

‘Something Has Shifted’: Reports of Revival Fires Spreading

Revival fires are reportedly spreading across the United Kingdom. From England to Ireland, Christians are witnessing a “shift” and a new hunger for God in the once spiritually dry region.

“Something has shifted in the last six months and it feels almost like it’s a rising river,” said Pastor Craig Cooney who leads Hope Church in Northern Ireland. He believes the spiritual drought brought on by the pandemic is over.

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“Between 2020 and 2023 I found myself often saying that I’ve never seen the church at such a low ebb that it just felt like we were going through the motions post-Covid, that churches were struggling, their numbers were down. But not only were their numbers down, there was just a lack of zeal, lack of passion, a lack of enthusiasm, a lack of growth. And something shifted around the start of this year, I would say, and it’s difficult to describe or define,” Cooney said.

Cooney, who also reaches more than 100,000 people on Instagram at , says the most noticeable change is a tangible presence of God as well as an increase in the number of healings.

“God Is in the Room”

“There’s this sense of ‘God is in the room’ that has been birthed out of and has probably birthed prayer, an increase in prayer. We have seen that in our own church. About 20% of our church now come to our weekly prayer meeting, which is at 6:00

p.m. a Wednesday. It's not a convenient time, but it's just an hour of solid intercession. And there's just people crying out for the lost people, crying out for their families," he said.

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"And every single week we are getting testimonies of healing from people who might not even six months ago believed in divine healing. I mean really, it's not the people you might expect quite honestly. It's the people who when they say they're healed, they're healed because they wouldn't be making this stuff up," Cooney said.

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