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"And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord. who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry." I Timothy 1:12

Greetings From "The Mother Country":

These words of the Apostle Paul in I Timothy resonate with me because I too am very thankful that God has put me into the ministry. I praise Him for enabling me and giving me and Marilee the strength and good health to conduct such a ministry. It is with great joy that we recognize the great blessing of being able to relieve missionaries so that they can go home for furlough. It is my daily prayer, and I ask you to pray as well, that we will be found faithful in the ministry to which God has called us.

We arrived safely in London on Wednesday morning, January 29. Roger and Tammy Tooley picked us up at the airport, and we then, without any delays, made our way to Corby. Corby will be our home for the next six months. I can truly say that we have fallen in love with this quaint little town north of London. The Tooleys tried to get us oriented to their home, which is ours for now, as well as showing us around town. On Wednesday night we drove to church and had the privilege of meeting many of the people to whom we will be ministering to over the next six months. The church here is Lifegate Baptist Church, and I praise God for how He has knit our hearts with the people. The folks have been very welcoming and have made us feel right at home. Praise the Lord! The following day Brother Tooley was able to lead a man to Christ who had been visiting the church. His name is Daniel.

We had wonderful services on our first Sunday here (February 2), and I had the opportunity to preach in the evening service. We said good bye to the Tooleys after the services, as they headed to London on Sunday night. They left England the following morning and are now enjoying a much-needed furlough.

Our adventure began on Monday, February 3, and it is hard to comprehend that February has now passed. We have adjusted well and have settled in quite comfortably.

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SEEKING THE LOST · ENCOURAGING THE SAINTS · AT HOME AND ABROAD

February, 2025

The Tooleys have a beautiful home, and we thank God for a comfortable place to stay while ministering in Corby. We had our first meal of Fish and Chips two days after we arrived and can report that you have not tasted anything so delicious. We have gotten quite accustomed to the food and general responsibilities of shopping and navigating our way through town.

Our biggest culture shock (and it's still shocking me) is the driving. As you know, everything here in England is completely opposite. They drive on the left side of the road, the steering wheel is on the right side, and it has been very hard for me to learn something brand new. It is true: you can't teach an old dog new tricks. This, coupled with the fact that I am driving a car with standard transmission, has made the learning process quite challenging. I am getting the "hang of it," but it can be nerve-racking at times. Brother Tooley handed me the keys on Thursday morning (the day after we arrived), and said, "You gotta learn some time!" What a blunt and rude awakening!

Services at the church have gone well, and the people here are phenomenal. They have welcomed us, shown such gracious kindness to us, and extended to us the right hand of fellowship in a wonderful way. I have had such liberty and peace as I preach the word, and the people here are so attentive. Like many churches, we do not have as many on Sunday nights or Wednesday nights as we do Sunday morning, but we praise God for those who are faithful to all of the services. I have had the privilege of discipling two young men. Please pray as I meet once a week with Andre and also Daniel, who I mentioned above, got saved on January 30. We have an outreach ministry on Saturday mornings and enjoy passing out tracts and placing tracts in the mailboxes of homes in the many neighborhoods here in Corby. It is not illegal to put such literature in home mailboxes. Praise the Lord!

We covet your prayers as we minister here in Corby. There is so much more to tell, but time and space will not permit. Pray that the church will grow; pray that people would be more faithful in their attendance; pray that God would give us souls for our labors; pray that we will continue to have good health; and pray that we will

be an encouragement and a blessing not only to the folks at Lifegate, but also to the people of Corby in general.

Sincerely In Christ, Scott and Marilee Norman



One of our Wednesday night services

My first full Sunday leading services



Our first full Sunday morning service

Roger Tooley and me right before the Tooley's departed