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"Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD." Psalm 27:14

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We trust this letter finds you in good health and high spirits. As always, we are deeply grateful for your unwavering support, both in your fervent prayers and your generous contributions. Your partnership in our ministry remains a source of strength and encouragement. As we reflect on the past month, we want to share the latest developments and prayer requests from our journey here in Wales.

### **Sponsorship Application:**

We received word this week that our sponsorship application has been rejected due to the claims that they never received the accompanying documents. In accordance with their directions, we emailed all the necessary items to them within a day of sending in the application, but for whatever reason, they never received them. Our solicitor told us this is the third time this summer she's had a client with this issue, so obviously something is amiss with the email system at the immigration office.

So, we're back at square one. We sent in the sponsorship application and all the necessary paperwork *again* this week and took our place at the back of the line. The good news is two-fold: (1) The office did reimburse us for the cost of the first application, and (2) We still have not received a letter from immigration, so our deadline may not be quite as close as we initially feared. It's been a frustrating process, but God is still in control.

### **Ministry Status:**

While awaiting the outcome of our sponsorship application, we have heeded our solicitor's advice to keep a low profile in terms of major ministry work. However, we have continued to attend and support the chapel services and Bible studies in the town proper and the Elan Valley. Our hearts remain devoted to the ministry, and we eagerly anticipate the opportunity to fully engage in the work we have been called to do.

#### **Community Engagement:**

In the spirit of community engagement, we have taken the initiative to create and distribute flyers for our weekly Bible study. Additionally, we have prepared promotional materials for the upcoming chapel Harvest Services, scheduled for later this month. These efforts allow us to stay connected with our local community and maintain a presence in the lives of those we serve.

#### **Ministry Beyond Borders:**

Even during this "forced break" from traditional ministry activities, we have found avenues to serve. I have continued to minister and assist local farmers whenever and wherever possible. This helps to foster relationships and opportunities to witness.

Dana has used this season to concentrate on her writing ministry. She has made significant progress on several new books, which she hopes to publish and make available in the coming months. Through her writing, she continues to impact lives and spread the message of faith and hope.

### Your Support and Prayers:

We cannot overstate how deeply we appreciate your unwavering support. Even when ministry activities appear dormant, your prayers and financial contributions ensure God's work continues. We are confident that He is at work, orchestrating events according to His divine plan. Your prayers are a powerful source of strength and comfort, and we rely on them as we navigate this challenging period. May the Lord richly bless you for your faithfulness and commitment to His work.

In Christ's Hand, Jason and Dana Rongione