

Dear Friends and Supporters,

It is just over two years since I first arrived in Ethiopia. And what a two years it has been: new friendships have formed; personal growth (especially in my relationship with God) has occurred; much knowledge about missions and community development has been gained. Through it all, I can see God's hand at work in my life and in those around me. What a blessing it has been to witness the amazing work that God is doing here in Ethiopia!

But my time in Ethiopia is coming to a close. Due to many challenges and difficulties, I will be returning to the US earlier than planned. A date has not been finalized, but I plan to depart Ethiopia in mid/late March. I will be completing home assignment (speaking at churches and visiting supporters) for three to four months, from April/May thru July/August. If you would like to attend one of these events, please let me know and I will keep you informed. I will be working out a home assignment plan in consultation with PC(USA) so please also let me know as soon as you can if you would like me to visit your church and I will do my best to include you.

It is with mixed emotions that I ponder my return to the US. On the one hand, I love Ethiopia and am sad to leave my friends and colleagues here. And yet I am also excited to see family, friends and supporters in the US and excited to see what God has next for me. Despite the mixed emotions, I reflect on His faithfulness these past two years, and my entire life, and I move forward confidently with trust and faith that He is guiding me and will remain faithful as I discern the next steps.

Thank you for your many prayers and words of encouragement. It is my hope that we may continue to walk together as we participate in the mission of God in our daily lives wherever we are.

Please continue to keep me in your prayers as I prepare for my return to the US, complete home assignment, and discern God's leading in the next steps.

Shalom,  
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