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**I will praise the Lord according to his righteousness:  
and will sing praise to the name of the Lord most high. – Psalm 7:17**

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So much has happened over the past couple of months that I hardly know where to begin. We spent much of our time in April getting ready for the big ladies' retreat and preparing to move into our new home. The landlord was kind enough to allow us to do some upgrades and repairs along the way, even before we officially moved in. However, because of the timing of things, we couldn't move until after the ladies' retreat the first week of May. So, I'll tell you a little more about the moving process in a bit.

We held special church services at Bethania on Good Friday and Easter Sunday and were thrilled to see visitors at both services. Our attendance nearly doubled for those meetings, but as is typical, it was the same congregation as always by the following week. Still, we had the chance to present the gospel of Christ, and we pray the message reached their hearts.

For the first time, a man attended the ladies' retreat in May. Yes, I was able to accompany Dana for the sole purpose of helping anywhere I could. I toted bags, acted as chauffeur, assisted in the kitchen, set up the audio/visual equipment, helped hang the decorations, and much more. As much as I did, however, it didn't hold a candle to the amount of work Dana and Tennille put into the meeting. Dana did a beautiful job with the decorations and slides for the entire retreat. And from what the ladies told me, she also did a tremendous job speaking during the five sessions. There were over 50 ladies in attendance for the entirety of the retreat, and several others attended the day sessions on Thursday. Everyone had a wonderful time, and we believe hearts were blessed.

We arrived home from the retreat Friday afternoon, May 6th, then crashed a bit on Saturday. Sunday morning was a regular chapel service in town, but our afternoon service was moved to the evening, and we held our annual Sankey Hymn Sing. There were around 30 people in attendance, a small crowd for the traditional Hymn Sing but a large crowd for a Sunday service. Once again, it was a joy to see more people in the chapel building.

On Monday, May 9th, our furniture was delivered. The Lord blessed us with some beautiful pieces from a discount furniture shop. My desk is an antique secretary-style desk presented to a minister for his anniversary in 1910. It's beautiful. We also found some other beautiful pieces. As always, you can see pictures on our website. The rest of that week and the next, we were busy moving and settling into our new place. For the first time in three years, we could unpack items that had been packed away since we sold our house. It was a bit like Christmas and just as crazy! During that spell, the ministry continued, and I was given several opportunities to preach and teach Bible study.

Throughout the last couple of weeks, we enjoyed having our first visitor from the states: Dana's mom. We picked her up from the airport in Manchester and enjoyed several days of catching up, showing her the sights, and introducing her to our ministry here in Rhayader, Wales. It was a tiring couple of weeks, especially after the pace we've been keeping over the past few months, but it was an absolute joy and privilege.

In addition to catching up on some work this week, we're planning some letter-boxing (putting flyers in mail slots) in the neighborhood to promote a meeting we're hosting at the end of the month for the PWMI (Prophetic Witness Movement International). This two-day event focuses on teaching about the second coming of Christ and is open to the public. Dana has designed flyers and postcards to promote the event. Several have already been distributed, but we still have more ground to cover.

After that, we will be heading to Scotland to celebrate our 25th wedding anniversary. We hope this will be a chance to rest and recover from the hectic pace of the past several months and to come apart and spend time together.

We love Wales—the people, the landscape, the climate. But we are learning that the Welsh are very set in their ways and not particularly open to change. I cannot count the times someone has told me, "It's just the way we've always done it." We are trying to help them see that the way they've always done it isn't getting the job done, but it's a delicate balance. We truly appreciate your love and prayers that the Lord will continue to give us wisdom and help us as we speak the truth in love to this lost and dying country.

In Christ's Hand,  
Jason and Dana Rongione