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Dear Family and Friends,

It is hard to believe we have already entered the month in which we celebrate the greatest gift ever given to man, the gift of the Lord Jesus. We pray that each of you enjoy this gift everyday and that this Christmas would be special in every way.

How privileged we are that God not only gave us the gift of His Son, Jesus, but also has allowed us the special joy of offering this Gift to others, and training others to give this gift away. Bill has enjoyed teaching so much in the Bible School in Yerga Chaffee. His students have to walk sometimes for days to get to school. They are so eager to learn. Just to see them there is an encouragement to our faith as they have counted the cost and literally put their lives on the line in a way that we know nothing of. God will reward them in a very special way.

Another way Bill has been able to share this Gift is in speaking in Chapel at Drew's school. The other day 14 kids from 10 different nations invited this Gift, Jesus into their lives. One was even an American who came all the way over here to Ethiopia to receive this Gift. How exciting!

The family is doing well as you can see in the pictures on the back. Kyle however has 2 different bad* - rashes. One is going away. The other has not seemed to respond to medicine so far, and he has had it quite a long time. We sure would appreciate your prayers for that.

Many of you have asked whether the famine is affecting us or not. The area we live in is still beautiful and green and people there are not dying of hunger, but are very mal-nourished. We can't help but be affected some as so many of the country has been devastated. Good flour isn't around anymore, so we are getting some with quite a bit of corn flour in it ... not so nice for baking, but we are thankful we have it at all. We are able to buy things where as so many can't. It was so sad to see truck-loads of famine victims while we were in Addis. They looked horrible, and are all being uprooted from their homes and relocated in places unwelcomed and unfamiliar. As you live in a free country with such an abundance of everything, pray for this ravaged land that is hurting desperately and that this would be used to bring people all over this land to repentance, that they may know the Gift of God's love, Jesus who arrived as a baby that first Christmas day.

Love in Christ,

Bill & Grace