

STORIES OF GRACE

Feature: Our missionaries that we support share some Stories of Grace
Roy Angle Family services Encompass World Missions in Ireland



Editor's Note: We are privileged to introduce the Missionaries we support with prayer and financially to our church family. Many have not had the opportunity to meet our missionaries. Roy grew up in the area and was a member of our church. His mother is Dorothy Angle and lives at Menno Haven in Chambersburg, PA.

Holly and I have served with Encompass World Partners (GBIM) in Ireland since May 2003. Roy has also served in England with the Birmingham team for 4 years, from 1988 till 1992.

Holly is from California and Roy is from Pennsylvania. They met in Winona Lake, Indiana as they respectively played for the men's and women's softball teams for the Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church of which they are members. They have two children: son, Koleman, born 1998 and daughter, Avery, born 1999. Koleman is in his last year in high school and wants to study film and Avery is a sophomore and is interested in animation.

Holly and I are seeking to embed ourselves as a gospel presence into various social networks around the Dublin city and area. We are currently implanted in networks that meet from weekly to tri-weekly, e.g. from a book club, to knitting clubs, to café discussion groups, being a volunteer for an organization whose purpose involves meeting the needs of the underprivileged, to a nation-wide textile guild. Irish people are not all that interested in religious matters and 95% of these people would never set foot inside a church and to our knowledge we are the closest fragrance of the gospel they experience.

With only 1% of the Irish population gospel-believers, the country of Ireland would qualify as an *unreached* (though not 'hidden') people group by anyone's standards. We are beginning to see people respond to the trust that God has built into the relationships we have been privileged to encounter. We are committed to living out the gospel in front of people in tangible ways and to explain this good news in terms that they can understand in order to make disciples of Jesus Christ. Western Europe is the least reached continent on the face of the planet at around 1.42% knowing the Jesus as Savior and Lord. What is required is a demonstration and articulation of the gospel in meaningful tones that strike a deep chord of the heart amidst the dirge of religious institutionalism. We want nothing less than to be a part of such an opportunity at this time in Ireland.

We truly appreciate those partnering individuals and churches that want to see Irish people reached with the gospel and know that it will take the perseverance of faith and the power of the Spirit to see churches planted in Ireland. But together, in the cause of the gospel, God can do great things. On this we depend and labor.

With much thanks,

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