

“Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.”

HEBREWS 11:1

Grab yourself a cup a tea and catch up with me and my life in Ireland

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Stepping into a New Adventure

What an exciting end to 2018! My biggest news, I got married! Ewart and I had a lovely wedding on November 20th. We got married at the Church in Fermoy with our closest family and friends attending. It was so wonderful for me to have both my family and very dear friends travel to Ireland to share in the celebration. One very meaningful memory for us was the Sunday before the wedding all our American contingent came out to the farm to help Ewart. We had originally intended to go to church together however, the cattle decided to go for a walkabout across the neighboring farm. If it wasn't for everyone's help the groom wouldn't have been at the wedding! Ewart was so amazed and blessed that everyone choose to give up their Sunday and get muddy just to help us make sure the animals were taken care of for the wedding. After the wedding we had a lovely week with my family and then took a few days to escape for a mini honeymoon to Galway just before Christmas.



Marriage bliss doesn't come without its challenges, on top of trying to merge our possessions, habits (both good and bad) and lives together we find ourselves struggling to find a home. Ewart is a farmer and inherited a parcel of land from his father when he passed away ten years ago. He spent his life working alongside his father growing the farm and training to one day take over the entire business. However, in early 2009 his father died and left his will unsigned. This meant that Ewart would only receive 1/9th of the farm. Since there was no house with the land, Ewart has been renting a small house about 5 miles away. Just before Christmas Ewart's landlord told us that we need to either pay more rent or get out. We have looked at renting in the village but because of the housing shortage in Ireland, rents have skyrocketed, a one-bedroom apartment is now \$1200 a month. We have been trying to figure out what to do next because by April we will either be paying rent that we can't afford or we will be homeless.

We have calculated all the different ideas, tiny house, mobile home, or build a small garage to live in, but all of them become far too expensive and deplete our savings for the house. Our plan is to find a caravan to put on the farm, which during the summer months will be an adventure, who doesn't love camping! Ewart is such a hardworking man, he has managed to reclaim the land from the briars and weeds, put water and fencing throughout the farm and grow his herd numbers. With the growth of the farm comes more responsibilities and managing it from a distance has become impossible. Farming full time for him and living anywhere else just isn't going to work anymore. I am blessed that Ewart cares very much about the work that I do with the Fermoy Youth Group, Bible studies and other ministry opportunities. He would hate to see all of that end if I need to get a job to cover our rent. Our dream is to build a house, Ewart has designed a three bedroom bungalow that will cost \$190,000. We have been saving money where we can but we are \$160,000 short of that goal. We have applied for mortgages at different banks but neither of us make enough to be able to borrow. So I am asking, will you join me in PRAYER? We have a builder keen to start in April and while starting a project like this without all the funding is a frightening step it may be what we need to do as our next step of faith. Please join with me in prayer and let's watch the miracle that God will provide!



Fermoy Youth

I have taken on much more responsibility with the youth and am leading it full-time this year. We have a lot of new younger students coming for the first time and so we have some exciting things planned to help them get to know each other and deepen their relationship with God. We are focusing on teaching Bible basics, starting with the Ten Commandments as well as taking them on a retreat over Easter. For February the teens are throwing their parents a dinner party.

Amarach Internship

I taught my first class for the interns at Grace Christian Church. It was a challenging semester for both myself and the interns as we struggled through hermeneutics. But thankfully everyone has passed! This next semester I'll be teaching a class on Ethics and Relationships and then a full course on Church History: Pentecost to the Reformation!

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