



The Rongione Family

MISSIONARIES TO WALES



August 2021

Dear Pastors, Churches, and Friends,

We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed; - II Corinthians 4:8-9

We've read these verses many times, but over the past several months, we've lived them. It seems the closer we get to Wales, the harder the enemy fights to knock us down. We've faced multiple vehicle troubles, health issues that neither of us has dealt with before, and situations that left us wondering which way to turn. I even had to have a root canal! We've been troubled, perplexed, and persecuted, but praise God, we've not been distressed to the point of turning back. We've not been in despair, forsaken, or destroyed. Through it all, God has been good.

We spent the first half of the month with meetings in Georgia and South Carolina and are thrilled to announce that four of those churches took us on for support, and another indicated they would likely do the same. What a blessing! That brings us to 85%.

From there, we made our way toward Colorado to attend Landmark Baptist Church's first mission conference. It was so exciting to be a part of this meeting and to see the beginning of a new missions push in the church. We had a wonderful time in this meeting, though the journey was not without its difficulties. The rear end on our motorhome decided to give up the ghost. . . again, so we spent an extra week in the Denver area while we awaited repairs. The bad news is we missed one of our meetings. The good news is God took care of us every step of the way and has already provided the funds to cover the cost of the repairs.

We have a full schedule until the end of November, and we're hoping to wrap things up and have the entire month of December to spend with family and prepare for our January departure to Wales. We have already scheduled our exit interview with our mission board, and our travel agent (who also happens to be my mom) is working hard to find us the best flight. The Downeys are looking for a house and vehicle for us. This week, we even purchased an electric piano in Wales for Dana. The Downeys picked it up for us and are keeping it safe until we arrive and have a place to put it. As you can probably tell, we're getting very excited about moving into our new calling.

We still have much to do before we're ready to go, but we trust God will continue leading and guiding us every step of the way. Some of you have already sent in offerings to help us with our many upcoming expenses, and for that, we are truly grateful. God has allowed us to save up a nice sum, but every little bit helps when moving to a new country and starting again from scratch. So, thank you for all you've done to help make this transition as smooth as possible. I don't know where we'd be without your love, support, and many prayers!

In Christ's Hand,
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Welsh fun fact:

It is hard to believe, but there are somewhere in the region of 100 islands or islets around the coast of Wales.