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Croeso i Gymru Welcome to Wales

This month, our desire finally came to fruition—we made it to Wales. As you know, the journey wasn't easy or without trial, but even the last-minute snowstorm that hit our hometown couldn't stop God's plans from being fulfilled. On Tuesday, January 18th, we said our tearful farewells to family and friends and boarded our plane for Wales.

We are currently living in borrowed lodging until we can find a place of our own. The home where we're dwelling is on a farm, so the drive is a bit muddy, but all in all, we love it here. From the conservatory, we have a lovely view of the Welsh hills and, of course, the sheep. It's guiet and peaceful, which is just what we needed after the hectic pace of the last few months.

Though we're living outside of the town of Rhayader, it's only about a 15-minute drive to the town center. We've gone into town on several occasions to meet some of the people, talk with the realtor, do a bit of grocery shopping, and attend church services. Due to the covid, many churches and chapels are still not meeting regularly, but that has opened up the opportunity for us to attend several different chapels in the area and Bible study on Wednesday evenings. While we have enjoyed each service, we've also been reminded why we're here. Each chapel we've visited consists of only a handful of elderly members. The churches are dying, and it's heartbreaking to see. But, we know God can bring about a great revival again, and that is what we're praying for.

The Lord has allowed us to purchase a car at a very reasonable price, and we're grateful for His provision. We're having a bit of trouble setting up a bank account here because one of the things you need is proof of address, which we don't have since we're living in a borrowed house. But, I have a meeting with the bank today to see what can be done. We've also rented a storage building to hold our belongings when they arrive though we're not sure when that will be since the ship hasn't left the states yet. But, when they do get here, we'll have somewhere to put them until we get settled in a house of our own.

There's so much I'd love to share with you, but I fear it wouldn't all fit in this short letter. As you can see, we're getting settled in and loving every minute of it—even driving on the wrong side of the road (actually, Dana is still adjusting to that part). I'm scheduled to preach at Bethania Chapel once a month for the next several months, so that will be exciting. Dana has also been asked to be the church pianist, so we'll both be active in the chapel.

To help sum up our last couple of months, we've put together a 5-minute video. If you'd like to view it or show it to the church, you can do so on our website:

https://2wales4christ.com/missionupdates/2022/1/28/we-finally-made-it. There's also a button below the video where you can download it. If you have any issues, please let us know via email. I'm trying to work out a system of using my U.S. phone number here, but I haven't gotten all the kinks worked out just yet. Please take note of our new U.K. phone numbers in the sidebar. The best way to contact us currently is via email or Facebook messenger.

I don't think I can fit anymore in this letter, but I don't want to end without saying, once again, thank you. Thank you for having a part in our ministry!

In Christ's Hand, Jason and Dana Rongione

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