

February 10, 2006

Dear Partners in Prayer,

January turned out to be one of our busiest months to date. We finished one semester of classes at Irish Bible Institute and started another, had a visit from a group of potential ABWE missionaries, and got to act as tour guides to our oldest daughter (Kristin). It is obvious that you were praying because in each situation Gods hand was evident.

All the work for our first semester classes got done and handed in on time. We learned a lot about God and ourselves, making many new friends along the way. Our final semester includes some very interesting and relevant topics related to Irish history & culture, teaching the Bible, and evangelism. Either we are getting used to this school thing or the teachers are starting us out easy, because the work load so far is markedly reduced. This is an answer to prayer.

The group from ABWE accomplished their goals of previewing the country in a short span of one week. They came to our house for one evening so that we had time to share in their visit. We trust they benefited from the home tour because it gave them an understanding of living conditions. It was fun to see things through their eyes and to realize again how completely Irish rentals are furnished. Literally everything except the bed linens and towels came with this place.

No sooner had the ABWE group left when we found ourselves picking Kristin up at the airport. We didn't actually pick her up. It was more like we went with her to the right bus. After a thirty hour trip from the east coast of China, she was remarkably well preserved and with minimal jet lag set off with us to discover Ireland. With her as an excuse, we revisited some historic places and took a couple of bus tours to sites we had heard about but never seen. We also had time to compare cultural notes and discuss ideas about living what we believe in places where words are not allowed (China) or have minimal impact (Ireland).

As usual we have prayer requests because January is past and the days of February are moving swiftly on. We have been asked to start a prayer and Bible Study group at Jamestown Road Baptist Church twice a month before normal service times. The first meeting will be February 19th. Since church does not start until 11:00 a.m. this would seem an easy thing to do, but for people who rely on mass transportation there are still obstacles. PRAY that God would move hearts of those who would benefit from attending and that He would move barriers in their way. Continue to PRAY about decisions that need to be made regarding our location in Ireland for the future. Our desire is to find an existing work where we could be most helpful and compatible. With church visits to make, invitations to consider, and obligations to fulfill we need wisdom.

As always we are grateful for your prayers and interest,

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Ps. 12:1-2