

IRELAND



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Missionaries to the

Emerald Isle



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January's progress

We had our second meeting with the immigration office to see what it was going to take for us to get approval to stay for another year here in Ireland. He explained the paperwork that it would take, gave us a date for our next visit and sent us on our way. Then came the phone calls and emails to the states getting updated paperwork sent to us. While I was waiting for that paperwork we had paperwork to get filled out here. Everything is now ready for our meeting in February.

Our Bible study with the young adults is just like anywhere else in the world. There will be a new Missionary north of us in early February and he already wants us to take in his two oldest sons and make them a part of the Bible study. He has been on deputation for four years in the states and feels that they need someone other than dad and mom 24 hours a day. They will be a blessing and will be interesting watching how they interact with the local youth.

The weather here has maintained in the mid forties and not too much snow or bad weather. For Ireland it has been a blessing. LOL

Personal

Mel and I are doing fine as far as ministry. We are meeting people and getting opportunities to share the Gospel. There is always an opportunity somewhere somehow to share God's word, we just have to pray for the opportunity and the knowledge to recognize the timing. I do ask you to please keep us your prayers though. We each have our own personal health things going on. Mel has a foot that is giving her trouble when she walks very much. We have been told it is probably the cold hard concrete floors that you have to walk on here. I have a something going on that is not major but needs to be taken care of and we both have appointments coming up soon to take care of the situations. Thanks and please continue to pray.

Looking ahead

I have two opportunities coming up in February that should help with future Bible studies. I am going to fill in for a Wednesday night Bible study for a Missionary who is going on holidays (vacation) and will be doing a Thursday night Bible study for three weeks in February also in another Church that has helped us several times with paperwork and requirements here. This will help me get more use to talking to people from different cultures. We will have Welsh, Irish, South African, Nigerian, English and Americans in this group. Should be interesting and ask you to please pray for these lessons.

We are looking forward to the month of March for a couple of reasons. It will be the start of warmer weather even though we can't complain too much about the weather we have had here for the winter. At the time that I am writing this report, Ireland is the warmest country in the EU. Our next thing to look forward to is that our Pastor (Charles Kennedy) and his wife (Kim) are coming for their first visit to Ireland. I pray that we have a good week of weather to show them Ireland and to introduce them to our youth here. But hey, this is Ireland, you get what you get with the weather. LOL

We are working on a couple of things for next month and prayerfully will have some good news to share. Until then, may God bless and keep us all safe in His arms.

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I want to personally apologize for being late on this report. This month has become very busy and time just got away from me. In no way do I want any of you to think that we take your support, prayers and friendship for granted. We thank everyone of you and wish there was a way to be at your Churches personally with an update. I am not complaining but totally happy that God has seen fit to keep us so busy serving Him and the country of Ireland. Dan