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Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a
good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:
Philippians 1:6

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As the winter begins to give way to spring, our ministry is taking on new life. The Lord has moved in mighty ways over the past month and has answered many prayers. For starters, we (the Downeys and ourselves) have approached the trustees of the three chapels in town about possibly joining into one congregation under one pastor. None of these chapels have had a pastor for many years, and the lack of leadership and vision has led them to the edge of extinction. Though they haven't made any decisions yet, they are considering the proposition. In the meantime, we have been permitted to lead some outreach programs. We hope to start with a ladies' Bible study (led by Dana) and a Sunday School service in the next few months. There are many decisions to be discussed and some sacrifices to be made, but we pray the Lord will continue to work and lead us down the right paths.

Now that we've been in the country for a year, we sent out a local mailing introducing ourselves to the community and letting them know why we're here. We didn't expect much response, but we've received several calls and emails. Some wanted to introduce themselves and welcome us to the community, but others requested that we meet with them and discuss spiritual needs. We're so excited about these open doors and can't wait to see how the Lord will move as we meet up with our neighbors here in the coming weeks.

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We've also seen some progress in our local circle of friends and acquaintances. Since the Christmas season, some have begun to ask us questions about what we believe and why. We've had several opportunities to answer specific questions about the Bible and the difference between our faith and other religions. In this spiritually-starved environment, most people don't want to think about spiritual matters or what happens after death, so the fact that individuals are asking questions is a huge encouragement to us. Please help us to pray that the Spirit will continue to move in their hearts.

Last week, we attended the annual missionary retreat in Manchester, England. A total of 17 families were in attendance, including some families visiting from the states. We had a great time of fellowship and feasting on the Word of God. While we love Wales and the Welsh people, it was good to get together with fellow believers and worship. The singing was sweet, the messages were needful, and the fellowship was priceless. It didn't hurt our feelings, either, that we could feast at Five Guys and Krispy Kreme during our stay, which is a rarity because of where we live. Overall, it was an invigorating—and somewhat exhausting—time.

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Now that we're back, we've hit the ground running. Dana and Tennille have been busily preparing for the upcoming ladies' lunch we're hosting for the community. As of now, it looks like we'll have twice as many ladies as we did last year, so we're excited about another opportunity to reach out and show the love of God. In addition to food and games, Dana will bring a short devotional lesson. We're praying all will go well, and that hearts will be touched.



I'm preparing to help some of the local farmers for lambing season. Once the season begins, the workload is intense, and I'm happy to help out in every way I can. That being the case, I'm working on getting all my other ducks in a row to be available to the farmers in the upcoming weeks.

As you can see, spring is a busy time, even for Tess who insists on helping Dana with the office work. The Lord is using us here in Wales, and we're finally starting to see some steps forward. I've been asked to preach the Easter service at one of the town chapels, and I'm honored. Dana has also been requested to sing a special at both the Good Friday service and the Easter morning service; she also counts it as a privilege.

Thank you for your love, prayers, and support. We feel so blessed to be able to live in this beautiful country and minister to these lovely people. God is good all the time!

In Christ's Hand,
Jason and Dana Rongione

Missionaries to Wales
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