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*I am come a light into the world, that whosoever
believeth on me should not abide in darkness. – John 12:46*

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The days are getting much shorter and wetter here in Wales, reminding us how precious light is. Currently, sunrise is after 8:00, and sunset takes place before 4:00 in the afternoon. Most days involve rain, wind, and fog. The winter months here are difficult and often lead to depression and even suicide. The darkness can be discouraging, but we're striving to teach people about the Light that will never leave or forsake them. Even in the darkest of situations, our Lord gives us light and hope.

On the first Sunday of November, I had the opportunity to preach in the town of Llangammarch, which lies about 45 minutes from our home. It was a joy to worship with this sweet but small congregation. I was scheduled to preach the afternoon service at our chapel in Bethania, but a flat tire prevented us from making it to that appointment. Fortunately, we were able to get everything sorted with the tire in the next couple of days without too much inconvenience or expense.

That same evening, we had a Zoom meeting with one of our supporting churches. Once we got all the technical bugs worked out, we had a fun session, giving a brief update on what's happening here on the field and answering a few questions from the congregation. Connecting with faithful supporters back in the States is always a delight. On the second Sunday of the month, the town of Rhayader held a special annual service around the clock tower to remember all who have served and are serving in the armed forces. It was a touching service, and Ron Downey was invited to take part by reading some related Scripture. Presentations were made as people laid poppy wreaths at the foot of the clock tower. One of the best parts was to hear the Welsh lift up their voices as they sang the Welsh national anthem in their native tongue. It was beautiful!

The Lord opened up a few other opportunities to preach in mid-Wales and to serve in the community. Dana has been busy preparing for our Christmas Carol service on December 11th. She's been charged with playing the piano for the service and singing a special number. We've passed out over 500 flyers, so we hope to have a good turnout. A couple of weeks ago, I passed my driving theory test and finally got my provisional license. I've booked my practical test for mid-January. Please help me pray that I pass the first time because I can only lawfully drive on my US license for the first year, which is up in mid-January. Getting everything in order is slow, and we're praying everything will work out at the right time.

We had the privilege of spending the Saturday after Thanksgiving with the Downeys in our home. Instead of traditional Thanksgiving food, Dana prepared a delicious beef vegetable soup, which was greatly appreciated on the cold, rainy day. We had a pleasant evening of fun and fellowship.

We're now in the process of decorating for Christmas and are looking forward to our first Christmas in Wales. Yesterday, the Downeys presented us with a unique ornament to commemorate the occasion. This weekend, Dana and I picked out a tree from a local tree farm, and Dana has been happily decorating the house for the upcoming holidays.

We've already received some generous Christmas offerings and are very grateful. We cannot thank you enough for your love, prayers, and support. We pray for you regularly and want you to know that we appreciate all you do for us. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

In Christ's Hand,
Jason and Dana Rongione



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