

Trip To Ireland

January 2009

UK & London East End Jan 17th and 18th, 2009

Trying to adjust to the time change is always a challenge when you travel overseas. We traveled through the night and went to the home of Margaret where we were to sleep while in the area.

We were greeted at Gatwick airport by Pastor Kurt Erickson and Brother Ed Roselli. Ed is from NJ and Kurt originally from Rhode Island and got saved while working in theater in NYC. What wonderful young men!

Ministry in the Streets of London -- We were picked up at the apartment by Pastor Val McEvoy and went with he and his lovely wife, Sandra, to minister with Kurt and Ed in the streets of London. We fed the homeless sandwiches and hot tea and preached the gospel in the pouring rain. The homeless have named their church, "The Church Without Walls." The HS moved in an awesome way.

Ministry in the Bible College -- From the street ministry we went on to share at a seminar at the Bible College. Some of the homeless came along and along with the Bible School students were about 8 police officers. Mike shared at three of the seminars and Ann at one.

Eleos Christian Church is in London's East End. Eleos means mercy. This church is filled with people who have experienced the saving mercy of Jesus Christ. Awesome service celebrating their 13th anniversary and several people graduating from the Bible School. Mike preached and we prayed with people and then enjoyed an Agape feast.

The 19th we traveled from London Stansted on Ryan air to Dublin, Ireland. We didn't know it, but Ryan Air has very low weight allowances since it is a "bargain" airline. Our baggage therefore was overweight and they want \$400 to cover the overage. We had to discard a large amount of our clothing in the trash. There was no way we could or would pay that exorbitant amount of money.

We were greeted in Ireland by Ann's mom and sister. We had two great days at Gloria and Conal's home R & R.

We were picked up from Gloria's home and by Pastor John McEvoy and brought

to his home to be picked up by a wonderful Nigerian man named Emanuel. He drove us to and from **Tipperary** where we had a great meeting in a rented facility with Pastor Jeff (from N. Ireland). The place was packed. I don't think you could fit another person in the place.

The following day we celebrated Ann's Mom's 82nd birthday with the family. It was a great time with the family.

Mike in Ireland



Pastor John McEvoy picked us up the next day to take us to the Heuston train station to board a train to **W. Cork** where we were met by Pastor Brian and his son and taken to their home for a lovely meal. Then off to the rented room in a hotel for our Saturday evening meeting. There was standing room only. Several years ago when Mike was previously here a young man named Tim was saved and this time he brought his Dad to the meeting who also accepted Jesus. Praise God. The following morning we had a church meeting in the same facility and it was jam packed as well. In all 8 people were saved.

Then it was back to **Dublin** and off to **Belfast** the following morning. This was Ann's first trip to "The North." It was great to be with Jack and Kathleen McKee again. Mike spoke at a youth meeting on Monday evening and Ann at a Ladies meeting on Tuesday evening. We also visited their "new building" and the child care that Kathleen runs..

Wednesday it was back to **Dublin** for three meetings in **Tallagh** (Pitt of tears because of thousand who were buried there after a plague). This is the newest Elim church plant. The first meeting was in a community center and the other two were held in a Catholic pastoral care center room (see photo). At least one person was saved each night.

From there Ann went back to spend some time with Mom and Mike went on to

Castlebar to minister at the first Elim Church plant in Ireland. That has really grown! They had a youth meeting on Saturday evening and a church meeting on Sunday. Then back to Dublin to fly out the next morning at 6:00 am. Our flight was cancelled due to the snow in London and fortunately we were re-routed and got home in a timely fashion. We were met at the airport by our pastor and his wife. It was great to be able to share with them all that had happened and to get updated on our own church happenings.

Meeting in Ireland



In all there were 48 souls saved. It was tough ground, but awesome ministry and not only that but the pastors and their families were very encouraged..

Upcoming Events:

April 25-29--SGT Missions Convention

May 1-15th --Virginia Ministry

June -- tentative Italy & Romania

Thank You! We want to thank all of you who have prayed our this ministry especially during these recent opportunities mentioned here. If any of you would like to come along on one of our outreaches, just let us know we will let you know what is available. In the meantime, please continue to cover us and our family with your prayers and support.

We love you!

Jesus, Mike and Ann