

Christmas 2000

Dear family and friends,

Life certainly is full these days. Much has happened with the Hardings in 2000! We returned to say farewell to Ethiopia... at least for a while. What mixed emotions that encompassed! It was both special and sad to witness Kara's graduation from high school at Rift Valley Academy, marking the end of our kids' time there.

Drew and Janna, his new wife, went to Ethiopia before the wedding to work. Janna became seriously ill and they had to abandon their plans and return early. They were very disappointed, but fortunately she recovered enough for the big event.

Ryan, however, stayed out and immensely enjoyed his time of ministry in Ethiopia. One of his favorite times was helping in famine relief near the Somali border. What a heart for people he has!

Drew and Janna's wedding was "moving" to us to say the least. They both love each other and the Lord so much. It is refreshing to see! Drew and Janna are both employed here in the Charlotte area. Check out their wedding pictures on their web page. ([click here](#))

From Drew's wedding in Portland, Ryan left to New Zealand for one year at Capernwray Bible School. How special to hear in his voice a mature deepening of spiritual values. He loves the study and the many evangelistic outreaches they participate in. He has been speaking quite a bit.

Kara entered Montreat College. She loves it there and is really blossoming. She has just taken on tennis and may even get a bit of a scholarship next year. We loved being able to lead the missions conference in the church there at the school and on campus this fall. Students seem so open to the challenge – we pray God will send some from that group.

Kyle has entered public high school- jumping in with both feet. We LOVED watching him play fullback on his football team that went to the state play-offs. We realize that we missed so much of that with the other kids.

We pray the Lord uses him to reflect His glory in a very tough place. Please pray for him to resist the temptation to want all the THINGS his friends have

Bill has loved bringing the Christmas story to the people in churches and on campuses in North America. "Good tidings of great joy... Jesus a Savior IS BORN!" Pray that he would remain fresh and that the Lord will protect him in all the traveling.

We thank you for your interest in our lives and ministry and wish for you a wonderful holiday season.

Because of the Christ of Christmas,

Bill & Grace

Note: Would you pray and praise the Lord with me, Grace. My Dad has had prostate cancer for years. His PSA had gone up to 223. He is now on a Chinese remedy PCSpes and it has gone down to 12.8! We praise the Lord!