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We are back in Ireland and so very happy to be here. We did all that was needed for us to do in the states and our Doctors gave us the thumbs up to come back home to Ireland. It took a few days to catch up on things as we were behind in many areas of our lives here at home.

The weather has been spectacular here. No rain now for almost five weeks. We have been warned that this may actually be our summer and that too expect rain and cold weather any day now. They were right, it is now cold and damp again. But you learn quick here that you do not let rain slow you down, or you would never get anything done.

We have been any several areas of Ireland in search of the right place that God will have us do His ministry. There are too many places that need a mission point and pray that one day, others will follow. Ireland is one of the few places that are not stopping Missionaries from entering into their country.

People seem to be interested in what we are doing here and their biggest question to us is "Why Ireland?" They cannot figure out why we would come to such a cold and rainy place. The economy is bad here and that is another reason they cannot figure out why we are here. They look a little puzzled when we say that God is in control and He has sent us here. Most people here consider themselves Christian but have no real clue in what it means to be Christian.

We are planning on doing a handout when we get to our final place of ministry. Please pray for us and what we will print on this paper. Remember that 96% of the people here are Catholic in their beliefs and we are trying to show them the true meaning of knowing Christ in their hearts. Dan and Mel



### MEL'S KORNER



As many of you might know, we had to make an unexpected trip to the states. While there I celebrate my birthday. Dan took me out to eat for my birthday, or so I thought. He was actually taking me to my surprise party that the ladies from Columbus Baptist was having for me. I had such a sweet time to say the least. All the ladies at CBC put in the funds to have me a beautiful quilt made to bring back to Ireland. Renita one of my friends from the Church did all the sewing and the Ladies wrote on the quilt. They put some much love into this quilt. I feel blessed to be able to call these Ladies my friends. Thank you Ladies for such a sweet and thoughtful gift.

Dan and I have been too see many areas and beautiful places here in Ireland, searching for the perfect spot that God wants us to make our home and ministry at. The Lord is blessing! Our landlord owns several acres of property and is a very kind man. He has been so good to us furnishing us with eggs to eat, a lawnmower and the sweetest friendship you could ever think of. Pray for Matt as we are not sure yet if he truly know the Lord. He told Dan that he is not a typical Irishman. He does not smoke or drink either one. Pray that God gives Dan the right words and the right opportunity to share the truth about Christ with this special man. God bless and thanks for all your prayers. Mel



I cut the grass to make a nice yard.

Mel cuts the greens to cook for us to eat.

She is still my country girl no matter where she is at this big world.



### MONTHLY FINANCES

Since getting here the first of the year, the American dollar is taking a nose dive against the Euro. It is twenty one cents higher now than just a few short months ago. It now cost \$630.00 more per month to live here than it did in January. What could have been put towards the ministry is now being used to make up the difference is monthly support. We want to thank those who have come on board to help us but I ask you to pray for others to join in on our support team. We know that God will supply, after all He is God, but we need His people to take that step also. Thanks Dan and Mel

### ANOTHER MAJOR NEED

We are able to get around with the small Honda that we purchased but it will not do all that is needed for us while we are here. What we need is a van or as they call them here "A seven seater".

A used van with no warranty will cost between five to eight thousand Euros. A good one with warranty and diesel motor will run around ten thousand Euros. That will be about fifteen thousand dollars and of that we have five thousand. WE NEED YOUR HELP!! Would you consider a one time love offering, or VBS or any other form of help that your Church might do? Please continue to pray

### THANK YOU

This space has been reserved to just say thank you. Thank you to our Church and our friends. Thank you to all those who are prayer warriors for us and all the other Missionaries around the world. Thank you to all those who have been a part of our ministry for so many years and to those who are joining us now and being a part of our ministry. Thank you to those in the states that we can call and you will get things done there that would be such a large hassle for us to accomplish from here. A thank you to our families and to those family members who don't understand why we are here but are still there for us. Thank you to Pastor Charles Kennedy and his wife. Thank you to Lynn and Brenda Raburn who prepared us in so many ways for what we are facing now. Thank you to our parents who raised us to honor the Lord and to worship our Savior. But the biggest "Thank You" goes to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for putting us here and always having His hand upon our shoulders and His other one wrapped around us with the protection that only He can give.

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