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"Effective & Productive"

I'm always amazed, (but never should be) that God speaks so clearly through His Word! After arriving here a month ago, I sat down and prayed for the Lord to show me how He planned to use me. I asked Him to show me how to be effective here in Ireland. Then I settled in to study II Peter and this is what I read...

"For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love. For if you possess these qualities and they are increasing, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ."

So this is my prayer...to possess and grow these qualities in my life!

So what's next?

Well, now I'm here, I have my own apartment (see new address above), and I'm learning to drive! With basketball camp and then settling in this first month, many have asked what is next on my agenda. So here's a quick run-down...

Irish schools start back up in September and so do all our programs at the Community Center. I'm excited to join the Ballycullen Community Church and help with the weekly basketball program, youth gatherings, Bible studies and more.

Also as part of my ABWE training, I'll be taking two classes at the Irish Bible Institute in downtown Dublin. The first will be a day class on "Irish Culture and the Gospel" this fall.

There are many opportunities and some that I'm sure I don't even know about yet. So stay tuned...

Basketball Camp...

Since my last weeks at home were spent trying to get to Ireland before the Basketball camp, I figured I should give you all an update on how things went!

It was truly a "God-thing" that I ended up here in Ballycullen when I did. I literally hit the ground running, which is how I operate best.

A team of college students arrived here only four days after I landed. So the next two weeks were spent planning, praying and coaching. We enjoyed many meals together and some time touring Dublin over the weekend.

I had the sweet opportunity to help coach the 9 and 10 year olds attending the

camp. Eight little faces showed up everyday and tried their very best to learn the skills just like the "big kids."

Overall, we had about 30 enrolled in the camp ranging from 9 to 14 years of age. They came back each day ready to work hard and have a lot of fun! The majority involved in this camp do not regularly attend any program hosted by the Ballycullen Community Church.

The final day of camp, the parents were invited to an awards program. Many came and most stayed around afterward for tea and biscuits. It was a great opportunity to connect with the community and invest in the kids all around us.

Enjoy the photos!

