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Dear Friend,

Christ the Lord is risen! He is risen indeed!

In a couple of weeks it will be exactly one year since we moved into our house here in Rock Hill, South Carolina. We continue to thank the Lord for His special provision of this house.

Becky was finally able to do her clinical and become a licensed nurse in the state of South Carolina. She is now in a routine of working two days a week at SIM USA in the Medical and Receipting Departments. Then four days a week she studies midwifery. (She enjoys her studies far too much to let a Saturday go by without spending a good portion of it in studies. ☺ Harold's OK with this. He's glad to see her enjoying herself so much.) **Praise the Lord with us that Becky's studies are going so well and enjoyably.**

As part of his job as Theological Education project manager for SIM Ethiopia, Harold collects information for sharing with donors. Here is a story and picture he received recently.

Bizuneh Zewdie grew up as a member of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church in the Me'enit region, a remote area in western Ethiopia. Like many Ethiopians he moved to Addis Ababa (Ethiopia's capital city) in hopes of attaining a better life. He did, though not in the way he anticipated. Girma Hanano, a leader in the Kale Heywet (Word of Life) Church (KHC), led Bizuneh to faith in Jesus as Lord and Savior. Bizuneh started attending Geja KHC in Addis. (KHC is the denomination resulting from SIM's work in Ethiopia.) Later, Bizuneh returned to the Me'enit area for three years to witness among the Ethiopian Orthodox. Thereafter, he enrolled in the Ethiopian Kale Heywet Evangelical College of Soddo. Since Me'enit is classified as a "weak" church area, Bizuneh received a 70% scholarship for his schooling. In December 2006, Bizuneh graduated from school and was married (all in the same program). He and his wife have now returned to the Me'enit region for ministry. **Pray for Bizuneh and his wife working among the Orthodox of Me'enit.**



In February, Harold had to write a difficult letter to the Kale Heywet (Word of Life) Church (EKHC) leadership informing them that funds were not enough to cover the usual scholarships for the 2007-2008 school year. Most of the continuing students will receive scholarships at the same level. But, new students will not receive any scholarships. **Pray for God's guidance regarding the scholarship program.** SIM is projecting a seven-year phase out for this program. But if funds are insufficient, KHC will have to shoulder more financial responsibility sooner than anticipated.

For several months now, Harold has been giving the devotional each week in the English as a Second Language (ESL) ministry in our church. **Pray that in the final weeks before summer vacation, students will realize the truth of the Bible and come to personal faith in Jesus as Lord and Savior.**

You may or may not know that due to a childhood accident, Harold has only one good eye. A cataract in this eye has now reached the stage where it needs to be removed. May 17 has been set as the day for this surgery. **Pray that God will guide in the surgery and Harold's sight will be fine.**

We praise God for your interest and involvement in our ministry. May He richly bless you.

In His Service,

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