

January 31, 2000

Dear friends and family,

Greetings from snowy, icy Charlotte. It looks like a winter wonderland!

Lord willing, this coming Wednesday, February 2, Grace and I along with Kyle will be launching off on about a 9,000 mile journey back to Ethiopia. We plan to be there for a period of six weeks to sell, pack, and put closure to our sixteen years of ministry there. Emotionally, this will be a bittersweet time for us. As we face these days of transition, we cherish your prayers on our behalf.

We do have the peace and assurance that we are in the center of the Lord's will for our lives.

On March 16th we plan to return to Charlotte to take up our new role of speaking in conferences and recruiting others to the task of world mission.

Thanks for standing with us in this episode of our pilgrimage with Christ. So many of you have been so affirming...and we needed that.

Continuing the journey,

Bill and Grace