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IRELAND

Our top news for this report is actually for the month of January. January is the month that we have to seek permission to stay for another year in Ireland. Since we have moved in July we have a new immigration officer. We will be meeting him soon so that we can find out if there are any new rules to comply with or if he will require any extra paper work since this is our first time working with him. We do not expect anything to give us problems but we always prepare for the worst scenario and pray for the best. So please continue to pray for God's will to be done.

It may have been the season of Christ but it was also the season for people to do other things rather than Bible study. We averaged 2 for study and it was a great time in the Lord. Our youth has seen TV shows such as seen on the Trinity Broadcast from the states and are wondering about the end time events. Pray for us as we show these young ones about what God says and not what people are teaching concerning what they WANT God's word to say. I have started by telling them that others teach what will make you reach in your pocket to give them your money.

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REPORT FOR JANUARY 2012**

Mel's View

I first want to start this note by saying "Thank you. First off The Lord for allowing us to be here and teach his word., We also want to thank Colo BC for their care package at Christmas time. We are enjoying every bit of it. Thanks also to our home Church in Indiana for the package of goodies/cards. Thanks to the ladies of East Somerset for your hard work and special offering... Each and everyone of you made it very special for us. We had a treat on the 26th of December, a Lad and Lass came to our door and played us a little tune on their guitar and drum. They were taking up money for a kids charity. It was good too see the young people doing something other than drinking. The suicide rate on average is 2 per day from every larger town. Pray for the people here. We apologize for any of you not receiving your Thank You in the mail. But for some reason we have several letters out that have never made it to their destination. We have no ideal which side of the big pond they are!! I Cant believe we have been here almost a year. God is so Good. Thanks for your prayers. Love, Mel

In the picture below you will see Mel hugging a large Hershey bar. That is a running joke between her and one of the members at our home church. Thank you Rick for sending this to Mel, it made her day. Mel also wanted to say thanks to those from Columbus that sent personal gifts to her. We don't want to leave out my sister Sue and Mel's sister Alice for sending packages also. They were truly a blessing. I know Mel has a few thank you notes that she wants to pass along in her corner of the report. Thanks Dan and Mel



Mel & her Hershey bar



Merry Christmas to us

Mel's little charity fund raisers



Zweley reading the birth of Christ



We were able to watch the Christmas services at two different Churches in the area and when I was asked to read out of Luke concerning the birth of our Saviour, I suggested letting one of our teens read the passages. His picture is on the right hand side. Zwe-lakhe did a fantastic job. I may have said this before but it is true, he is a remarkable young man. He reads his bible all the time and is very knowledgeable. He keeps me on my toes with questions and because he is there more than any of the others, we allow him to pick the subjects he would like to learn about at bible study. We feel so blessed that God has put him into our lives.

With God's leading the way we have been able to get the following done in our first year on the field.

We have been able to purchase a small Honda car and get it insured. That leads to the second part of that in the fact that WE have successfully survived my first year driving on the opposite side of the road. God led us to a man and wife who are Missionaries south of us and who have given us so much info and help that it is mind boggling. There was so much that you don't find out until you run into the need. They helped us get our version of the SS number here. Helped us locate insurance companies that extend their hand to Americans. They have taken us to where we pay our car taxes and helped us through a maze of paperwork. They brought their church members up and unloaded our container. We were not only invited into their home for Thanksgiving but for Christmas also. Oh by the way they let us adopt their daughter into our hearts as well. We also met a couple from Canada and another couple that are their partners who are doing a ministry here. They have shared with us ways that they have witnessed here in Ireland that has been effective. They have also shown us places to order ministry material. Our biggest blessing has been the opportunity to teach a Bible study with up to 5 local teens. This is important once you realize that most people work here for 3-5 years before they have their first visitor to a Bible study. Ireland is a country who are convinced that by being Catholic that they are God's chosen, that it is hard to get them to give you the time to talk about the true Christ. I will tell you this about the Irish people, they are the most friendly people that I have met in my travels. They like Americans and they like someone who is real and not someone who puts on a fake presentation of themselves. All I can tell you is that the man and woman you met when we came to visit your Church, is the same man and woman here on the field. We are who we are thanks to the love and salvation of the Lord Jesus Christ.