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Dear Friends,

These last few weeks have been unbelievably busy. We made a trip down country to some of the upper level Bible Schools and a graduation at the School of Missions. We look forward to telling you in our up-coming home assignment about what the students are doing in this school. Then part of being team leader is helping team members when they are in need. These last few days we have been helping a team member family pack up their house and move to a new place. They were getting ready to go on home assignment and their landlady raised their rent to an impossible amount. After three weeks of looking for a new house they found one, but it means moving two days before going on home assignment. So they need help big time! Also in order to help them keep the house we have agreed to housesit until we leave Ethiopia. We will be moving this coming week.

We are planning on arriving in the States January 2006 for home assignment. We'll start at our SIM-USA office in Charlotte and then visit as many of you as possible as we work our way across the States. We expect to arrive in the Northwest the first part of March 2006 and be based there until November. We'll be glad to share with any church or group. You can get in touch with us by e-mail.

Thank you for praying with us after our May letter about where we should serve after home assignment. This has not been an easy decision but we feel that God is definitely directing us to stay in the States for at least four or five years beginning December 2006.

We first came out to Ethiopia with this verse; Proverbs 16:9, "A man's heart plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps." We know that God has had us here in Ethiopia for a purpose these last four years. But we have also seen that we both need to have jobs that suit our abilities in a better way. So our purpose now is to work towards that end. After home assignment, we will be moving to Charlotte, NC so we can continue with SIM in the home office. Becky will take a nursing refresher course followed by a three year midwifery course. Harold will work in the Computer Department at SIM. This is the same job he had before and they are very glad to have him back.

We thank you very much for your love, prayer and financial support down through the years. We will continue to need these as Harold works in the Computer Department at SIM and Becky upgrades her nursing skills.

Praise the Lord with us for His direction. We look forward to what He has in store for us.

Pray that Harold will be able to effectively handle both the Acting Bingham Director and Theo Ed Team Leader jobs this summer.

Pray that we will be able to get the bats out of the house that we will be moving into!!!! Yes, we hope to get a rabies booster this next week. ☺

Pray for safety in driving around the city. Just two days ago we were nearly side-swiped two times!

Thank you so much for your love and prayers for us!

In His Service,



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