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Dear Friends,

Although time marches onward at an always steady pace, it seems that this year Spring has been in a hurry to meet the Summer. Time is one of our most precious resources, and it is always a challenge to 'grab holt of it' and make wise investments. Thank you for praying, and the many kind expressions that we never get tired of receiving!

Our experience from Ireland has prompted us to continually look for where the daily activity of life happens in our community (as did Paul, Acts 17:17), and then to intentionally join in. Here in Idaho Julia has been assisting those who are helping immigrants with their literacy skills, while Dean looks forward to his weekly sessions alongside others at the local food bank. Through these we are enriched and relish how relationships connect us, even as we trust the Spirit to have His way.

Three adults from the Boise area are enlisting with us for a Summer Ireland adventure. The Matt Tuttlebee family (our Irish partners in County Tipperary) have scheduled vacation time away in mid-August. When they first spoke of these plans last year, we saw the opportunity to help with responsibilities there at the Nenagh Baptist Church during those weeks as well as introduce other Americans to Irish life, culture and Gospel possibilities. Please pray over this, as we communicate, coordinate our plans and purchase plane tickets this next month. An Irish friend commented recently, that due to the ash cloud concerns from the recent Iceland volcano eruption (the one with nearly all the letters of the alphabet), travel by plane to and from Ireland has been 'up in the air'.

God has been good in allowing us to build relationships here in the States with the Irish Church in view. This past month has contained many significant conversations and presentations in North Idaho, Eastern Oregon and the Magic Valley of South-Central Idaho. **Praise is offered** for recent individual and church responses toward our monthly support need (the amount needed for a January 2011 Ireland return) which is now revised to \$1,300. Although our summer schedule is nearly full, wisdom and ability is needed as we allocate our time this fall. Over the next month we will be making connections in Eastern Washington, Eastern Idaho and Western Wyoming.

We know of two Irish fellowships (Counties Monaghan and Cork) who are taking significant steps-*this month* in establishing their identity in the mainstream of their communities. May God be pleased with our labor and prayer over the Irish church!

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Isaiah 30:18
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"The more you try to be interested in other people, the more you find out about yourself."
(Thea Astley)