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# Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, Friends and Family!

As we reflect on 2024, we're overwhelmed with gratitude for what the Lord has done in our ministry and personal lives. Christmas is a season of joy and celebration for us—not only because of the birth of Christ but also because it marks our life story. This year. Rudy and I celebrated six years of marriage. a

milestone filled with reflection, prayer, and planning for the journey ahead.

This year was especially significant as we began preparing for our **big move to Ethiopia at the end of 2025**, God willing. We've been cramming in everything w wanted to accomplish before stepping into this next chapter. Yet, the more I (Elsa) tried to control the calendar and plan every detail, the more overwhelmed became as things didn't go as planned. But in those moments, the Holy Spirit continually reminded me of Jeremiah 29:11:

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

This verse has always been a source of encouragement, but this year, it became a lifeline. We're clinging to the promises of God like never before, trusting that Hi plans—though often different from ours—are always better.

# Taking a Leap of Faith

Our move to Ethiopia is a journey of faith, and faith often spells "RISK." Leaving behind the comfort and familiarity of our lives here for a land where things are the opposite is both terrifying and exhilarating. Are we scared? Absolutely. But we ar also determined to hold tightly to the promises of God, trusting that His plans are to prosper us and not to harm us.

It is a privilege to partner with God in the work He has already started in Ethiopia —supporting women and children living with HIV, bringing hope, and empowering lives for His glory. We are humbled and grateful to be part of His story.

### How You Can Partner with Us

As we step into this new season, we humbly ask for your partnership through prayer and financial support. There are countless unknowns ahead—securing a place to live in Ethiopia, renting our home here in Fresno, managing finances, navigating our children's needs, ensuring safety, and simply adjusting to a new life.

We can't do this alone, and we believe God has placed you in our lives for a reason.

If the Lord stirs your heart to give towards our move, this is your opportunity. With just a few days left in the year, your end-of-year giving can make a significant difference as we prepare for this leap of faith.

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## **Thank You**

Thank you for walking this journey with us. Your prayers, encouragement, and generosity sustain us and remind us that we are not alone.

From our family to yours, we pray you experience the fullness of God's peace, love, and joy this Christmas and in the new year. Together, let's hold tightly to the promises of Jeremiah 29:11 and step boldly into all that God has planned for 2025.

With love and gratitude, Rudy, Elsa, Yona and Ella

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