



# The Herbert Herald- Tristen Herbert December

## I'm Going to Ireland!

You heard it here first folks! I'm part of a team who will be sent to **Coleraine, Northern Ireland!** If you're just joining me on this journey, I've been studying the past five months in Lubbock, Texas at the AIM program. All my challenges thus far have been leading to field reveals, the waiting, studying, and worrying. I was so nervous during the reveals and unsure of everything, but I believe that God is at work and sending me where I need to be. I'm on a team of four other AIMers, all of us from across the United States. We've already begun to look at the culture and living expenses of our field, anything we can do to better prepare ourselves. We have a few more months of preparation here in Lubbock, mostly team bonding and I'm ready and excited for the part of preparation: Mission term.

**Mission term** is designed to challenge us in every way. They want to observe and help us to recognize our stress behavior. The more we see here, the more we can recognize and deal with on the field. Part of the process is seeing how we adapt to ever changing environments. With mission term comes a couple changes; new classes, new living arrangements, new area church's, new rules, and new classes. I'll talk more about mission term and what that is. If I miss anything that you would like to know more about, send me an email at the address listed at the bottom of the page, I'd love to fill in any gaps.

There are going to be a **few changes to my budget.** With my upcoming field, I will have to raise my support drastically. I will send an updated support letter to my current supporters to inform them of the changes, but if you or anyone you know are willing to support a young missionary, please let me know. Any amount is a blessing. Please look over the brief summary in the newsletter and consider me in your thoughts and prayers.



**Above and below:** Some pictures from the night of Field Reveals. (Thankfully they didn't get one of me scared out of my mind)



**Below:** celebrated the end of the term with some of my classmates. The end of the term and also decade.



We served the Lubbock community by assisting in the Christmas Parade. On the day of, we organized the floats and dressed up as Santa's helpers. During the parade, we ran along the street handing candy to children who were watching. Right behind us was the US Marines with their Santa float, they had joined with a toy drive and were collecting toys from bystanders to give to children in need. It was an amazing night and the reward was the excited children on the sides, enjoying the parade. I snapped a picture with the panda from the Panda Express float!



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# Sneek peek

**Ireland!** I don't know all that we will do there, most of my information about my will come in time. What I do know is that we will be reaching out and trying to heal broken bonds and broken people. There is a lot of hurt there, many families were torn apart by conflict in Northern Ireland. The division between the Protestant and Catholics is still fresh. Most of my ministry will be building relationships with the community, looking for Bible studies and just trying to be there for them. I will have to show Christ's love to them in every way I can. Just like so many parts of our world, these people have been severely mistreated and could be wary of someone trying to share the gospel. Despite that initial hurdle, I'm told that the people are friendly and outgoing. The members of the church will bless us as mentors and friends, giving us every opportunity to grow as missionaries of God's kingdom. I would love to continue to update you as I learn more about my future home and field. I don't have a picture of Ireland right now, but here's a nice one of my old home in WA.



Below: from the flight on my trip home, I miss the mountains.



**Mission Term.** With the new term comes a few changes. Like I said before, they are looking to see how we handle stress, but also to put us in positions to strengthen bonds between teammates. They want us out of the classroom more and putting into practice what we've been learning. This is less focused on the individual, and more on the team.

Some of the rules include: no electronic entertainment, giving us more time to focus on each other. No eating out or driving vehicles, to prepare us for life on the field where we may not have access to these. And no social media, again to give more time for community. They are specific on the rules and rely on integrity when dealing with this. They try to eliminate distractions for this term and see how we handle that. The only hard part I think, is that whenever we need groceries, we have to walk there and back with them. Walking isn't too much of an issue, but can become difficult with my flat feet. Classes will resume as normal, with the exception of Mon and Wed afternoons. At those times we will be out and about putting evangelism and community service into our schedule. Not eating out won't be that difficult for me, I like to cook and this will be a time to try new recipes. All in all, I feel ready for this.

**New Budget:** As can be expected, living in Ireland will cost more than living here in the states. I don't have an exact number from my coordinator (we skype call him soon) but I've been told by a few that it is around \$1300 monthly support. With a one time of close to \$2500 for the flight and visas, along with deposit on an apartment and possible furniture. With all of this coming up soon, I want to let everyone know all of the details to the best of my abilities. I currently have \$725 in monthly support, so you can see my concern in this and desire to begin the process here and now. Keep in mind that I will get an exact number during our call with the coordinator and will better inform y'all at that time.

I know that this is a large sum and may be daunting or concerning. Please consider and call or email me with any questions. And share it with someone you know who might be able to help as well. I know that trust in God is key at this time and that he works through His people. Thank you to all my supporters who have gotten me this far! Y'all are a blessing!

**Mexico City** We have a weeklong trip this Friday to Mexico City, Mexico. The goal for this trip is a week of cultural training, and it will play a major role in team building. AIM has been going here for decades, they work with a Sunset plant that has been an outreach and resource for missionaries around the globe. We will work with the missionary's there and learn what it's like to work in a different culture. We will learn many of their customs and manners, looking to glorify God with our presence there, and be the light as best we can. Mexico City is a major center for Catholicism and we will see many shrines and statues to the Lady Guadalupe, whom their great temple is built for. I will get to revisit a few places I saw when I took a mission trip there two years ago. Keep my class in your prayers for safe travels.



Left: another picture of my team. This was during a "get to know" time we had. I'm going to spend my field time with these guys!

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