



East to West

Catching you up with our care ministry in December ... we flew to the UK where our first visit was with Andrew and Connie Taylor. They are friends and the YWAM base leaders in Cambridge. Connie is an American and an evangelist, and Andrew is British and an Anglican vicar. We've known them for several years and were blessed to be able to spend some time with, encourage, and love on them! We did outreach together at a Cambridge park, and spent quality time together, listening and talking about what God is doing in each of our lives.

We were told Brits don't travel east and west ... only north and south ... LOL. But we're not Brits, so west we went ... to Pembrokeshire, Wales, where FMI workers Mike and Mary Bave have lived for several years. They pastor a Baptist church which also runs a food bank for people who need groceries, and serves low-cost or free hot meals in their on-premises restaurant. What a blessing to the community! We also spent time with Jonathan and Nela Marsden who arrived last year to serve with the Baves. The Marsdens are hoping to one day lead one of the other local churches there that needs loving pastors as well. Mike and Mary are helping the Marsdens adapt to Welsh culture. Please pray for all our FMI workers in Wales and their call to care and shepherd there.



A trip to the UK could not be made without visiting our dear friends and (now former) FMI Workers, Jonny and Sarah Griffiths. They are just about to begin a new role with World Indigenous Missions in the USA in March. Unfortunately, their youngest child, Glory, was sick during our visit, so we ended up meeting with Jonny and Sarah separately, and outside their house bubble, for coffee dates. We delivered fish and chips to the whole crew the first night, and then picked up the boys to share pizza together the next night. We had stayed with them in 2019, so we and the boys were already great friends. What a blessing to minister to all these wonderful servants of the Lord! Thank you for partnering with us and praying for us to be able to encourage, listen to, and bless them.

Back in Slovakia with a New Grandchild and a New Name

In January we were able to travel to Berlin to help our daughter Elizabeth and son-in-law Shane with their three girls and, wait for it ... newborn baby ... girl! Rosemary Strong Roley entered the world after 22 hours of labor! Elizabeth was exhausted, but everyone is happy and healthy. Needless to say, we came home pretty exhausted as well (no wonder we have kids when we are young, whew!) but feel better now and have been emersed back into our church community, which has a new name! We are no longer called Bratislava International Fellowship, but are now called City Church International (CCI) to better reflect that we are part of the City Church community of churches in Slovakia!

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