

News from The Venings!



Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. James 1 v2



Yng Nghymru

We have now been in Wales for about 3 months - so it is about time to let you know how we are all doing!

We moved at the end of July into the house we told you about in our last newsletter. As the last tenant was evicted, he left all of his rubbish and most of his belongings behind, so the landlords spent their time clearing away that instead of cleaning and painting before we moved in..... So Sue spent the first few weeks going around cleaning various things up to her standards (your own dirt always seems much more clean than anyone else's!!).

Wild life in Wales

The worst thing was on that on the second night we discovered fleas in bed with us. We called a pest control man who came around and sprayed 9 litres of insecticide around the house. Unfortunately this did not work and we had to have him back twice more before the beasties finally died (4 weeks later). Tasha looked as if she had had chicken pox as she had been bitten so many times. Every itch had us jumping and scratching. Zaak was not bitten at all - obviously not tasty enough. Meanwhile, in the kitchen every morning we were coming down and discovering slug trails every day. Eventually we went into the kitchen in the middle of the night and found 4 and threw them away. We thought that must be it, but no, we found 4

more another night, and then another a few days later - Yuuuuk. We're glad we have got rid of them now!! The cat flap had fallen off and not been replaced, so the local cats and slugs had a good 10



Zaak & Fizz - new family

days to come in and infest our nice new home. It is well and truly fixed now!

New Family Member

Soon after we moved we went to the local cat protection league and found a lovely little black cat called Fizz. Once we had been checked as a suitable home she came to live with us at the end of August and has been everyone's favourite since then! Zaak and Tasha are really enjoying having a pet and love playing with her.

Zaak's School

Zaak has now been at a Welsh school for half a term and is loving it. He was a bit wary in the first week but by the beginning of the second week was crying as we took him to school. It was not the Welsh that seemed to be bothering him, but the fact he had no friends. But by the end of the second week he had made some new friends - Jacob, Thomas, Gethin and Daniel, and has not looked back since - he runs to school

in the morning he is so eager to get there!

Tasha misses Zaak a lot during the day, but we try to keep busy and have found a great Mums and Tots to go to, which always includes gluing - a great favourite with her!

Language study

We have both found some Welsh lessons to attend. Sue goes to 2 classes; one is for ordinary conversation and is hard work. The other is Welsh for parents so you learn conversation and other things the children are learning, such as the animals and songs etc (much more on my level! - Sue). Mark's is a more advanced class, but we are having difficulty in finding a Welsh speaker for Mark to practice with (Sue knowing how to say "I am a happy horse" does not help Mark in his practice!!).

DTS in January

We are still working towards running a Discipleship Training School in January. We still need a few more students, staff and somewhere to hold it, although we are waiting for the local council to make a decision on that. Please pray it will be favourable and taken soon.

As it stands at the moment, we are looking for a mum's help or nanny type person to assist us with the children during this time.

Otherwise it will be a struggle for both of us to help during the school. Please pray that someone will be found, or that we will have the grace to accept things as they are. We are not happy at the moment if this is the way it works out.

Beyond the DTS?

Well, we are hoping to spend our time in Wrexham really learning the language (Mark would like to be able to preach in Welsh by the time we leave). We believe this is one of God's major targets for our time here. We plan to pray as well, seeking for a strategy as to what we should do



Daddy tells a brill joke

when we move further into Wales. Finally we will also try and recruit a team. It may not seem like much but it is keeping us busy at the moment.

That's about all for now, thanks for all your support and prayers - we could not do this without you

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