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Dear Friends:

GOD HAS DONE SOMETHING EXCITING in our lives, and we want to share it with you. On May 5, 1982, we were appointed as missionaries to Ethiopia with Sudan Interior Mission.

We are thrilled for a number of reasons. First,.. we are part of a team that has been strateicalZu used of God in establishing His church in Africa. For Bill, this will be a HOMECOMING, having spent 10 years of his life in Ehtiopia. We are equally excited that we will be taking over Bill's parent's work after we have joined them for a period of transition.

Our MISSION will be to help establish the church by training African church leaders. Bill will be discipZing pastors and teaching in a Bible School. Grace's ministry will be primarily with women in Bible Studies and family instruction.

Our TARGET DATE is August 15, 1983. This means CHANGES which are not always easy: good-byes to our First Baptist Church family in Collinsville, IL where Bill has been pastoring the past four years; the process of finding committed co-laborers who will stand with us in prayer and financial support.

PRAY FOR OUR CHILDREN. It's a bit easier for Drew, Ryan and Kara to think in terms of going to Africa when their Grandparents are already there. But Drew still asks the question that weighs most heavily on his mind and stomach, "Will there be Dairy Queens in Africa?"

YOU have meant so much to us in the past and we have enjoyed sharing with you what God is doing in our lives right now.

Warmly in Christ,

Bill & Grace