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*He causeth the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth;
he maketh lightnings for the rain; he bringeth the wind out of his treasuries.
Psalm 135:7*

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Those living anywhere in the UK expect a lot of rain, especially in the winter months. This month, however, three record-breaking storms hit us back-to-back. We had nearly a week of dark skies, torrential downpours, and winds that wreaked havoc on trees, buildings, and even bridges. Yes, the Lord certainly brought the wind out of his treasuries, and it made things quite interesting.

Our pallets from the states finally arrived amid these great storms. At first, the shipment was delayed. Then the delivery truck showed up without notice. I wish you could have seen us trying to unwrap and unstack the pallets in the wind and rain to load the pieces into the moving truck we rented for the occasion. It was quite a sight, but thankfully, everything seemed to make the journey and transfer without harm. Currently, our belongings are divided between a storage building in the next town and the storage building at the home we're borrowing.

Yes, we're still living in borrowed accommodations and are very thankful for the use of such a lovely home. The housing market is tricky right now. We've looked at the only two houses that have been available for rent since we arrived, and both of them went to someone else because of the fierce competition. We're trusting God will lead us to the right place at the right time. Until then, we remain thankful for what He has provided.

Last week, we traveled to Manchester with the Downeys for a missionary retreat. We had a great time meeting other missionaries working in the UK and reuniting with some we had met before. We stayed busy with various activities during the week and had a wonderful time of fellowship. In addition to our nightly meetings, the ladies had a Bible study and went shopping while the men enjoyed breakfasts and Bible study together and time at the Ninja gym and go-cart tracks. (Boys will be boys!). You can view pictures from these activities on our website.

Unfortunately, when we returned, we found out that covid had been an uninvited guest to our gathering, and several who attended tested positive, including the Downeys. So far, we are still testing negative, and we're thankful for that but are certainly praying for all those who were affected.

On the 20th of this month, I preached my first message here in Wales. We even had three visitors attend that day, which was quite an encouragement. Preaching in a Welsh chapel is quite different than preaching in America. The people are extremely quiet, and the services tend to be rather formal. It's definitely going to be a challenge to get the people (as a whole) to be more involved in the service rather than silent bystanders. But, we know the Lord has a plan, and we are following His leading.

We're finding ways to get involved in the town of Rhayader and staying busy. Ronald and I are preparing for summer camp, where we'll both be serving as group leaders. Dana and Tennille have had their hands full planning a mother/daughter luncheon to take place in March (the month of Mother's Day here in Wales) and also the annual ladies' retreat that takes place in May. In addition to her co-planning tasks, Dana will be speaking at both of these meetings, so we ask that you please pray God would give her the words to say.

As always, we thank you for your continued prayers and support. We appreciate the special offerings given to help us get settled and the many letters and emails we've received. We feel your love, even 4,000 miles across the pond. Thank you!

In Christ's Hand,
Jason and Dana Rongione

P.S. I was able to get our phone numbers transferred overseas, so you can still reach us at our U.S. phone numbers.



Missionaries to Wales

JASON AND DANA RONGIONE