

Barry has just published "When the Saints go Marching", a book about his Columban pilgrimage.

ALL proceeds from book sales go to mission projects in the German United Methodist Church. If you would like to support mission to Germany you can get the book from Tim Dunwoody or Laura Burtney in the MMS(I) Office, or you can order it from [Amazon](#) (leave a review and bump it up the recommendation list). Cost is £10.00 or €14.00 from the office.

"When the Saints go Marching" tells the story of my pilgrimage in the footsteps of Saint Columbanus, the missionary monk from Bangor who re-evangelized Europe in the 6th century. Weaving history, politics, theology, and personal narrative together in a humorous and readable way, I tell the fascinating story of Columbanus and his colleagues from Bangor and their legacy in uniting Europe. The telling of both our stories - the monks' and mine - are framed in the drama of my means of transport for the journey - hitchhiking. Profound moments of reflection, insight and food for thought are punctuated with hilarious episodes of breakfast with Vikings, an attack by monster bees, and lunch with a talking horse!

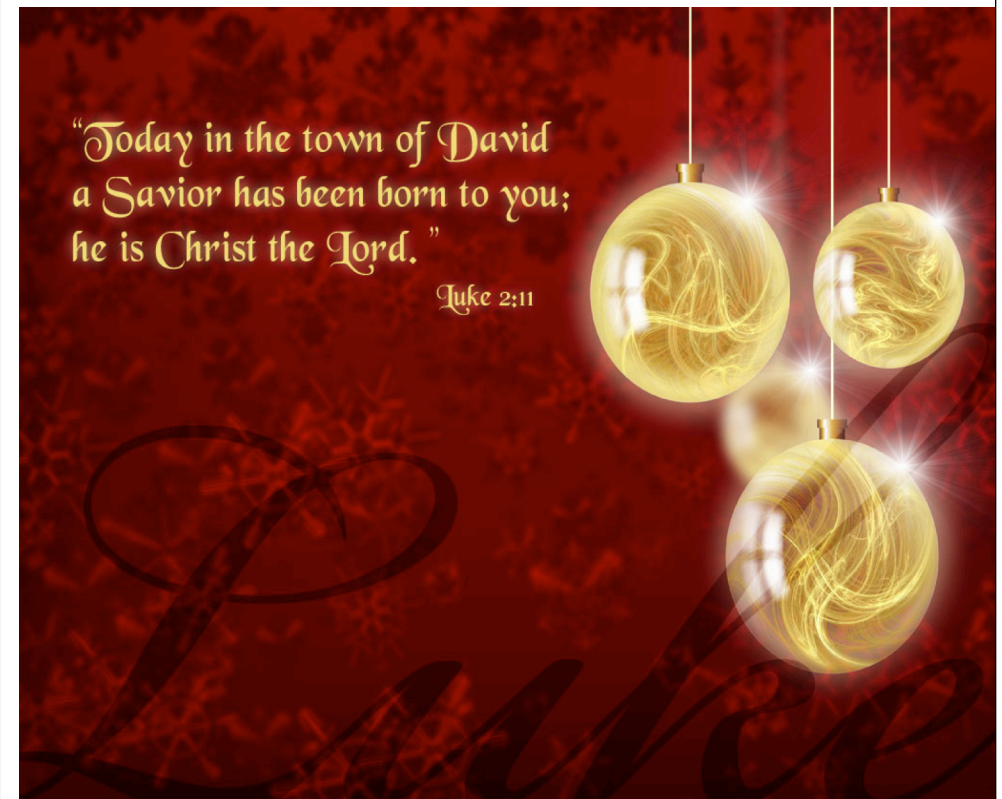
I had three aims in writing this book. Firstly, to write a book about my Christian faith that would just as easily be read, understood and enjoyed by my non-Christian friends. Secondly, to make a contribution to the peace process and idea of a shared future in Northern Ireland. And lastly, to help us all reclaim the amazing missional heritage of those 6th century Bangor monks that we have for too long ignored.

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MATTIA and ELENA LEONI, with MICHELE and SAM

It is with sadness that we announce the Leoni family's return home from their placement in Rwanda. They have spent a year with our partner church and achieved much; Elena through her physiotherapy work at the special school and in the community and Mattia through his work with children and mothers. Their request is "please join with us by keeping in mind not only our family but all the people whom we have crossed paths with here in Rwanda."

MY LORD GOD, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. . . . I will not fear, for you are ever with me. (Thomas Merton)

Please pray for:

- the family as they resettle in Cork
- the boys as they go back into education
- Mattia and Elena as they seek work
- Friends, family & the church as they offer support & encouragement

PAT JAMISON, METHODIST CHURCH GHANA

Give thanks for:

- Safe return journey to NI and a few days in Istanbul on my way home
- Being able to travel around every county in NI, Dublin, Scotland and England sharing my journey with a large number of people and the kindness and hospitality I have received
- Having a car for my time at home

Prayers for:

- Now all my engagements are finished I will have time to rest and relax
- Time at home to enjoy being with my Mum, family and friends
- My freight to arrive safe and then sent to my new address in Ghana (not sure where it is at the moment)
- Details and plans for Ghana to come together soon
- Saying my goodbyes to family, friends & especially my Mum

REV. DR. BARRY & MRS GILLIAN SLOAN AND FAMILY, GERMAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

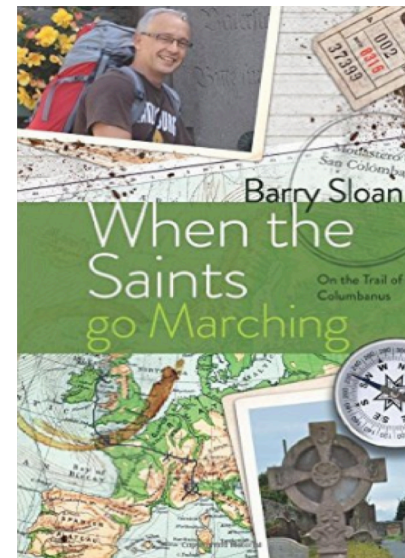
Pray for:

- Our team at INSPIRE, our fresh expression of church in Chemnitz as we seek to serve our neighbourhood in downtown Chemnitz. www.inspire-chemnitz.de.
- Pray for the many Methodist churches throughout Germany who are responding to the refugee crisis - welcoming, feeding, supplying and supporting.
- Pray for us as a family as we celebrate Christmas together with extended family from Ireland visiting us. The last 3 months have been extremely busy.
- Pray that we get enough rest, relaxation and re-energizing.

Thanks for being our partners in mission.

Blessings,
The Sloans

Mission partner Barry Sloan releases new book:



See over for details