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Hello Friends and Family,

We continue to be so blessed because God is good! Our babies are growing each day, and we know that growth means progress! Elelta is now 2 months old, weighs 11lbs, cries, sleeps, eats, but also smiles! Yonadab is growing as a big brother, he plays, runs, cuddles with baby sister, and also brushes his own teeth—with help from mom and dad. We are a family in love!



We are also very proud of our women in Ethiopia. We shared with you last time that they started training on leather products. And they have been doing so well. They have each been working on making purses using low-quality material as they are training, but because they have done outstanding work we hope to sponsor higher quality leather for them to work on. Below are some pictures of their smiles and their hard work. We also plan to have the women make more purses with a higher leather quality material to have the purses shipped to the US with a friend who will be traveling from Ethiopia later this summer. Our desire is to display their work to friends, family, and supporters to show the fruition of their support.



We are thankful for Lidia who trained our women and we appreciate her partnership with us. Because of her, the training is not only keeping the women busy, it's giving them hope and dignity. The women are making purses, which not only compliments their hard work but also communicates to them that they have obtained a new skill. With this new skill, they know they can continue to make leather products. And with our help, we can get their products to the US for sale to help sustain their family and future products as they grow as business-women.

Please pray for our women as we dream with them for a better future. We also like to ask for prayer for Yedidia who is our beautiful 13 year old girl. Her mom was part of the very first group of women that we worked with when we started Loving and Leading Others. When her mom passed away, we connected her to a girl's orphanage organization. Recently, her dad showed up wanting to take her. She has longed to be loved and was rather pleased to learn that her dad wanted to be with her. Although we had many questions for the dad, we realized that he was sincere and is now able to support himself and his daughter. Her dad spent about a year searching for Yedidia and has finally found her. Yedidia's dad had been absent for as long as she has been alive. Since her mom's passing, she believed that she will grow to be old without a family. But God had a different plan and has brought her prodigal dad back to His daughter's life. We share tears of joy with them. Please pray as they make the transition of coming together as father and daughter. Below is a "selfie" picture of Yedidia with Rudy—hence Rudys cropped out forehead ☺.





Please also pray for Ethiopia, for peace as the General elections are taken place this summer. This is a time that is rather filled with turmoil instead of peace.

Lastly, in case you missed our last email, **our address has changed. Citadel Ministries—where our ministry is registered with—moved location. To ensure we receive your correspondence please send any future mail to P.O. Box 711 W. Shaw Ave Suite 112 PMB #59 Clovis CA, 93612.**

With Love,
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