

This coming Sabbath we will organize the Harvest Day. It is a wonderful opportunity to give thanks to the Lord and remember all His care and blessings over the year. The Israel of old was told:

“You shall observe [...] the Feast of Ingathering at the year’s end” (Exodus 34:22).

It is not that we are observing some old traditions, but that such an event might become a good time to reflect on God’s dealing with each one of us.



Most probably everyone will have something to share. Remember last year? (see some pictures here of Harvest Day 2016).

We’ve been blessed with life, health, power to work in order to bring a bread on our table for the family and loved ones. For others it was a time to extend their family with a new child, a man got married and brought his wife over, other woman and another man were baptized and started a new life. Another young lady graduated and already thinks of the future bright days ahead. A man came over and found a job, another found even a better one. One womb is being blessed and in short time a new child will see the light of this world.

Whatever will be your reason to step ahead and give thanks to the Lord, feel welcome to join us.

We will have a short devotional in the morning, then the Sabbath School with live testimonies from our brothers and sisters. The main worship will be enriched with music, Bible readings, prayer, singing hymns and a breaking of the Bread of Life, the Bible, from pastor Dan Serb, the president of the Irish Mission.

Our fellowship will continue after the service with a meal shared together. All are welcome. Please come with food to share, and food to be taken away as for the afternoon we will have a surprise – putting in action our words and prayers.

How?

Maybe you know the “Hope in the Darkness” organization – that gives food, clothes and other help to two-three hundreds of people living on the streets of Dublin at the GPO (near the Spire). Angela Tricolici, one of our members was in touch with Sinead Kane (see video below) and we want to help with whatever we bring in front of the church as a symbol of our thankfulness. Accordingly, as every year, the produce and other things brought forward will be donated. Only that this time we are asking you to bring more than oranges, tomatoes, cucumbers and other fruits of the earth. We ask you to bring things that will help people on the streets.



As we received the message from Hope in the Darkness, the needs of the people out there would be something like:

"With the weather being really cold, they need: socks, hats, scarfs, sleeping bags, mainly to keep them warm, toiletries wipes tooth brushes etc. 'Hope in the darkness' are on the streets Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays. That is when people require hot food. Otherwise packed foods would be fine like: soups, noodles, choc etc. Thanks a mill."

One can see more pictures and videos on their Facebook page -
<https://www.facebook.com/Hope-In-The-Darkness-431544377039352/>

Hope In The Darkness

As a fifth rough sleeper dies on our streets this month, one volunteer group reveals the stark reality of homelessness in Ireland <http://bit.ly/2fn003V>

Posted by [Extra.ie](http://www.extra.ie) on Friday, September 22, 2017

So, our afternoon program will be something very practical. We will open up all the boxes we came with and then sort out and prepare the same boxes for different destinations: one with socks, one with shoes, one with scarfs, others with different foods. So that by Sunday we will be ready to deliver them in due time. The things should be for men, women of all ages, plus children from birth up to the teenagers.

In the Romanian Seventh-day Adventist church we have two people who used to live on the streets, ate there, slept in the sleeping bags on the streets or in parking lots. Later, they received documents, found jobs, came in touch with Adventists, living a pretty normal life now. One of them even told us he wants to be baptized in January. You never know whom are you helping...

So, our plea would be for you to think about what God did for you during the last year and then step forward and bring to the church things to be given away to those in need.

Thank you very much.