



# IRELAND

## Dan & Mel Piper



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A great month of serving the Lord! We had different opportunities presented to us for our ministry now and in the future. Our friend Bob and his Church was hosting a group from the states to do a VBS for his town. Here it is called Holiday Bible Club because they don't take vacations here, they go on holiday. We were asked to participate to see how they do it and give us an idea of what to do when it is our turn to host one of our Churches who want to come and do a Holiday Bible Club. Believe me, there is a lot involved on this end and I feel that we have gathered a lot of needed information.

The club actually took place for three days with several days of passing out flyers to the homes there. It is not against the law here to put information through the mail box so over four thousand brochures were handed out. They started out with fifty nine children and ended with seventy. This is the only time most of the children ever get any Word or the true Word concerning the Lord Jesus Christ.

One of the things they offer the U.S. visitors is a little sight seeing. We were asked to ride along and it was great to see some of the most beautiful sites in the world and can only be offered here. But I feel just like the visitors when they said the sight seeing was great but they were here to share the Lord, and they surely did. Now that was the icing on the cake. I have a new respect for Brother Jack Story after seeing the logistics that had to be done here to take care of the eighteen people who showed up.

We are still working with the couple whom seem interested in a weekly Bible study. I am also working on a reversed welcome to the neighborhood letter. I am writing a brochure to put in the mail boxes here. It will be a letter letting people know that we are in their area and are having a Bible study. These letters have to be written so that you do not offend. They do not understand Missionary here. Ireland considers themselves a Christian country so there is no understanding of why you are here. Pray that God gives us the right words to say vocally and for what we write on paper.

**Dan**

### **SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST & NEEDS**

Our biggest need right now other than your much needed prayer for the ministry, is a van. They call them seven seaters here. A van is used as a truck to haul things around. Also as a taxi for the runs to the airport. Right now if we have more than two visitors, we would have to make two trips to the airport over and over away and you cannot afford to rent one, that is if you can find one to rent. But the main thing is for moving people around to Bible study / Church. Many people do not own cars here and get around by bus. Many times these buses do not make their runs during the hours that we could use them. If anyone can help the ministry with this, please send the funds to our sending Church and mark it "Van Fund".

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## **MEL'S KORNER**

The weather here is changing fast, and winter is going to be here soon. The leaves on the trees are already changing color. We are also getting cold winds and rain like late fall weather.

I would like to start by thanking the Ladies at Mt Pleasant and Overton Texas for being faithful supporters to me, the ladies at Ward Arkansas, Zion's Hill in Henderson Texas and of course the Ladies in Ironton Ohio who have been a part of our ministry. If I have forgotten anyone believe me it is not intentional. These Ladies have given offerings along with others to help with the purchase of needed electrical supplies for our home.

We have made several friends here in Ireland and we continue to visit and make an effort to learn as much as possible about the culture here. The people are really sweet, but don't want you to get into their personal space. You have to respect that and be kind to show the love of Christ. I would ask that you would say a prayer for this new couple ( Paul and Riana ) that they would commit to a study of God's word. They were attending a Lutheran Church and felt the need to change. Praise The Lord!!!

The Work feels a little slow at this time, but we sure don't want to get ahead of the Lord. We, as people can get a little frazzled at times and try to push things but our God Has the perfect timing.

A special "Thank You" to all our monthly supporters. We couldn't do this work without the Lord and His willing people. God Bless. We Love and thank you all. **Mel & Dan**

