



# Ireland Ministry



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This month has been a busy month of travel time. The road we live on is quiet a task in driving. Not to mention it is twenty minutes from the nearest town. Everywhere that we go it seems we have to go through the tunnel that goes under the river and the road has a toll booth. The toll cost about four Euros (\$6.00) for a round trip. Wow a person could go broke paying parking meter and toll booth fees. NO JOKE!! Everywhere we go you have to pay to park, even to shop in town unless you can find free parking which is hard to find. Each store is a specialty store so you have to park in several locations in order to complete shopping. We parked in three areas the other day and it cost us a total of five Euros (\$7.50).

While visiting an area along the ocean, we stopped at a place that had a wind mill that operated a grinding mill. Since the time we arrived here there has been no where that you can buy cornmeal. They don't raise much corn here, and they don't eat cornbread. They say that is cattle feed. Mel and I both were raised eating cornbread. Mel's father even raised his own corn to have it ground at a local mill. By the way we are attaching a picture of how they raise corn here. All you gardeners will enjoy it.

We have narrowed it down to where we will start God's Ministry to two different towns. We have made friends and contacts here and we want to start making friends where God sets up our ministry as well. Pray for us, the people here are some of the friendliest people we have ever met, but they are set in their ways as far as their religious beliefs. Many of which are more tradition than Biblical based.

*Dan and Mel*

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**MEL'S KORNER** Busy, busy as a bee gathering nectar to make the honey. Churches, Ministry, visiting cities, house hunting and not to mention the mowing season here has started. Our lawn is not all that big, and the people in our little village take turns mowing all the lawns :) We have now mowed them twice. The grass really doesn't grow very fast, probably because of the cool weather, and lack of sunshine. We are trying to learn to shop here. The neighbors here go to the store every day! Wow as Americans we are so spoiled... The banks here don't open till 10 am and they close about 4. Not near as handy as back in States. I went to the store to ask about vacuum bags, and I made the comment ...do you "CARRY" bags here, the stock boy looked at me with a funny grin he replied I am sorry we have the vacuum cleaners, but we don't "STOCK" the bags. We also made a plan to meet our landlord to pay "let" this month... Dan and I are always early, and he looks at us and said your too punctual. You make us Irishman look bad, then he cracked up laughing. Jolly man he is. We have a great time speaking with the people here. You just have to be yourselves. Lets face it we will always be Americans but that doesn't mean we can't abide by the way things are done here. God is the same yesterday today tomorrow! It is us who is always changing. Have a blessed month. Don't forget to pray for us please.

*Love ya. Mel*

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**The background picture on the front is of the wind mill we visited.**



**LOCAL CORN FIELD**



**PARKING METER  
MINIMUM 1 EURO**



**TUNNEL AND TOLL ROAD**

**LANDLORD'S NEW CALVES**



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