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After Bill's emergency surgery to untwist two places in his small intestine in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, he went home to recoup from the trauma. Instead of recouping, Bill's condition deteriorated. He became weaker and weaker because of bleeding in the bowels. Again, he was admitted to the hospital in Addis. His hemoglobin moved down from 15 to 7. It was touch and go. Very serious!

Bill was medivaced by air ambulance to Jerusalem, ISRAEL. He was admitted to the Hadessah Hospital in Jerusalem. Many tests were done to determine what was the cause of the bleeding. The bleeding stopped, miraculously. The doctors were thrilled. Three of the doctors said that "Bill was a very lucky man." After release from the hospital in Jerusalem, and a few days rest, Bill accompanied by Grace, arrived in Charlotte, NC.

We will give you the details of the story of God's incredible goodness through a dark valley soon. It is a thriller! Right now we are both very tired but so glad to be here. Bill has lost 20 pounds and is still quite weak but is gaining strength daily (hopefully not pounds :)). More tests will be done on Bill here.

Rejoice with us that God has spared Bill and has given us a fresh knowledge of His intimate involvement in our lives.

Two weary soldiers,

Bill and Grace Harding