

May, 2005

Dear Friend,

We have delayed writing a prayer letter thinking we would know more about what is happening. Now we feel that we just need to write you with the certainties and the uncertainties realizing that we need your prayers regardless of what we know or don't know.

One big answer to prayer has been that as of January 2005, Harold's job has been whittled down to a manageable size. It has been a big relief to Harold. Thank you for praying.

We are starting to evaluate our time here these last three and half years. God allowed us to accomplish some good things. Harold had new ideas of how the scholarship program should work. We praise the Lord that his Ethiopian counterparts came up with nearly the exact idea of what Harold was thinking. So we can easily say, "That was God's work!" Becky was able to turn over the running of the Guesthouse to the Ethiopian staff. There are occasional glitches but they are doing a good job! Becky and Leila have enjoyed their weekly time of Bible Study together.

We are very thankful for the time that we have spent back in Ethiopia. But Becky has not had a job here that she could "sink her teeth into." She has looked at and tried a lot of the jobs around here. It was depressing to her. She spent 20 years being a mother. Then she took care of her parents. But now what? Someone asked her awhile back, "If you could do anything, what would you like to do?" She got a gleam in her eyes, along with the tears, as she said she would love to get back into nursing. It finally gave her a sense of hope for the future. She can't think of doing what she has been doing these last three and half years for the rest of her life.

We will be arriving in the States mid January 2006 for home assignment. We ask you to pray with us for God's direction after that. Do we come back to Ethiopia after our year's home assignment or do we stay in the States to let Becky work on nursing?

Another big prayer request is that the Lord will give us wisdom and strength in our summer activities. Harold has been asked to be the Acting Director of Bingham Academy for the summer. Becky has been learning the job of answering Personnel Department e-mails and will be doing it for Dave & Rosalie's four and half month furlough. We think Harold can go to his Theological Education office in the mornings, while Becky does Rosalie's job, then in the afternoon go out to Bingham. We don't think we'll have to be there everyday.

One other area that we are really thankful for is time spent with our kids. In March we were able to visit Rachel and Giovanni in Asia and Faith and Rodney in Nairobi. Both families are doing great and are a joy and a blessing to us! We sure thank the Lord for them!

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