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Dear Praying Friend,

Wow, can you believe we have been in Ethiopia nine months already! We can hardly believe it! This week, we are at our Mission's rest spot, Babogaya, taking a break from the busyness of the last nine months. Writing you is one of the main things we want to do while here.

We are enjoying God's creation: friends, lots of birds, flowers, and dark clouds that bring the rains. The "big rains" are just starting, but it is refreshing because the sun still shines at least half of the day. This is like what our last four months in Addis have been as well.

The bright moments in our time here have been when God has shown His light and mercy with answered prayers. Becky starts her workday praying with Yemanashu. Yemanashu commented a week ago about how peaceful it has been in the guesthouse. The workers are working well together, the Lord is guiding us so that a room is available when needed, and she and Yemanashu are enjoying sweet fellowship together. Yemanashu is doing a good job, so that Becky has been able to help in the Treasury part-time.

There have been dark clouds of wondering how the Lord was going to work in a particular situation. One dark cloud has been figuring out how scholarships will work out for this next school year. But even here there are rays of God's light entering into the picture! Two days before we left for Babogaya, Harold had a meeting with the Scholarship Committee. There was a good spirit of unity and willingness to work out the problems. Please pray that the "Scholarship Policy" will be ratified and accepted as standard procedure.

Another dark cloud has been wondering how SIM could renew our "Spiritual Ministries" work permits. A flash of God's light in this situation happened last week when the Ministry of Labor decided that one year renewals should be given. Pray as the government continues to grapple with how "Spiritual ministry" work permits should be handled.

God has given Harold safety as he has traveled down country and around the city.

God has given us the joy of another grandchild coming via Rachel and Giovanni in Asia.

God has given us joy and peace in the work we are doing. Please pray that we will continue to look to HIM the Author and Finisher of our faith.

Please pray that Becky's Mom's house will be sold there in Charlotte. Pray for God's strength and wisdom as Becky's sister takes care of Mom. Mom was in the hospital for a stroke and Becky's sister was in because of a heart attack.

Thank you so much for your love and prayers for us! Please keep praying, we depend on your prayers!

In His service,



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