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AIM Field Report

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Trusting God's Timing and Preparing for the Harvest

Over the past few weeks, the Lord has been teaching me something very important about ministry: **we have to be patient with His work.**

Recently, I had been feeling discouraged because we had not seen the increase in attendance that we had been praying and believing God for. We continued to be faithful, but for a while it seemed like we were seeing the same people week after week without much growth.

At one point, our attendance dropped significantly, and we were down to just two families. I began asking the Lord, *"God, what is happening? What are You doing here in Northern Ireland? What is Your plan for me and this church?"*

I was asking God for increase, but I wasn't seeing the results I was hoping for.

Then the Lord reminded me to **be patient with His work.**

Sometimes we want God to show us the finished product when He is still laying the foundation.

And just when I was beginning to feel discouraged, we started seeing a change. Since Sunday, we have had a couple more families begin attending. We now have **four faithful families** coming to church, along with several individuals and singles who are also faithfully attending.

It may not seem like a huge number, but to me, it is a reminder that **God is working.**

Investing in the Next Generation

One of the things that has encouraged me the most is what God is doing among our children.

We recently had an opportunity to teach the children how to pray. We are not just trying to keep them occupied during service—we want them to know Jesus, understand His Word, and develop their own relationship with God.

We are also introducing new curriculum into our Sunday school classes so that our children can learn more about the Bible and grow in their understanding of God's Word.

I believe this is an important part of building the future of the church. **We are not only praying for the church we have today; we are preparing the church that God is going to have tomorrow.**

[Picture: Children learning how to pray / Sunday school ministry]



A Church That Prays

Another area where I have been encouraged is our prayer life.

We have been praying specifically for our services, for the people who need God, and for the souls that the Lord is bringing into our church.

We have also begun writing down the names of people we are praying for. We are intentionally bringing these names before the Lord and asking God to touch their lives, draw them to Him, and open doors for us to reach them.

[Picture: Church praying together]



A Family Searching for Something Real

One of the most encouraging things that has happened recently is the return of a family who had visited our church before.

They had been looking around and visiting other churches because they wanted to see what was available and find a place where they truly felt connected to God. After experiencing other churches, they came back to Pentecostals of Gilford.

When they returned, they shared something that really encouraged me. They said that there was **nothing like an Apostolic Pentecostal church** and that when they come here, they can **feel the presence of the Lord**. They expressed that there is something different about the atmosphere and the experience of worship here—that they had not found the same thing anywhere else they had visited.

To me, this is a powerful reminder of why we are here.

There are people across Northern Ireland who are searching. They are looking for a church. They are looking for truth. They are looking for a place where they can experience the presence of God and hear the Gospel preached.

Some may visit different churches trying to find what they are looking for, but when they encounter a church that is committed to the Word of God, prayer, worship, the power of the Holy Ghost, and the Apostolic message, they recognize that there is something different.

The world doesn't need another church just to fill a building. People need an encounter with Jesus Christ.

That is what we want Pentecostals of Gilford to be—a place where people can walk through the doors and experience the presence of God, hear His Word, find hope, and have their lives changed.

This family coming back has encouraged me greatly. It reminds me that even when we don't see large numbers, **God is still drawing people to this church.**

[Picture: Names of people written down as we pray for them]



There is something powerful about putting a name on a prayer list and then watching God begin to work in that person's life.

We may not see the answer immediately, but we believe that **prayer is preparing the ground for the harvest.**

Looking Toward the Future

I have a lot of vision for this church. I believe God has something greater for Pentecostals of Gilford and for this city.

I believe there are people in Northern Ireland who are hungry for God. There are families we haven't met yet, people we haven't reached yet, and souls who still need to hear the Gospel.

I believe that eventually God will allow us to move into a larger city as the church continues to grow. But I also know that **God has to be in it.**

I don't want to move ahead of God's timing. I want to build what He wants to build, when He wants to build it, and how He wants to build it.

For now, our responsibility is simple:

We will keep preaching, We will keep praying, We will keep reaching, We will keep inviting, We will keep teaching our children and we will keep believing God for the harvest.

Galatians 6:9 says:

“And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.”

That Scripture has become very real to me.

I am learning that growth doesn't always happen as quickly as we would like. Sometimes God is preparing the church before He sends the harvest.

So today, I am encouraged.

We may not be where we ultimately want to be, but I believe **God is working, God is preparing, and God is building something here in Northern Ireland.**

Every family matters.
Every child matters.
Every name on our prayer list matters.
Every soul matters.

And I believe the best is still ahead for **Pentecostals of Gilford.**

Please continue to pray with us—not just for more people to come, but that God would help us be ready for every person He sends through our doors.

With love and gratitude,
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