

ANNUAL REPORT July 1, 2024-June 30,2025

Thank you for partnering with us throughout the year! Here is a little summary of your impact, through the activities of the retreats, SAOL Media, Café, Bookshop, Scripture School and Counseling teams.

Really enjoyed my time today with the An Tobar Nua team but my favourite part was the prayer time when I really tried to connect with God and grow in a strong connection. It was so good receiving the help to guide me on my journey.

I enjoyed this a lot. It made me realise that there are people who care about you and are willing to help to support you and that everyone goes through things and gets through them.

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#### SCHOOL RETREATS

Here is some feedback from the 17,586 secondary school students we reached this year through 356 retreats.

I am not a religious person but today opened a new door for me.

I feel like I got so much closer with God in ways that I didn't think were even possible.

I'm leaving today wanting a relationship with God, prayer and faith.

# SAOL

808 teachers registered

Irish schools registered

62,475 estimated students reached

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"I have never been to a training day that I felt a valued as I did there."

Our biggest surprise: reaching further than Ireland



Ireland, England, USA, Neatherlands, Finland, Austria, France, Italy, South Africa, Hungary Singapore, South Korea, Canada, China, Germany, Brazil, Dominican Republic, Malta Poland, Spain, Croatia, Egypt, India, Oman, Philippines, Slovakia, Portugal, Sweden, Iran.

Future plans: launching AN DARA SAOL (part 2) and a Spanish translation of SAOL Sonas (part 1)!

## VOLUNTEERS

SHOUT OUT

to our 2 Mission Experience Volunteers (Katie and Christie)

and to our 2 Study Abroad Missionaries (Brinley from UMHB and Leah from ORU)! Find out more about how to join or sponsor these programs on our website.

# SCHOOL OUTREACHES

- Interest is growing in our small group outreaches in secondary and elementary school!
- Guided prayer is happening in different elementary schools in County Galway. Each time we (and their teachers!) are amazed at how these little ones dive into these moments of prayerful worship.
- We're leading Youth Alpha and Nua courses, plus our own SAOL Sonas, in schools around Galway.

### COUNSELING

196 clients served

561 students reached through mental health talks in schools

27 trainee counselors



I thought all hope was lost; I'm seeing more and more alimpses of hope for my life.



# EMMAUS SCRIPTURE SCHOOL

workshops organized:

- 2 poetry workshops
- a financial workshop
- thriving young adults game club
- 74 Scripture School students and event attendees
  - 5 Bible study classes, book clubs and prayer groups

# CAFÉ & BOOKSHOP

The Café and Bookshop celebrated 27 years of opening this year! Here are some of this year's highlights.

sponsoring a local school's GAA sports jerseys

weekly meetings of Faith Alive, our ecumenical youth group

weekly meetings of The New Ink Well, our thriving creative writing group for secondary school students

"It was great to be in a place where you could speak openly about faith and ask questions".

7 secondary students shadowing our team for a week each, as part of a work experience program

organizing seasonal parties with secondary school students throughout the year (Autumn, Christmas, Easter, Summer...)



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