

Giving Thanks, Looking Ahead

*An update from our pastors and board
marking one year as a team and seven
months as a church.*

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A Letter from our Pastors



Hey Church family

What an incredible few months of God's unmerited favour and blessing! Debs and I are deeply grateful for His hand on Openhouse and the privilege of building with you.

Our vision remains simple: a house for God, a home for you. A church where His presence is welcome, people far from Him encounter Jesus and a nation is impacted with the sounds of Irish accents filling the hallways of heaven.

Alongside the visible life of the church, we're strengthening our organisational foundations for a healthy church: governance, financial accountability, safeguarding, leadership development and healthy team rhythms. These foundations help us care well for people and prepare for what God has for us in the years ahead.

In February, we shared ten goals with you that we believed God had placed on our hearts as foundations for the future. Just over seven months since launching, there is so much to thank Him for:

- Over 40 people choosing to put their trust in Jesus with 4 baptisms
- 38 prayer meetings so far this year, keeping prayer at the heart of the house.
- 50 children and youth attending, an opportunity to disciple the next generation.
- 100 people serving on our teams.
- 9 active Openhomes across Dublin, with over 40% of our church involved.
- A financially self-sufficient church, sustained by your faithful obedience.
- An established and growing mid week venue fund .
- Approval for the Charitable Donation Scheme, which came through years sooner than expected. This is a miracle and a provision opening up possibilities
- And most importantly... Tea & Coffee weekly in the TPH!

We see God's hand in all of this but are still in the early days, still learning and deeply aware that this is His work. There is much on our hearts to accomplish, which we will share on Vision Sunday in February 2027.

As we explore a midweek venue next year, we have purposed in our hearts that it must be a blessing to our church, not a burden, serving the vision and sustained through God's provision and the faithful generosity of His people. We're approaching this with faith, patience and commitment to wise stewardship.

We love you church... lets go!

Pastors Daniel & Deborah

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A Letter on behalf of our Board



Dear Openhouse Church,

In our first few months as a church, we have been consistently, and unusually - blessed. We have clearly seen God's hand over our finances, and we are deeply grateful for the spirit of giving and generosity that has defined this season.

We shared a full breakdown of our church finances during today's service. If you missed it, our 2025 annual return is available on the Charities Regulator website. Thanks to *your* incredible support, our monthly tithes and offerings have exceeded our budget. This has allowed us to become a self-sufficient church much earlier than expected, giving us the freedom to look toward our future with faith.

This financial health has also allowed us to invest in our team. We are currently supporting three part-time staff members, a step that has been vital in advancing our vision and seeing real movement in the Kingdom of God here in Ireland. I am incredibly grateful for the wisdom of our local board, the expertise of our accountant, and the ongoing oversight and governance provided externally by the Orchard Group.

I am also pleased to share that we have officially qualified for charitable tax exemption. This is a significant milestone that allows us to make your generosity go even further. Through the Revenue Commissioners' tax-efficient giving scheme, we can claim back tax on your donations at no extra cost to you.

Our request is that every eligible giver will register for this scheme. We project that this could add an additional 80k to our funds in 2027 based on our current giving. This will be a healthy boost to our Ministry and Building Fund as we explore opportunities to secure suitable spaces for our growing ministry, whether through leasing one or more spaces or, where appropriate, purchasing a property in the long term future.

We are also in the process of establishing an Advisory Team that will help us explore and identify the right spaces and locations to support the different needs and opportunities of our ministry as we look ahead.

Stepping into this next chapter will require the same prayerful stewardship and open-hearted giving that have carried us this far. Thank you for believing in what God is doing here, and for backing that vision with overwhelming generosity.

With gratitude and excitement,

Karen McCann
Chair of Board
Openhouse Church CLG

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