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Hello Friends and family,





Happy new year. We hope that you had a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year.

Around this season, there are always reasons to start a new year's resolution. We know that in Christ our past has been resolved, and we will share the same news to the world because our neighbors need Jesus, our women need Jesus, and our country needs Jesus. We are in a time of need of Him.

It has been over 2 years since we were last in Ethiopia. When we left, there was no Covid or civil war and our women were doing awesome. So much has come and gone since we were last there. With all that is happening, we feel almost obligated to go to Ethiopia and encourage our team, our women, and our people. Ethiopia seems to be fractured from the civil war and many find themselves confused, displaced from their villages, and broken. Our women as well as our team in Ethiopia are desperately searching for hope and open dialogue about the current conflict that is dividing the nation. Even though we know we cannot bring peace to the entire nation, we believe we can make a difference in the women we are serving. For that reason, Rudy and I plan to go for a month-long expedition to rekindle and connect one on one with the women, to share the gospel and a message of healing and reconciliation. Our current plan would indicate that I, along with the kids would go first and Rudy would join us a few weeks later to align with his time off from work. As of right now, I will be leaving from January 29th through March 8th. We wanted to share this update to ask for your prayer and your support. I specifically ask for our emotional health, we will be experiencing the RAW situation of the war and the result that is leaving behind.

In our last update, we mentioned that we plan to look for a "resource center," our own space to do ministry. This is still a goal in mind, to find the right location.

We also would like to honor our current women with a graduation ceremony, dinner, and recognition. Our women have been shown excellence in the work they are doing: making beautiful leather purses. It is so important we add value to the work they dedicated their time and energy to. We are also planning to use the graduation ceremony as a platform to invite other ministry partners that would be lifetime mentors for our current women. If you would like to hear more we would like to connect with you!

We have a few expenses ahead of us. Would you consider supporting the people that are displaced from their villages and areas of most significant needs? Our goal is to raise \$10,000.

In addition, would you consider supporting our trip financially? Covid is becoming more like a business and requires expenses. The total cost of our flights was \$3,500 and we plan to raise another \$3,000 for our time in Ethiopia. Please consider donating directly to our website

<https://lovingandleadingothers.org/index.html>

Lastly, our biggest request is your prayer for a safe and less stressful trip for us, especially for the kids. Pray that Jesus Christ is glorified in our ministry.

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team and the people we come to contact with. That our women be ready to receive what God has for them.

In Christ,

Rudy and Elsa
