to expect and had set conservative estimates for attendance. But at our very first session, we completely outgrew the space at the Youth Centre — **welcoming 56 children plus their parents!**

Each week, the children were given a Bible story and then challenged to build a LEGO model that connected to the theme. After they worked on their creations, we shared the Bible lesson over snacks, and wrapped up with prizes and certificates for the most creative builds.

One of the most effective aspects of the club was inviting parents to stay with their children. This gave us valuable opportunities to connect with the adults, build relationships, and invite families to church — not just the kids, but the whole household! The LEGO Club was a huge success, and we would love to run it again next summer.

MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY

We're thrilled to have launched a 7-week midweek Bible study through the book of Galatians! To make it accessible for more people, we're offering two sessions — one on **Wednesday evenings** and another on **Friday mornings**. We're especially grateful for around **35 adults** who have committed to studying God's Word together. It's exciting to see such a strong desire for spiritual growth and community, and we're praying that this time in Galatians will be both deepening and transformative.

Please pray that hearts will be open to the truth of the gospel, that relationships within the group will strengthen, and that lasting spiritual fruit will come from our time in the Word.

BACKYARD HOSPITALITY

One of our favorite ways to show hospitality this summer was by inviting families over for relaxed evenings around the fire — complete with good conversation and a taste of American s'mores!

This casual setting became a meaningful way to connect with entire families, especially those where the mother and children attend our church, but the father does not. Sharing time together in a comfortable, low-pressure environment gave us the opportunity to build relationships and plant seeds of the gospel. **It was both encouraging and sweet — a small but significant step toward introducing them to Jesus.**



PEOPLE TO PRAY FOR – MINISTRY UPDATE

Viki – Many of you will remember Viki from previous updates. She is a Totally Tots mom originally from Hungary and has been regularly attending church on Sundays with her husband, Arpi, and their daughter, Abi. Recently, Viki had a heartfelt conversation with Anna, during which she shared that she is very close to trusting in Jesus as her Saviour. Praise God! Anna and Viki will now be meeting weekly for an hour to read the Bible together. Please pray that the Lord would open Viki's heart fully to the gospel and that she would come to a saving faith in Christ.

Rich – Rich began attending our church after watching our services online for several months. He is now part of our weekly Bible Study and has expressed a desire to be baptised this coming November. We rejoice in how God is working in Rich's life. Please continue to pray for his spiritual growth and for his family, who do not yet know the Lord.

Mark – We've been praying for Mark for some time. His wife, Clare, and their children are active members of our church, and Clare serves faithfully in Sunday School after coming to faith and being baptised a few years ago. Following the recent Charlie Kirk shooting, God stirred something in Mark's heart, prompting him to begin seeking spiritual truth. The very next Sunday, Mark attended church—and he's been coming regularly ever since! Please continue to pray that the Lord would draw Mark to Himself and complete the good work He has begun in his life.

FAMILY UPDATE

As a family, we've enjoyed a wonderful summer full of friends, fun memories, and meaningful experiences. While the break was refreshing, we're also thankful to settle back into a regular routine as the new season begins.

The kids started school during the first week of September:

- Noah is now in 9th grade — and he recently celebrated his 14th birthday!
- Nathan has started 5th grade, and
- Amara is continuing her learning journey at home with K3 homeschooling.

We're excited for all that this school year holds and grateful for the rhythms that come with it.

Thank you for your love, prayers, and friendship! May God richly bless you!

Kevin, Anna, Noah, Nathan, and Amara Ruwersma



Noah's 14th Birthday



Nathan is now a Yellow Belt in Karate!



Amara on her 'big girl' bike!