

McCracken Update

July saw our first anniversary in **Claremorris**, a quick but encouraging year for which we can thank God, especially over the last few months

The **Truth to Live By** studies finished up in June with 3 regular attenders. We focused on the character of God and some well known parables. Now, we're reading through the Gospel of John each Thursday night at 7.30pm.



Paul...just about quick enough around the circle!

Door work continues each Thursday to invite people along to the Bible study and to engage people with the gospel where possible.

During July and August, David and Sarah attended Christian camps in Athlone which they both enjoyed. With so few other Christian young people in Mayo, week long camps like these are valuable times of teaching and building friendships. Nicola cooked at Sarah's camp and enjoyed the experience...everyone survived, as far as we know!

Sarah started secondary school (all girls) at the end of August and is enjoying the wider range of subjects and all the moving around. David has his Junior Certificate exams next June and so it is a big year for him too. It is noticeable that both have developed more natural friendships, especially in our immediate neighbourhood which is really good.

Over the next year, we're really trusting God for suitable co-workers in Claremorris. Whilst we have essential links with the wider Calvary Mission network in Mayo, we would love to see our own local mission team started. At times, we feel limited and yet encouraged to do what we can do with the gifts and resources we have. We should say that our last prayer letter prompted some new financial supporters which was encouraging to see. This is an ongoing need, however, as we still need several more supporters.

We're looking forward to the new season of work which has just begun and to sharing more of that, and our lives too, in the months to come. Thank-you faithful friends for your commitment to this ministry in the West of Ireland.

Jonathan, Nicola, David and Sarah.

Praise

- **Sarah's good start to secondary school.**
- **New financial supporters.**
- **Good camps in the summer for David and Sarah.**
- **Encouraging outreach in July.**

Prayer

- **Co-workers to join us in Claremorris .It would be great to see real interest from someone soon.**
- **More people for our restarted Truth to Live By studies**
- **David's Junior Certificate year at school (GCSE).**
- **TEFL (English teaching) course. Jonathan is aiming to complete this by Christmas and then look for opportunities to help non-English speakers in the town next year.**