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BROKEN HEARTED AT THE GROTTO

As part of our missions teams visits, we like to take them to a grotto in New Lodge. To let you know what we had to learn—a grotto is a natural or artificial cave-like shrine dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The one in new lodge is attended weekly by the Legion of Mary to pray the Rosary with anyone who would like to join. When you pray the rosary you pray to Mary 53 times, observe Catholic mysteries, and never really talk to the Lord. In fact, in the majority of Catholic prayer, you cannot speak with the Lord directly. You have to have a saint or Mary to be your intermediary. I try to convey the tragedy of this when we get to see the grotto.



As we walked away with one of the groups, Ruby looked at me and said, "Daddy, when you were talking about how Catholics can't pray to Jesus, and how they had to have Mary, I almost cried." It's amazing to see the softness of children's hearts! Where I had become focused on the analytical and theological aspects of Catholicism, my daughter felt the deep tragedy of people simply believing that they cannot get to know, talk to, or spend time with the God who loves them. The sensitivity of her heart for the lost broke my heart for them as well.

As we talk about the need for the gospel in our community, remember that these are people in darkness that they've heard all their life. Pray that we can help them see the truth of God's word and God's love for them!

FIRST TEA AND COFFEE OUTREACH

In Ireland, hot drinks like tea and coffee are a central part of life. Per person, Irishmen drink more tea than any other nation in the world. Therefore, giving out cups of tea and coffee makes for a great chance to meet and talk with people. We set up a table outside the church building, made some hot water, and went out armed with biscuits to reach folks.

We were able to meet many and talk with about four people. This was our first time doing this in the New Lodge, so we're learning the area and the people. We did meet one fellow believer that was from a church not terribly far from us. We were excited at how well we were received during the outreach and we're looking forward to trying again!

Thank you for praying for us as we reach out into our community with the gospel! Please continue to pray that God would grow His church!



Thank you,
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