



The Rongione Family

MISSIONARIES TO WALES



September 2020

Dear Pastors, Churches, and Friends,

We began the month of September in California and ended it in Florida. The Lord allowed us to share our burden for Wales in ten different churches and a few classrooms.

Yes, in the last week of the month, we were at a missions conference in Tampa, FL, and we were privileged to teach in the 1st-3rd grade chapel and the K-3 through K-5 Bible time. One of our favorite stories from that meeting was when one of the little boys informed his dad that the missionaries to the dolphins had spoken in his class. (Get it? Wales/Whales/Dolphins.). It was too cute!

We've had a couple more churches take us on for support, making our current level 46%. We're excited about this progress, but at the same time, it often feels so slow. This was especially true over the past couple of weeks as we've chatted with missionaries and former missionaries to Wales about the growing need for the gospel. We now know of at least six fundamental works that are hanging on by a thread. Some of the pastors have had to retire.

Others are looking to turn over their existing work and start another. A few are having to leave the country for health and/or family issues. All of these situations result in chapels without a shepherd to lead them, and those members are searching for help. We've been personally contacted about taking over a couple of the works. The Downeys have been approached in the same manner. It breaks our hearts to realize that, without help, these chapels will end up like so many others in the country of Wales--closed permanently. Hearing about these current needs makes us eager to raise our support as quickly as possible and get over to Wales. No, we can't help everyone, but we would love to have the opportunity to help someone. Please, continue to pray for Wales, specifically for these chapels that are seeking help in order to keep going.

One of the most amazing things we were able to do this month was to view the Grand Canyon at sunrise. There are no words to describe the beauty and grandeur we experienced that day. As we watched the glow of orange rise slowly from the black silhouette of the mountains, my mind rang out with the song, "How Great Thou Art." We marvelled not only at the creation but also at the Creator. To view the vastness of the Grand Canyon and witness the majestic mountains surrounding it was such a great reminder to us of what a mighty God we serve.

We're looking forward to another month of meetings and more opportunities to be a light in this dark world. We want to thank you for your prayers, love, support, cards, emails, and the encouragement you pour out on us. The deputation road can be long and difficult at times, but it makes all the difference knowing so many faithful prayer warriors are standing in the gap for us.

Lord willing, we'll be talking with our possible sponsors to Wales sometime this month. After that discussion, we should have a better idea of what we need to set in order before April. We'll let you know more when we know more. Until then, God bless!

In Christ's Hand,
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