

# ANNUAL REPORT July 1, 2023-June 30,2024



Another year for the books! Through the activities of the Cafe, bookshop, youth retreats, school outreaches, counseling center, Scripture School and SAOL, we got to be part of so many people's journey with God. We're excited to share with you a little summary of 2024!



# SCHOOL RETREATS 23,089

That's how many Irish secondary school students were reached this school year through our retreats! Our teams led 479 retreats across the country. Here is what the students thought of the retreats:

"I enjoyed learning about Christianity and God's love in a fun way. The workers were good at engaging with everyone and making them feel seen."

"It really touched a place in my heart. I hope that you continue this and touch more hearts."

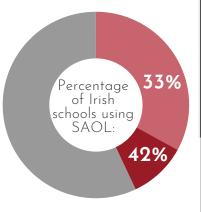
"The retreat was a insightful and eye opening experience on how powerful God's love is."

""We learned the true meaning of God's love and the sacrifice Jesus made for us."

"I really liked the few minutes we were in silence just praying and it made me want to do it more often at home."

### SAOL

Our video series was launched in Fall 2022. Designed to line up with national curriculum guidelines, and written and produced in Ireland, it reached an estimated 51,850 students over the last school year. The curriculum was also used in 26 different countries, which we had not anticipated! Right now, our team is hard at work to launch An Dara SAOL (the second SAOL) in Fall 2025 (picture below for evidence!)



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### VOLUNTEERS

Every year, our team is joined by Mission
Experience Volunteers (MEV) and Study Abroad
Missionaries (SAM) who come to support our team
while gaining ministry experience and taking
classes from our Emmaus Scripture School. They
bring so much to our team and they raise their own
support to do so! Find out more about these
programs, and about how to support them, on our
website foundationinchrist.org.

SHOUT OUT to our 2024 MEVs: Elizabeth, Evrhett, MC, Christie and to our summer SAM, Emelia (Asbury University)!



# CAFÉ & BOOKSHOP

It's around a cup of coffee that most relationships are built at An Tobar Nua. Students come for their lunch break, games, or after school youth clubs. They know they are welcome. In the stillness of the bookshop, people come to receive prayer or to find tools for spiritual growth.

- Our ecumenical YOUTH GROUP, Faith Alive, has a regular base of weekly attendees and rewarding opportunities for discipleship.
- We celebrated Fall, Christmas, Easter and Summer with our popular STUDENT PARTIES always draw a good crowd and give us a chance to build deeper relationships with students.
- Our WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAM had 6 local secondary school students shadow some of our team members for a week.
- This spring, we also launched a new CREATIVE WRITING group which has already seen powerful avenues to be witnesses through a new means of communication.

# SCHOOL OUTREACHES

Interest is growing in our small group outreaches in secondary and elementary schools:

- Youth Alpha & SAOL: these 13week courses had over 100 students in 6 classes to explore faith questions.
- Prayer in elementary schools: about 300 students joined us monthly in 3 schools (TWO are new to this year) for a time of prayer and quiet worship.
- Confirmation class: 20 students joined this class for a time of reflection before making a commitment to Christ.





## EMMAUS SCRIPTURE SCHOOL

- **19** Fall semester students
- **25** Spring semester students
- 5 Bible study classes and book clubs
- Young adults game club, a new way to engage in community with our young adults
- Trip to South Africa to participate in the TEN (Teach Every Nation) conference pictured below!



### COUNSELING

This year, the Counseling Team grew a lot! We talked to over 100 more students in schools about Faith and Mental Health than we did last year. We gained 69 clients and 15 Student Therapists. This year, the Counseling and Scripture School teams also co-led 2 workshops on topics relating to mental health and the Bible, which were well attended and helped us foster new relationships. One of our counseling clients says:

"Life wasn't worth living. I can't believe the change. I have a full time job. I'm debt free and I'm studying at my dream course. I only see Hope for my future."

929

Students attended Mental health talks

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166 clients served



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