



“But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad as sheep having no shepherd” – Matt. 9:36

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Dear Praying Friends:

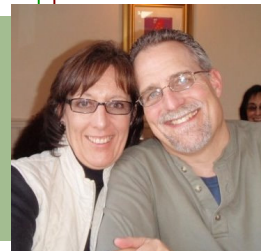
As you read this prayer letter, Michelle and I are probably packing and tying up loose ends regarding our Wales trip, which is only a week away! The Lord has been so faithful to bless our planning efforts and has opened many doors already as we prepare for our survey trip. I wanted to take this time and prayer letter to lay out for you what we will be doing and give you a better perspective as to our prayer needs and what we hope the Lord will show us on this trip.

HOW CAN YOU PRAY? THANKS FOR ASKING!

1. **TRAVELING SAFETY.** In addition to the long flights that await us, please pray for our daily travels as we visit various towns and villages in both Wales and England.
2. **OUR FAMILIES.** Please pray for each of our families back home. I know that Michelle and I will be missing our girls, and I am sure that will be true for the others as well.
3. **CLEAR DIRECTION.** We are looking forward to God confirming in our hearts exactly where He wants us to begin our ministry once we arrive here to serve full-time. This will better help us plan spiritually, logistically, and financially.
4. **MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY.** Not only are we praying for open doors to share the gospel; we also want to be a blessing and encouragement to those missionaries and Welsh Christians we meet along the way!

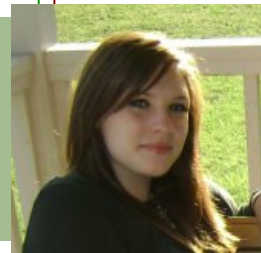
MEET OUR TEAM!

Please pray for each of us during this survey trip that we will be open to God's leading, and attentive to all that we are there to learn!



Dale & Avril Fries are the European Area Directors for BMW. They are traveling with us to get a better understanding of the need in Wales, as this is a new field for our mission board.

Clark Macauley is BMW's Director of Training. He is looking forward to getting a better look at what is involved in a survey trip, so that he can help prepare future missionaries for the task.



Carolyn Charing is a young lady from our sending church that recently surrendered to the call of missions. She has a burden for Europe and is taking this time to better understand the spiritual need there.

Of course Michelle and I always appreciate your prayers. We are all too aware that this trip would not be possible without our faithful prayer warriors. You are a vital part of this trip! Thank you!



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WHERE WE'RE GOING....

We will be leaving the Atlanta airport on the evening of Tuesday, June 22nd. We will be arriving at our final destination of Glasgow, Scotland on Wednesday afternoon, June 23rd. That first day, we will be meeting with Dale and Avril our Area Directors and review some logistical details of the trip, and pray. (We will be doing a lot of praying!)



WREXHAM is the largest town in North Wales. The last recorded census estimated the population of Wrexham with its surrounding villages to be at 132,500. We are looking forward to meeting a missionary located in this town and learning more about the spiritual needs that they see in their current ministry.

NEWTOWN is the largest town in Powys, Wales, with what appears to be very little Gospel witness. The Lord has blessed us with a Christian national there who has already been a huge help in understanding the spiritual needs of the surrounding area.

This is also where we will be returning each night for lodging. The Lord has blessed us with a "Cottage" complete with a kitchen, living area and washer/dryer. This is truly an answer to prayer. We will be able to stay together, pray together and plan together...while staying ahead on the laundry!

ABERYSTWYTH is home to the *Prifysgol Cymru* (University of Wales.) Surrounded on all sides by the Cambrian Mountains, this college town has become a breeding ground for drunkenness and immorality. We were encouraged by a Welsh national not to even consider this town for ministry. They shared with us that this was nothing more than a town of kids without hope, and a waste of our time. I'm glad we serve a God Who is greater than time, and Who considers each soul precious and worth the cost of His blood.

RHAYADER is a small historic market town located in mid-Wales. We are excited to be meeting with a missionary family here, that up until now we have only had email contact with.

In addition to the towns mentioned above, the Lord may also be opening up an opportunity to meet with a Welsh pastor in the city of Newport. Lord willing, we will also be meeting with folks in both London and Gloucester, England as well. We appreciate each and every one of these folks taking their time to share with us the ministry God has entrusted to them. We are looking forward to a 10-day trip packed full of prayer and learning!

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