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Dear Family and Friends,

We write you with hearts full . . . full of thankfulness to God for the way He has settled us back into our ministry here in Ethiopia . . . full of gratitude to friends who we know pray for us so faithfully.

As you can tell, we arrived! We had so much fun even in our flight over. We woke up one time only to find all but Kyle gone somewhere in the plane. We found them shortly-three of them sitting in one pilot's seat and actually steering the plane at one point over the Red Sea. The pilot patiently answered each question about what each gadget and light did.

As we stepped off the plane, even our noses told us we were back in Ethiopia. We can all honestly say it is good to be back.

In our last letter we let you see a little of the ache that engulfs our hearts when we have to say good bye to our friends, our family, our homeland and then here - our boys. Now we also want you to see the truth that God can miraculously give us that "peace which passes all understanding". While the actual saying good bye has each time been traumatic for Grace and Drew, Ryan has been incredible, not a tear! And not just trying to be brave. They both love their school, their friends, and their Bingham family. Every letter is full of "It's fun to be here and to live with the Jongewards". You don't know how soothing that is to our hearts to hear their genuine joy expressed on paper, and occasionally when we can make a phone call from the town. When we read their letters, it occurs to us . . . **SOMEONE IS PRAYING!**

When we again realized that God has placed in us a sense of contentment ... **SOMEONE IS PRAYING,**

When we see an upper level Bible school opening near here in which Bill will be teaching in English and helping to set it up . . . **SOMEONE IS PRAYING!**

And then when we see the churches in our area thriving and having actual revival in a Marxist land while not allowed to meet in their church buildings, they continue to pay the price of worship . . . **SOMEONE IS PRAYING!**

Andrew Murray wrote "Let your prayer be so definite that you can say as you go out," I know what I have asked from my Father, and I expect an answer." We thank each of you whose prayers consist of much more than "God bless our missionaries". He does do that, but He also is involved ever so much more intricately in our lives and we believe it's the answer to your specific prayers.

We appreciate you and return the privilege as we continually remember you

In Prayer

Bill & Grace