



Christmas 1998

How wonderful to step on solid ground and have it be Charlotte, NC and home! To see and be with family and friends after three and one half years in Ethiopia was such a joy!

We hit the ground running and need prayer for stamina and time to rest. We have loved being able to visit Drew at Wheaton College and see him working with Jr. High kids in the inner city of Chicago. Friends of his seem to find it an adventure seeing the way the Lord provides and cares for him. Ryan has done so well adjusting to UNC Chapel Hill. He has two Christian roommates, enjoys Inter-Varsity and another Bible study. He finds himself spiritually hungry yet thriving as a light for Jesus Christ on this secular university campus. It doesn't seem to intimidate him. We find ourselves both amazed and challenged as we see each son being a wonderful, natural testimony of God's incredible gift of abundant life. Kara and Kyle have been challenged in the local public school system. We are so proud of the stand they have taken for the Lord in this new setting. We have lots of good talks. Thank you for praying for our kids!

Please pray for Ethiopia and Eritrea as war seems imminent. Families have been torn apart through forced deportation on each side. Our hearts ache to see what they are going through.

Pray for the restoration of the Karcha SIM related churches. Over seventy churches and four Bible schools were destroyed through tribal warfare. Because of our involvement in the initial planting of that church, we grieve for friends who died and families who lost loved ones and for the 160,000 displaced people.

Explore our new web site www.hardings.org This could be a tool to keep you abreast with current prayer requests, personal updates and pictures. Check it out and let us know what you think. Thank you Wayne and Mark for this neat gift.

We pray that this holiday season, so skewed with materialism, will be one where the truth of Jesus being born to die that we can LIVE will be your priority and that you have lots of good long talks with Him who knows you so intimately.

Enjoying Jesus...and you,

Bill and Grace Harding