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Hello Family,

Below is an update that we weren't able to send from Ethiopia!

Ethiopia has been in turmoil; opposing tribe has killed several high officials. The country has also been without Internet. In addition to the power frequently going out, this has made it difficult for communication. Please pray for Ethiopia.

Despite the struggle we faced in Ethiopia, God has been faithful, and we saw him working every day in our lives and in the people we serve.

On May 25th, twenty-seven women graduated from our program, and the testimonies are powerful. Below is a story of Shewaye, one of the graduates.



This Is Shewaye, one of the woman graduates. Every time I think of her story, God reminds me of His goodness and kindness. When we first met, she told me that she was "possessed by the devil." She was handcuffed because of the "devil oppression" and was

was handicapped because of the devil oppression and was regularly going to the Orthodox Church for holy water to get deliverance. Her marriage fell apart, and she was left to live on the streets with seven children to care. One of her daughter's, Meaza, has a mental illness, and she believes that it's because of her "devil possession." My heart broke as I listened to Shewaye. I was deeply moved and prayed for her immediately. I encouraged her to know that she is born with a purpose, and the devil has no power over her or her children's lives. She was greatly encouraged, but nothing else really changed for her then. I wanted to meet with her again regularly and bring her into *Loving and Leading Others*, so she gave me a phone number I can call.

After a week, I called her several times, but the number she gave me did not work. There was no other way of reaching her or even to know where she lives. I sadly left it behind and continued to recruit to start our program in October of 2018.

We started our program with a group of 30 women we had interviewed, and we were excited to start. The day of our first meeting, I remembered to call my friend Workneh who had previously mentioned (around a year prior) of a woman who could benefit from our program, so I told him to bring her on that day. It took him a few hours to find her. He called me at one point to say that he does not know where she is anymore. Something made him keep searching in the area. They finally arrived, late, but here she was, Shewaye! I could not believe that God still brought us together.

Ever since Shewaye came to our program, she never missed a single day. She was fully committed to change and learn new things. She believed God was the one who connected us again. We

prayed with her continuously, and God answered our prayer. She received deliverance from devil possession, PRAISE, GOD! Her attitude changed entirely. She is a living testimony for the rest of the women in the group. She no longer believes the devil oppresses her daughter Meaza, who by the way, does not seem to have mental illness anymore.

Isaiah 9:2

The people walking in darkness

have seen a great light;

on those living in the land of deep darkness

a light has dawned.



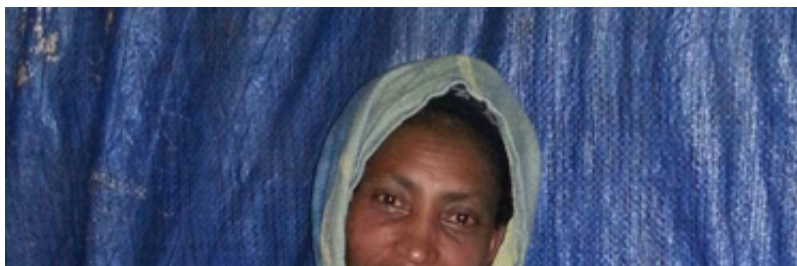
During the rainy season, the plastic-material roof at Shewaye's house collected rain. The pressure from the water became too heavy for the roof, so through a weak point, the water fell and drenched Shewaye and her seven children. What did she do? She

began to laugh. "If I would have complained my children would have also, but instead they began to laugh with me. The next morning my neighbors came and asked why we were laughing... they also began to laugh," she shared with us. "I gain nothing by complaining," - the neighbors were amazed at her attitude, so they all pitched money together and bought for her new material to fix her roof. Praise God who turns our sadness into joy!

At the end of the program, we gave the women a small chunk of money for them to start a business according to their attendance and participation. Shewaye earned all of it. Now she started a small business, selling potato chips on the side of the road. Her business is so successful; she is now able to rent a room made out of aluminum. No more splashes of water in the middle of the night!

We are so grateful for the opportunity that God gave us to see the transformation in the lives of these women. All of this would not happen if it weren't for your prayer and support. Thank you all for trusting us and allowing us to be the hands and feet in loving and leading others.

Our team in Ethiopia, Eden and Aster, are doing follow up one-on-one mentoring with the women and checking in on the small business they have started. Here is a picture of Shewaye in her new house sent to us last week.





After the women graduation, Rudy and I had to pack everything in the house as we were giving it up and to find storage to store our stuff. There are no u-hauls, no storage locations, and packing itself was a hard challenge. We are thankful for friends who open their space for us!

In Early June we flew to the States. Adjusting has been very hard for me as sleeping itself has been difficult. Below is a picture of my growing belly. Thankfully, we have found a doctor, obtained medical insurance, and Rudy has been job hunting.





Rudy finished 12 weeks of Language school. His language learning ability has been a gift from God. He can speak with my parents, and the women and their children in Ethiopia.





Here are Rudy and our neighborhood kids cleaning out the area in front of our house to play soccer after the rain had flooded it. Rudy went out to join them one Saturday morning. The following Saturdays they knock and call for "Rudddy" before we could wake up at 6:30 am.

Please pray with us about our objectives while we are in the States:

- Healthy arrival for our baby
- Board members and accountability prayer partners
- Building relationships with people
- Spiritual mentors
- Planning for upcoming fundraising events
- Developing our website

If we have not met up with you, we would love to connect and catch up. Please send us a text to our new number (559) 901-9204.

With Love,
Rudy and Elsa

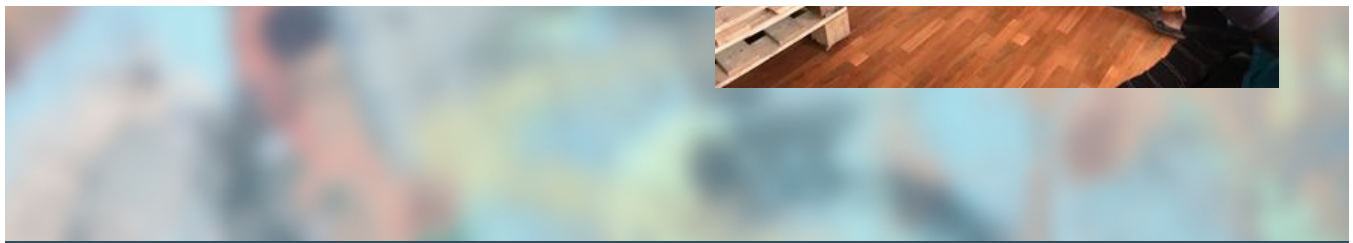
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