



Christmas *Feastings* from Chris and Rachel Vincent

Hi there!

Hope that this finds you well and nearly ready for a season of celebrating!

We wanted to be in touch with everyone on the *Saoirse* newsletter mailing list to say thank you for supporting us in your prayers this year. We know that we have not sent out anything for a while (things have got busy in good way), and wanted to bring you some latest news.

For those who know Jesus, Christmas should genuinely be a time of feasting and celebration. We are in relationship with someone who is always lavish and who satisfies us inside and out, even more than food and drink. This year for us has been such an example of this.

From the outset last year, of God speaking so clearly to us as a family, to the present time, God has been satisfying us.

- He spoke in such clear and supernatural ways about His intentions
- He resourced us financially to make it possible
- He led us to an area of Dublin called Castleknock and provided a fantastic house (with a great landlord) and schools for Anna, Ed and George.
- Within days of arriving we found that He was connecting us to many across Dublin, without us even lifting the phone or visiting.
- From the beginning of April we began to meet with God in our “bread” evenings, with a strong sense of the Holy Spirit every time.
- As people have met with God, so the signs of Him being at work in their lives increases and with it, the freedom of His kingdom!
- We have had two teams visit us and the city (*NewDay Global* and *Let's Go*), and both times we have seen real supernatural signs of His kingdom. People are gathering with us now as a result!
- We have had some great times of teaching and ministry, as we gather a team of people who are increasingly committed to launch a new church called *Saoirse*.

Most recently, God has been speaking lots about the way ahead. We had a vision evening *fireside chat* last week and all got excited as we pieced together some of these things and realised something of what God is doing with us.

The most important things would include: we are to be a church that majors on being disciples of Jesus who are caught up on His mission; clear guidance that we should be keeping a clear focus on being for the city but starting to meet publicly here in Castleknock as a start; we know that we should be gathering different nationalities but seek to be Irish as much as we can; we want to launch publicly to increase momentum and profile from St Patricks Day - March through to Easter Day 2009 (a season of launching rather than a one off); that a strong emphasis of who we are to increasingly become is people open to the Holy Spirit and full of the truth (head and heart) of His word.

So 2009 cannot be anything but exciting!

Please keep praying for us:

- For our city, Dublin, those who live and work here, that God would be seen and known increasingly,
- That the quality of relationship with Jesus would be growing all the time (pray for our triplets to thrive)
- Out of this, we would know what it is to love and serve those around us, looking for those in whom God is at work (pray for our mission groups which are launching in the new year, where we build community and team around the mission and task)
- For effective momentum to build as we approach the launch in March 09
- For those who still are looking for work (Rebecca, Ian, Ruth, Pete),
- For those who are still in the process of moving over

Thank you once again for all your support and praying. Please keep it going!

Love

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