

AIM Field Report

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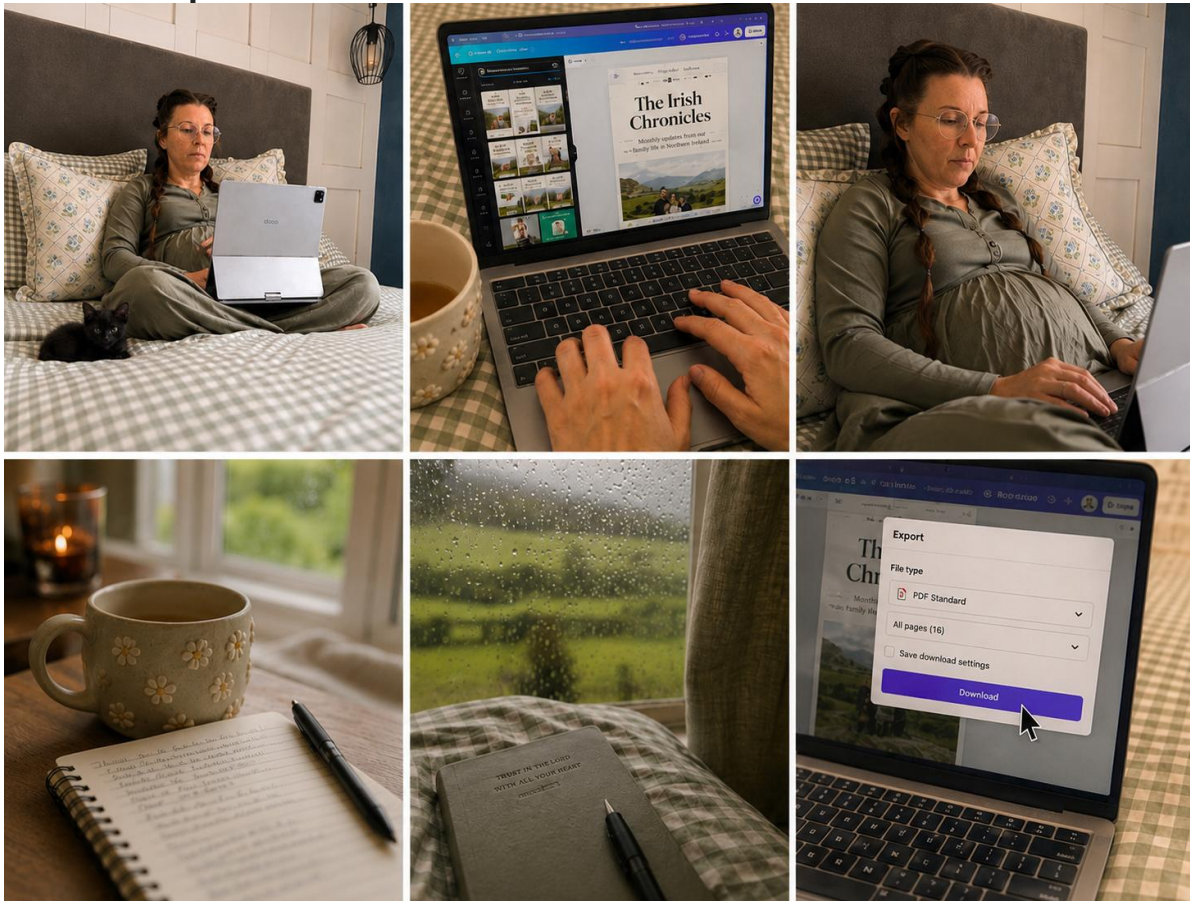
Continuing the Work, Reaching People, and Preparing for the Future

July has been another meaningful month for us here in Northern Ireland. We continue to thank God for the opportunity to serve, minister, build relationships, and reach people in every way possible.

This month has been a combination of ministry, creativity, preparation, and simply learning how to serve God in the everyday moments of life. We believe that ministry is not limited to what

happens behind a pulpit. Every conversation, meal, project, relationship, and opportunity can become a way to connect with people and show them the love of Jesus.

A New Chapter: Our First Book



One of the biggest projects we have been working on over the past several months has finally come to completion. Ashley and I have finished our first book, **“God, Is That You?”**

This has been a labor of love. We have spent months writing, creating, designing, editing, and praying over this project. What started as an idea has now become something we can place into the hands of others.

Our prayer is that this book will encourage people who are searching for God’s direction and help them recognize His voice in the middle of life’s questions, challenges, and uncertainties.

We are excited to see where God takes this book and how He can use it to reach people far beyond the walls of our church.

Building Relationships Through Everyday Life



One thing we have continued learning is that reaching people starts with relationships.

During July, we also spent time discovering some of our favorite places to eat here in Northern Ireland. While that may seem like a small part of ministry, we have learned that sitting around a table, talking with people, learning about the community, and enjoying life together creates opportunities to build relationships.

Sometimes ministry happens in a church service. Other times it happens across a table.

We want to become more connected to the community around us—not simply be people who live here and hold church services, but people who know the community, love the people, and are willing to become part of their lives.

Continuing to Build Pentecostal of Gilford



We have also continued working toward the future of **Pentecostal of Gilford**.

One of the projects we have been putting time and thought into is the design of our future church sign. We want the sign to represent who we are, but more importantly, we want it to communicate a simple message to our community: **there is a church here that loves God, loves people, and wants to make disciples.**

These projects may seem like small steps, but we believe they are part of preparing the church for what God wants to do in the future.

We are not only working for where the church is today—we are preparing for where God is taking us tomorrow.

Reaching People Through Social Media

Another area we have been investing in is social media.

We have been working on our social media pages and looking for ways to reach people who may never walk through the doors of a church.

Our world has changed, and we believe the church must be willing to use every available opportunity to reach people with the Gospel.

We are learning, creating, taking pictures, making videos, sharing messages, and trying different ways to get the name of our church and, more importantly, the message of Jesus in front of people.

Our goal is not simply to gain followers. **Our goal is to reach souls.**

If one person sees something we post and begins thinking about God, if one person watches a message and decides to pray, or if one person who is hurting discovers that there is hope in Jesus, then the effort is worth it.

Continuing to Serve During This Season

This season has also been unique for our family.

Ashley is expecting our baby, with her due date coming August 19. Even during this season of pregnancy, we have continued working, serving, creating, ministering, and preparing for what God has ahead.

We are very aware that this is a special season for our family, and we are thankful for God's grace and strength.

Pregnancy has required us to adjust some things, slow down when necessary, and take things one day at a time. But it has not stopped us from continuing the work God has called us to do.

We are learning that sometimes faithfulness doesn't look like doing everything at once. Sometimes faithfulness simply means continuing to take the next step.

And that is what we are doing.

Looking Ahead

As we look back at July, we are thankful for every opportunity God has given us.

We are thankful for the people we have met, the relationships we are building, the ministry opportunities we have had, the progress at Pentecostal of Gilford, the completion of our first book, and the opportunities we have through social media to reach people beyond our local community.

There is still much to do.

We are praying for more souls to be reached, more people to hear the Gospel, more families to become connected to the church, and for Pentecostal of Gilford to continue becoming a light in this community.

We don't know everything the future holds, but we know who holds the future.

We are working.

We are serving.

We are reaching.

We are building.

And we are trusting God.

Thank you to everyone who continues to pray for us, support us, encourage us, and stand with us in this work. Every prayer and every act of support makes a difference.

Please continue to pray for our family, for Pentecostal of Gilford, for Northern Ireland, and for the people God is preparing us to reach.

The work continues—and we are excited about what God is going to do next.

With love and gratitude,

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