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The people behind the name....SAOIRSE!

Ephesians 1:7-10 (The Message)

"Because of the sacrifice of the Messiah.....we're a free people - free of penalties and punishments chalked up by all our misdeeds. And not just barely free, either. Abundantly free!"

Why have we called ourselves "Saoirse", the Irish word for freedom?

Jesus is distinctive in that He was free like no other man or woman before or after him.....

1. he was free in his **heart** (his motives and character were not polluted with selfishness like yours and mine)
2. free in his **head** (his thinking was clear and based on God's objective truth so he didn't question who he was and what his father was like) but also
3. free in his **hands** or conduct (such pure heart and thinking led to pure actions untainted by people pleasing and fear).

No wonder people loved being around him! They felt his freedom by just being with him and welcomed it gladly.

No wonder people hated being around him! His freedom challenged their tight shrivelled hearts and made them resentful!

So those who have said to Jesus, "I want my imprisoned, locked up old self, with all of its penalties and punishments, to be swallowed up by your nature" (the "in Christ" ones), surely they should increasingly expect freedom to mark them out. If they don't, then they must be allowing someone other than Jesus to transform and influence them!

Even more exciting, is that communities and towns and cities and nations who live amongst the "in-Christ" ones, should expect to know more freedom in their lives.

Why? Because Jesus is still loving the broken and hurting through our hearts; Jesus is still dispelling the confusion of lies through his clear thinking truth in our heads; and Jesus is still acting with head-turning results as we live like he did with our hands and mouths and bodies.

Wow! Now wouldn't you want to be part of a family that increasingly knew freedom like that?!

Introducing Liberty Community Church

We want to regularly pray for other local churches in Dublin. Not only does unity and love between local churches honour and please God but we also get more done when we stand together.

Meet the team - Pete & Michelle Foster



Who are you?

Pete and Michelle Foster, we have a daughter Ema (she will celebrate her 2nd birthday 2 days after we arrive in Dublin) and we also have another baby due in September. We are currently living in Kingston,

Greater London where I (Pete) have been in full time Eldership for the last 4 years. Michelle was a children's Nursery manager before we had Ema.

What are you interested in?

Getting a good nights sleep, always a challenge with young kids. I love music and have lead worship here in Kingston. Kayaking is also something I love to do despite almost dying as a kid when I was sucked down through a weir.

Why Dublin?

Wow it's interesting that you should ask me that today as it was exactly 10 years ago to the day 13th of June when I first set foot in Ireland. I did a geology degree at uni during which I spent 2 months on and off in Ireland making a geological map. I was on the coast on one of the most westerly points of Ireland, Europe even, and I found myself praying for Europe and Ireland with a growing heart for the people. This developed into a desire to see really vibrant, life filled Churches out there. On returning to the UK someone in my church had a prophetic dream about a man walking a peninsular, heading down to a beach where other people were joining him and helping to repair fishing nets before setting sail. This really spoke to me that one day I would go back to Ireland with a God agenda. This clearly was not Gods timing but even so a year later when on a Frontier Year Project I was given a prophetic word that God was calling me to Ireland. I guess it doesn't get clearer than that!

Soon after this we got married and as Michelle is Czech we imagined that we would end up there before Ireland became a reality.

When we met with Chris and Rachael last year, he was talking about their vision of reaching on

We thank God for many other excellent expressions of God's family across the city of Dublin:

Liberty Community Church (www.libertychurch.ie) meet in Dublin 8 and sprang out of a clear work of God some years ago in the life of Noel and Sharron Kenny. Since then many have come to know Jesus and the growing Liberty community is reaching out to some of the neediest in their area. If you have worshipped with them corporately, you will know about their vibrant worship and the sense of God's presence.

Pray for:

- Noel and Sharron and family
- Leaders of all sorts of ministries
- For the presence of God in their lives and gatherings
- For increasing numbers to come to know Jesus
- For increasing numbers to become fully devoted followers of Jesus



and out to Europe. A light really came on for us. Maybe things would work the other way round?

In November we felt that we had to make a decision to go this year.

When?

Well removals are booked and we will be arriving on Tues 15th of July.

The house hasn't sold yet, but we do have a couple more viewings lined up. Please pray that it does sell. We will look at renting it if not but we would rather it went. I'm going to be hunting for work when we get to Ireland and it will be a huge change from a full time Church job. I guess you always think that the grass looks a little greener on the other side of the fence, and I've often missed having the non-Christian friends that I had when I was working for the Council, although I remember back then wishing I had more time to be involved with Church stuff. It will be different that's for sure.

What is it about Church that gives you a buzz and gets you excited?

That's easy, it's seeing peoples lives changed, seeing God grab hold of people. Nothing compares to the noticeable presence of God in the Church.

Things on the ground in Dublin.....

Comments from those who are living in Dublin and have become part of Saoirse already

"I absolutely love Thursday nights From the moment you walk in, you are being showered with God's love. There is an excitement that rises inside me, just thinking about meeting together. I don't think I have ever felt such love for people, and that's how I know it is from God."

When we worship and pray, you can actually feel a tangible presence of God. It is like a thick blanket of love covering you. It is in this place of rest, in His presence, that we are transformed. This is an exciting time in my life, having to deal with some baggage, but I get to deal with it in knowing that God loves me no matter what, because when we are weak we are strong. When we feel loved, we can amount to anything we set our hearts on. No matter how much of a mess you have made before, there is no greater love than God's love. That to me, is what Saoirse is all about - GOD'S UNCONDITIONAL AND UNFAILING LOVE.

God is knitting us together with His love and mercy. *Col. 2 v2 I want them to be encouraged and knit together by strong ties of love. (NIV); I want you woven into a tapestry of love, in touch with everything there is to know of God. (Message).* God has the original colour picture and the blueprint of this tapestry. He knows exactly where we are going and where every person fits in. God is carefully working on this tapestry, knitting it together with His strong ties of love."

Global New Day Team (July 17-24th)

Very shortly, we are going to host a team of young people who are wondering whether God is calling them at some stage in their lives to pioneer into new nations with the desire to see New Testament churches established. They are coming to Dublin to see what we are doing but more importantly to step out of their own comfort zones and trust God. Their week will be a real mix of teaching, experiencing, stepping out on the streets and meeting up with Saoirse. Watch out!!

Saoirse Vision Evening June 26th

On Thursday last week, we gathered to meet with God and each other but also to hear about some more detail of what we want to become as Saoirse and how we see it happening. Chris asked three questions:

1. What does Jesus understand as the church (as shown from John 17)?

2. What do we want life in Saoirse to be like?
3. How will we get busy over the next few months

If you are interested in hearing his answers then email him at chrisvincent@saoirsedublin.com. We will be having other evenings like this in the near future

“Let’s Go” weekend October 3rd-5th

Book out this weekend in your diary as it will be one of several opportunities where we want to get out on the streets of Dublin and engage with what people think and believe of God and give Him an opportunity to change their minds! Your response will be either “Can’t wait” or “that sounds scary!” Either way, we are expecting God to move with power and to teach us new confidence in His ability to connect with those who don’t know Him. Silly to miss that!!!

New website update

Tell one, tell all.. www.saoirsedublin.com is the site to visit. This is our new site and since going live there have already been visitors from Canada, France, India, Italy, Netherlands, Poland, UK, USA, and most importantly Ireland!



The web has increasingly become the key way that new people find out about churches in a locality. Therefore our site is aimed at being the central hub where you can find out about who we are and what is going on. When talking to people at work or on the streets and they want to find out more just give them the website address www.saoirsedublin.com

Stay in touch!

We have added a newsletter sign up option for those wanting to keep in touch with us.

We also want the site to be a place of resource for those in Saoirse; we will therefore be adding to the Resource section and develop other useful sections to aid us all.

Facebook

You may or may not have heard about Facebook, but it is one of the most popular social networking sites. *Saoirse* has group listed and you can join it to connect with others with an interest in *Saoirse*, or just to keep in contact during the week outside of meeting up or phoning! There is a direct link to the Facebook group on the *Saoirse* homepage.



News and prayer update!

- Thank you God, Justyn Pride now has a job
- Thank you God for those who already are showing a willingness to come on Alpha (October)
- Please God, others still need Jobs(Ian, Rebecca and Pete)
- For increasing presence of God the Holy Spirit whenever we gather
- For depth of friendships in marriages and relationships, in all age ranges
- For our triplets as they multiply in the next few months, that many would grow in relationship with Jesus.

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