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D'Andre & Emma



Titanic Gravesite in Halifax, Canada



Parade of Nations Event



Iain Speaking at Beast Feast

Dear Prayer Partners, Family & Friends,

Writing our last prayer letter from Scorching Greece was quite different to now writing from the cooler, beautiful Virginia, with the incredible, changing Fall colours. Before leaving, David was very pleased to have Jessie B [JCB] serviced and made usable again. Incidentally, while doing last-minute maintenance, he collected a 3" scar on his chest from a flying broken angle grinder blade, but no serious damage was done. Praise God for protection!!

On the way through, we met up with David's family before continuing our journey to the USA. The journey was made more interesting by meeting Caroline at the airport on the way to visit family, who are good friends and prayer partners for decades.

A few days after our arrival, we attended the wedding of **D'Andre and Emma** [who cared for Bryan and are interested in mission]. It was held in a beautiful, idyllic setting in the Blue Ridge Mountains, with the most perfect weather for the day.

Iain's 47th Birthday party, was later turned into a **50th Anniversary** surprise for us, as the family presented us with the gift of an 8-day cruise to Nova Scotia, leaving the following Saturday.

The cruise was a wonderful time, with opportunities to talk about Jesus to many of the 3000 passengers and also the staff. We met several Christian passengers, with whom we had great times of fellowship, and some of them requested prayer letters! We visited St John's, where we explored a Jewish museum, some of Canada's shopping malls, and other interesting details peculiar to that maritime town. Then on to Halifax, where 150 victims of the Titanic disaster were laid to rest, this being the closest port to the disaster at the time. It was very sad to hear the true stories of many of the victims, some heroic and some simply tragic. One grave is covered in memorabilia from doting, but misguided fans, who have watched the movie and believe the Jack [Joe] Dawson story is factual. But it was a great time and we shared a cab with two other ladies, with whom we had good conversation. For those interested: 3 Harland & Wolf shipping collisions were linked with Halifax, Nova Scotia. SS Atlantic in 1873, SS Titanic in 1912, and SS Imo in 1917.

It was certainly not a boring cruise, as we had a fire in the engine room, seriously ill people airlifted on another night, a storm prevented our 3rd destination, and a speedy return to Norfolk to facilitate someone else getting medical help. Some of our new friends texted to ask us to contact them if we were ever going on another cruise, so they could join us. Maybe some others would like to know that they could avoid that trip!! Ha Ha!! Praise God for opportunity and protection!! We are so grateful for our family and their generosity to us!!

Meantime, **Jon Marc & Ash** rebuilt and doubled the size of their rear balcony, making it much more useful for this large family! It did turn out really great, despite David assisting a little with the finishing touches. He also helped dig a 16' fire pit for evening camp-fires with smores!!

Alyna, one of our granddaughters [Iain's], has been working part-time in nursing homes, which has enabled David's visitation program to increase dramatically. The elderly love visits, and some who were led to assurance of their salvation, have already passed into eternity. One dear friend, prayed for David, thanking God for his humour and visits at just the right time!! In PL 165 we mentioned **Don**, a friend of Bryan's, who had already beaten cancer 3 times. Now the cancer has returned and he is feeling a bit down. Please pray!

We took part in a **Parade of Nations** one weekend, with the view of stirring up interest in praying for, or serving in missions. Each candidate had to bake/ cook something from their designated country for around 500 people, dress in country costume, parade carrying its flag, as prayer was made for the countries represented. Since our family were representing Ireland, Scotland, Austria and Greece, this meant a lot of cooking and baking for Tanja and Wilma in the preceding days, but it did turn out to be a great success.

Soon after, near the end of September, was the **Beast Feast**, which takes months of preparation from Iain and his team, and still entails a good few days of preparation for the chefs and many of us who volunteer to help out. Over 1,500 people attended, the program was amazing, the Gospel was clearly presented and



Volunteering at World Help



Meeting with Bryan's Workmates



Florentina & Ashley

many accepted Christ as Saviour or returned to their first Love. Plus the experience of sampling shark, turtle, crickets, elk, deer and wild boar, among other things, made it a very special day!

During prep time, David had a tiny mishap when trying to hang a 300lb boar on a rail. Two men came to help and shove it higher, but the 7" hook came out of the jaw and into David's forehead. Painful, but not serious enough to stop progress!! Praise God for protection!!

We have visited with **Jackson** [Bryan's eldest son] and are in regular contact. He is now 18, living independently and kept busy working in a Mexican restaurant.

On Mondays, we volunteer with **World Help** and thoroughly enjoy the work and the banter!! Recently, it was World Serve Day in memory of Patrick, who passed away, but left a legacy of service. Many people took shifts to help pack a container, and even Patrick's family came to help. That was a great day, with lots of stories, fun and confidence that our efforts will help people in crisis or need!

Allyn had travelled frequently, with work, when we first arrived, but has been a bit more on the home front in these last few weeks. Unfortunately, when he was driving with some friends a couple of weeks ago, an oncoming car struck a deer, throwing it into the front of Allyn's SUV, causing considerable damage, but thankfully no injuries. He doesn't expect to get the repaired vehicle back for a couple more weeks, but the insurance did give him a substitute vehicle. Praise God for protection!

We have met up with several of Bryan's workmates, and were thrilled when his faithful secretary, **Jackie**, asked for one of the 'Memorial New Testaments' that we gave out at Job Corps graduation day.

David, has had the privilege of speaking to our **Faith Bible Fellowship** a couple of times since coming and we have so appreciated the love and fellowship shown to us there!

We had an incredible visit with **Dennis and his wife Lois**, our team leaders from Vienna 46 years ago. We haven't met in around 30 years, but we touched on many memories, challenging, dangerous and blessed. The 4 hours we were together, passed like 40 mins! What an incredible God we serve, as we looked back on the number of workers on that team, who have either passed on while still in the Lord's service, or are still serving in some way and have done through all these years!!

It was also quite amazing to find out that their son Tim is married to Melody, whose mum came from Fort William and remembers Wilma in school. They are now believers living about an hour from here, and we hope to get together on one of these visits.

We had a great time with our waitress **Ashley**, who is a believer, and were blown away when another waitress walked up to David and said, 'I know you.' David said, 'It's unlikely, as I have never been here before and I come from Ireland.' She was right!! **Florentina** was a saved Romanian nurse, who had looked after Bryan nearly 2 years before. David had shared with her about Jesus, about working in her country during communist days and Bryan, of course. She had never forgotten it and had talked to dozens of people about the experience. The whole time was a breath of Heaven, which we really appreciated.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support, without which none of this would be possible. We extend our deepest sympathy to those who have lost loved ones in recent months. Some of those people were also our prayer partners, and we will miss their presence. However, we know there will be a glorious reunion one day, when we see our Blessed Saviour face to face!

Looking ahead, by the time you get this letter, we will be back in Greece doing calendar outreach. The calendars are already waiting for us. We look forward to the visitation, but also to help churches in North Macedonia with their distribution program and spend some time with friends there.

We are planning to be in Scotland for Christmas and trusting the roads will be in good state for driving, as the weather can be a problem at that time. Thereafter, we will be in Northern Ireland, taking meetings for the whole month of January and hope to see many of you during that time. There are only a few weekdays available, if you need a visit or a meeting.

This is the list so far for January meetings:

Sun 3rd – Derryhubbert Mission Hall – 3.30pm • 07762626326

Wed 6th – Emmanuel Church, Lisnaskea – 8 pm • 07581879816

Fri 8th – Silverbirch Seniors Service – 2.30pm • 07721913378

Fri 8th – Ballymacbrennan mission hall – 7.30pm • 07761584796

Sat 9th – Senior friends lunch gathering

Sun 10 – Transformation Centre, Lisburn – 11am • 07840996890
Sun 10 – Ballyrobert Mission Hall – 8pm • 02890832524
Mon 11 – Ballynahinch Congreg. Ladies Meeting – 8pm
Tues 12 – Ballywillwill Gospel Hall – 8pm • 07879664848
Wed 13 – Scrabo Gospel Hall – 7.30pm
Sun 17 – Boyne Valley Baptist church – 11am • 07480700462
Sun 17 – Tansy Mission Hall – 8.15pm • 07802396286
Wed 20 – Aughrim Gospel Hall – 8pm • 0789973134
Sun 24 – Derrykeevan Mission Hall – 5pm • 07707841281
Sun 24 – Derrycrew Mission Hall – 7pm • 07711546564
Mon 25 – 1st Presbyterian CE, Portadown – 7.30pm • 07786715010
Wed 27 – Bethesda Fellowship, Portadown – 7.30pm
Sun 31 – Stewartstown Christian Fell. – 11.30am • 07973566596
Sun 31 – Bottear Mission Hall – 7pm • 07881531193

We plan on taking Scottish/English meetings in May '27 [after the 7th], beginning with Scotland. As we will be on our way back to Greece, the number of bookings we have will determine when we can leave England. So, please, if you want a meeting, try to book early, so we can give the best possible date and also make travel arrangements for ourselves and teams coming out to Greece.

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Looking even further ahead, we are getting up there in years, and while still in good health, we feel we should start looking for God's choice of those, who can direct our multifaceted ministry further! Whoever takes over may have family or other responsibilities, meaning it would require a team effort, to fully cover all aspects of the ministry at least at strategic times of year. We don't expect anyone to do exactly as we are doing, but in principle, we would like the work to continue and to grow. Of course, it would be decidedly advantageous, to have native speakers, but, as this isn't always possible, maybe those willing to commit to learning at least the basics of Greek could do the work. Please pray that the Lord will bring the person/people of His choice across our path, as and when He has decided it's time!!!

Let us also take this opportunity to wish you all a very blessed Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

Your servants for His Sake,

David & Wilma

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