

2020 End of the year letter!

As I reflect on 2020 and think about what I want to share with you, I am especially grateful for your partnership for your prayers and encouragements. Thank you!

This year began with a super busy schedule. I can hardly believe, as I look back, I was able to be in Florida in 2020!

FLORIDA!

My trip to Florida was successful! I was reunited with my dear friends, Jenny and Heyward at the airport, who brought me straight to Cracker Barrel! While home, I visited 5 churches, Sarah's circle, small groups, home groups, Sunday schools, meet and greets, Q and A's, dinners and lunches with supporters, and sunrises at the beach with friends! In the short 5 weeks, I split my stay between Ormond and Deltona with a quick day trip to Ocala. I spent quality time with Kay-who has been like a mom to me, and Joe and Marilyn- who has been a great comfort and encouragement with their hospitality and wisdom from their own mission experience!

VISIT FROM A FRIEND!

When I returned to Ireland, my dear friend Ariel came for a quick visit and got a good glimpse into my daily life and work here in Co. Cavan. It was great to have that time and enjoy the culture of Ireland together. Everyone here still asks about her including the children.

COVID

I was ready for a break and needed some rest, but I had no idea Covid was going to force the world into a lockdown. From March 12 to mid-June we experienced the effects of a global pandemic, and it forced us to change the way we did ministry. I was quickly reminded of Paul's ministry and that a majority of his letters were written from prison. "for which I am suffering even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But God's word is not chained." 2 Tim 2:9

Like the rest of the world, we began to live stream our sermons and were able to reach people in Cavan in a way we had not been able to before. We began to use zoom for Bible studies and saw a great interest in the women during that time. We dug deep into James using Jen Wilkin's free study (I highly recommend it). I led the addictions group on zoom as well as maintained my one to ones.

SOME SAD NEWS.

This year brought many difficulties and counseling opportunities here in Ireland and beyond. My family faced the loss of my cousin. My Dad lost his best friend, I learned that my childhood best friend had passed as well. Several people here, had to isolate because of Covid, and health care workers were being overworked as they cared for the many who were coming in. Eddie, a new member of the church lost his wife suddenly as he traveled to see his son in Texas. And Because of Covid, it made funeral arrangements and travel back to Ireland, difficult. Please

keep Eddie in your prayers. I attended two funerals by standing outside on the curb, not being able to hug or shake anyone's hand. I was uninvited to two weddings because of Covid restrictions. And I personally found being alone during most of this hard.

SOME GOOD NEWS!

We welcomed Evan and Rachel to work with the Church in Cavan this month! I was able to host them for a Christmas Eve meal with their 4 little ones and a sweet Nigerian couple. It has been a long hard road for them and a strange time to get settled into life and ministry. Please pray for them!

I was able to purchase a newer vehicle this year, because of your generous support! I was blown away at the provision and the number of people who wanted to help! I am so grateful for this display of support! I received an amazing care pack from Home right before Thanksgiving as well.

It has been a great joy to me to meet with two particular Irish ladies for one-to-ones. It has taken a lot of patients and persistence to get them to meet with me over the last 2 years, and for the last 4 months or so I am pleased with the progress of our friendship, and discipleship. Please keep them in your prayers we will call them Mary and Elizabeth ;)

Our addictions group has been slow-moving, but one dear lady in there has attributed this group to her sobriety. She is still on the fence about what she believes about God but is slowly seeing Him as trustworthy. She attributes Him to her progress. Please continue to pray for this group for Salvation.

The word of God is still going out! This is the best news- of 2020!

2021 PLANS

This year I hope to apply for Citizenship. I will be able to this after July 2021! Please pray with me for God's will in this! There will be a lot of paperwork, it will cost a lot of money and will take some time! Pray, I can connect with the right lawyer to help with this process.

Travel plans are nearly impossible to make at this time. I was hoping to come home every year for a short visit to my churches and supporters. But this year it's not going to be possible. So, instead, I would like to set up some zoom calls for Churches, Sunday schools, home groups, prayer groups, and individual supporters or potential supporters for Q&A's updates and catch-ups!

I will be hosting these from January 11th- March 1st on zoom! Please contact me right away to schedule your one 30min-1hour meeting. Message me here patti2parks@gmail.com

Please pray for my support levels to increase. If you would like to give a one-time donation you can follow this link. Or if you would like to become a monthly supporter you can do that with this [link](#)! Be sure to change the date if you want it to count for 2020.