

AUGUST 2010 UPDATE FOR ETHIOPIA

Hi all,

How are you coping with the chilly winter in Auz. Here it is the wet season, not as cold as home but just as wet. More like thunder storms especially late afternoon and evenings. A few days ago we had a big hail storm with strong winds and caused some damage. Trees blown over, big bill boards bent and their advertising blown away. A couple of trees in the SIM HQ compound blew down. Two 4WDs were damaged.

Hebrew 12:1-2 says:

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and sin that so easily entangles, and let us run the race with perseverance the race marked out for us.

I have now been in Ethiopia over 8 months now. This verse has rang through to me many times since arriving. Thank you for all your prayers. I am certainly aware of your prayers as I have felt the Lord's presence during some trying times; especially with the Amharic language.

Thanks for joining with me again this month as together we serve Christ and pray for the possibilities of sharing the Gospel here in Ethiopia.

Join with me in Praise for a good restful time at Langarno. I certainly enjoyed the peace and quiet, open spaces, waking up to birds singing, fresh air and opportunity for lovely walks. I joined with a team from the USA and helped with a vacation bible school for 3 mornings. It was held in a remote area that we walked 45 minutes to each day and then back again. There were 300-500 kids each day. They seemed to appear out of nowhere. It was a time of fun, games, bible stories, dramas, crafts. Lots of fun and totally different to what they were used to. Pray that seeds sown for the gospel will take root and continue to grow. This is in a Muslim area and is the first time anything like this was attempted. Pray for Joan, a school teacher and SIM missionary as she continues follow up over the next few months with visitations to this area. Pray for the Seventh Day Adventist Ethiopian evangelists (of whose grounds we used) who work in this area and for the impact of the Gospel amongst these people.

I will still be on a break until mid August. Pray I will use this time wisely and feel refreshed ready to tackle my last six week block of language.

Ross Britton, SIM Australia's project director is visiting Ethiopia during August. Pray for Ross as he visits various projects here in Ethiopia. He and I will fly to Barha Dar on 15th August, drive to injibara, spending a few days at the project and with the MacLachlans. Pray that this will be a fruitful time and for travelling mercies.

I will be living on the project sight. There is a small cement block building that will become my living quarters. Pray that the work will be completed by early October, when I move to Injibara.

A suitable 4WD at this stage has not become available, so we are still looking. Pray that a suitable one would be found in time for when I move to Injibara.

This month I haven't got any news to share about the project. After the visit later this month I will have more news. Please pray for Mark and Debbie MacLachlan. Marks mum passed away about three weeks ago. Mark did return to the USA to see her before she died. Even though she loved the Lord, it is still hard when we lose a love one.

Thank you so much for your partnership and supporting me through your prayers

Love and blessings

Cheryl

PS I have placed some photos on face book. Have a look because there is not enough room to put them all in my newsletter. I have made them available to non face book friends.