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A Year of Changes

My resolution this year was to not let another month go by without sending out an update.... well, January came and went so there goes that resolution! So happy February everyone and I hope this update finds you all well. I know it has been far too long since my last update so let me catch up on all the happenings here in Ireland.

2017 was a year of changes. It started out with me in Killarney managing our second shop full time. I also was hosting and teaching a weekly Bible study for the church I was attending and was seeing tons of fruit in the people. At the end of January Padraig and Evanne, the shop owners, and I decided that it was time to look at expanding the shop to a much larger and more central location. Of course they wanted the opening of the new shop to be by Easter, which gave us 2 months. So the manic transition to finding the right place, building, painting, cleaning, packing and everything else that is required in a big move commenced. We also hired our first two employees! We had been a fully volunteer staff, relying on missionaries from America and students from Europe who were on a work exchange. Hiring staff was a massive step for the business but was also a very necessary step to grow.

The second major change that happen last year was that I moved to Cork. Right about the time our new shop was open and running smoothly with our newly trained staff, we had to say goodbye to the two full time missionaries that were working in the Cork shop. Their visas had run out and it was time for them to go back to the States. This left us short staffed in Cork and I decide it was time for me to return. With a housing crises hitting the nation and rent prices sky rocketing I had to trade in my lovely 3 bedroom home in Killarney for a room that I am now renting in Cork City (for more than I paid in Killarney). Moving to Cork has been a easy transition and I have been getting involved in all the things that I loved and missed about the city. However, if I'm completely honest I really miss my little cottage in Killarney and my cat Suki.

I didn't completely transition out of Killarney however, my housemate that shared the cottage with me is still there and taking care of all my furniture, housewares and my cat. Since, I couldn't bring my entire house contents to my room in Cork she is happy to make use of them and she loves Suki. I also am still leading the Bible Study for the church in Killarney. There was so much growth and excitement for the Word coming from those attending that I couldn't just leave them. There wasn't anyone able to take over the study for me so I committed to doing it twice a month and looking for someone within the group to continue it.

So I think you are all now caught up on my life here. I'm managing the Cork shop now, which has been very busy and we have three new hired staff here. The new Killarney shop is doing well in its new location and there are three new staff there. The Bible study and church in Killarney is still going on and I'm excited to see the growth that will come from that this year. I have also been highly involved again with the youth group I was leading in Fermoy before I moved to Killarney and I am back with the Street Pastors which was also something I was a part of before. But more about those two things next update.

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Red Hills Church Team

This amazing crew from the Foursquare Church in Newberg, Oregon came over last July to help the church in Fermoy with their Kids Bible club. They served with a smile, prayed with teens and shared their testimonies. They were a huge asset to the team and made a massive impact on the youth.

My Citizenship

In March of 2017 I applied for Irish citizenship.... and I'm still waiting. I received a letter in June to say that I had passed the first stage of the process (however, they didn't say what that meant). I was now in stage two and the decision would be made "within six months or considerable longer." I have now entered the considerably longer stage of the process... I'm sure I'll hear any day... prayers appreciated!



On the Farm

When I'm not in the shop, leading Bible studies or youth group or working with Street Pastors, I'm learning how to farm from this fellow. It's nice to escape the city and be outside in the fresh air... however, I have to admit I'm a fair weather farmer!

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