



# IRELAND

**Dan & Mel Piper**



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**What a month!** After we moved on the first of July we thought the month would be slower until the last week. We did not have much furniture to move so we were highly anticipating our container that was scheduled to arrive at the end of July. I had great expectations of having time to study for my written test for my Irish drivers license but it didn't happen yet.

Not everything was hectic though. On the third of July, a friend's Church to the south gave him and his family a fourth of July cookout and we were invited to attend. They had it at a place much like a state park back home. Beautiful scenery and a old mansion and new friends, and even a sunny day.

I then received an email requesting to arrange for our container to be delivered and that there was several pieces of paperwork that would have to be done. The paperwork had nothing to do with what Brother Joey Meredith had done but what the government here had to have in order to let our container come into the country. Forty sheets of paper later, eight-hundred and eighty-five dollars of unforeseen expenses plus a trip to Cork and so many scans and emails that I cannot remember plus several days of waiting before we were approved. We have been blessed that a Church is helping us out on some of the extra financing (thank you Joey). If you or your Church would like to help out with this we still have a short fall of five hundred dollars. You can send any donations to our sponsoring Church and write "Container" in the memo. Thanks!

Our container got here on the twenty seventh. They were five hours late when they got to Columbus to load it and they were one hour early to unload it here. That is not typical Irish. We were blessed with seven extra helpers to unload the container. An hour and a half later, and we now have all of our household goods. Many of these boxes have been packed for at least two years while we were waiting on our earlier paperwork, so it was like Christmas as we opened each box to discover what we had packed. It was fun and tiring at the same time. Our home now resembles a real home with furniture in it, but it will take a while to sort everything

## **SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST**

Please pray for us as we are working with a couple prayerfully in preparation for our first Bible study and I have the opportunity to work with a small group of teens. We are now beginning to be recognized at local shops and stores plus the banks. We have made friends in several of these stores and have some coming over for a meal soon. These are small steps that add up to a long distance. God blesses in His timing and we are thankful for everything that He allows in our lives. In His services, *Dan and Mel Piper*

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## **MEL'S KORNER**

**The days here go fast, as we have stayed really busy. Hard to believe we have been here six months already. We have some very good Neighbors. the Lord has blessed us with very nice mature people.**

**I am learning to get around fairly easy. In this country if you learn to drive in a automatic vehicle, then your not allowed to drive a manual. Their rules and you must go by them. A manual is no problem because I drove one in the states, but shifting gears with the left hand, now that might be a problem. Ha ha! Pray for me as I take this step that Dan has already accomplished.**

**Thanks to all who sent us special items on board the container and even through the post. Love to all, Mel**



**The hidden picture on the front page is of the Cliffs of Moher. They are listed as one of the top ten natural wonders in the world. We found them breath taking and wonderful. Look for more of these pictures but in full color on my Facebook account. Thanks, Dan**

**The above pics are of those who helped unload our container here. Our 75+ year old neighbor Patti, Marilyn and Juan, several others, and Juan. Thanks for the diet orange soda and Mel says thanks for the Wal-Mart pickles.**

**I am running behind on a few things so I will not be putting the monthly support on this month. If you need to make sure we received your offering let me know or I will put both months on next months report. Thanks to all of you who are a part of the ministry here in Ireland. What is being done could not be done without you. I know that our Lord has cattle on a thousand hills but it is you who are controlling those cattle. Thanks, Dan and Mel**