

FROM BILL AND GRACE HARDING

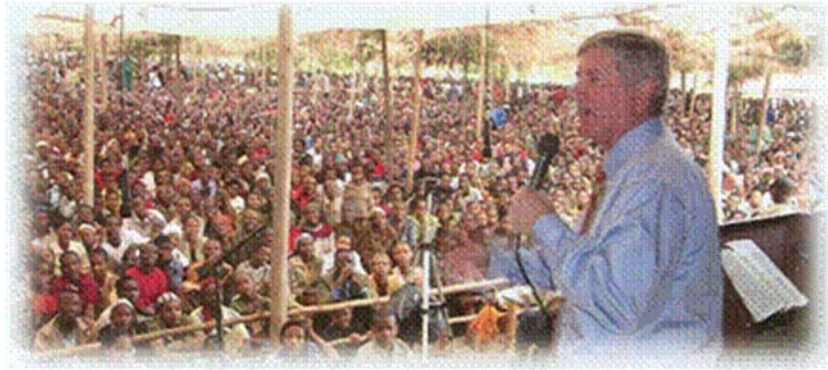
March 11, 2006

Dear friends and family,
Greetings from the Hardings!
Life has been so full with so many travels that unless you were on our email, I am afraid we did not do a very good job communicating. God has been abundantly faithful!

AFRICA

In February, I (Bill) was privileged to go back to the town of Soddo in Ethiopia where Mom and Dad ministered

for years and where I grew up as a young boy. Everything seemed much smaller through my adult eyes except for one thing, the multiple thousands who came to hear me and others preach the Word of God in Amharic. I was told the crowds were over 50,000! Oh, what hunger! All day long, for four days, these dear Wollaita people, who had walked for days, sat on the ground to drink in the Living Water! It was a very emotional and pinnacle experience to see the fruit of Mom and Dad's labor as well as others. Thank you, Lord, for this intimate, personal experience that showed me the magnitude of the difference Christ makes, not only on one life but on a whole people group too!



*Bill back home in Ethiopia preaching to the crowd.
Thank you, Lord, for opportunities like this to present your Word!*

ASIA

Bang! It was as if God hit us in the spiritual solar-plexus. We shook our heads and opened our eyes realizing as never before that this is where the billions are who have not had the opportunity, as we have, to hear and respond to a clear presentation of the gospel. Embedded in the throngs, we were "blown away" not only by the staggering populations, but by the enormity of the heavy veil of Islam, Hinduism and Buddhism that blinds the eyes from seeing Christ's love and forgiveness. At first the enormity of the task seemed overwhelming, almost hopeless. As we began to hear stories and see what God is indeed doing to redeem a people for Himself in India, China, Thailand and other Asian nations, our hearts began to soar with celebratory joy and an enduring hope.

ETHIOPIA/INDIA

In both these wonderful countries, Grace and I, my sister, Gwen, and her husband Steve Smith, facilitated and guided "Soul Care Retreats" to nurture, encourage and massage the hearts of our SIM team members. What a privilege to listen a lot, speak into the lives and care for those who give and give until they are empty. How great to see many respond with renewed vision, encouraged and ready to serve with fresh joy! Here is verse given to me that described and summed up our experience.

*He who continually goes forth
Weeping,
Bearing seed for sowing,
Shall doubtless come again with
Rejoicing.*

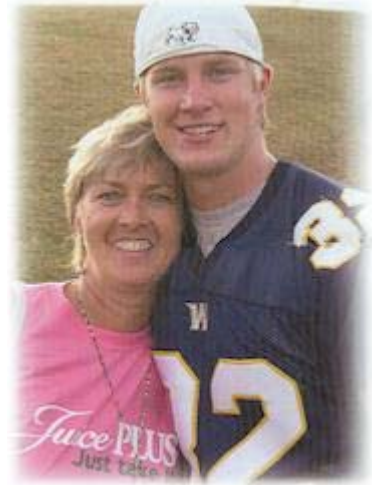
*Bringing his sheaves with him.
Psalm 126:6*

Pray for Bill's safety as he travels to Canada and other parts of the world this year bearing seed and sowing it.



*How fun having
Drew and Janna close
by with Kaiden, Kirsi
and Kaia. Great
entertainment!*

*Kyle and his greatest fan, his Morn. Kyle had to undergo his 3rd ACL
knee reconstruction after a 380 lb. teammate fell on his extended leg. He
will have to hang up his football cleats. Sad for all of us!*

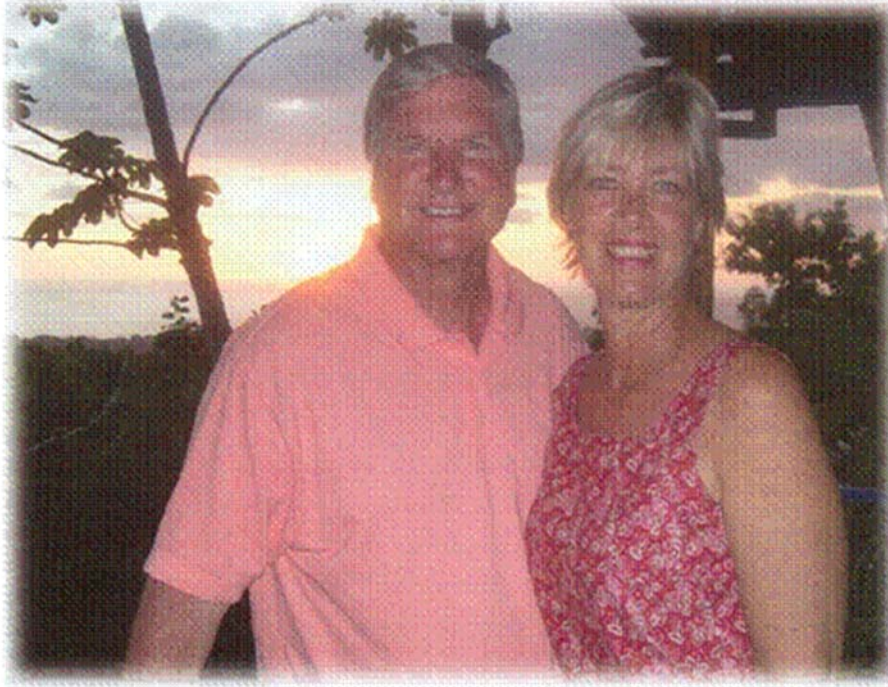




It was so neat to visit Ry and Mel in Costa Rica and hear them communicating in Spanish. Pray as another little one will join them and Selah in August in Costa Rica and as they supervise 11 short term teams on their mission project.



Kara is happy teaching at Charlotte Christian School. So glad to have her here! Neat to see our kids living as lights for Jesus in the context of their lives.



God has blessed us with such rich opportunities for ministry...we sometimes can't believe it! We cannot begin to thank you for praying us through each one.

I also wanted to thank you for praying for us as my Dad transitioned to his permanent home with the Savior who gave Dad's life so much meaning on earth!

He couldn't wait to get there! I visit my Mom as often as possible at the Missionary Village in Bradenton, FL.

She is still very involved

and doing well. What a trooper she is!

For those of you who know me best and know my great love for good food, you will be surprised at the change we have made in our eating habits. What a FUN learning curve. I love it... LOVE it! I am blown away at the incredible care God took when he gave us such wonderful nutrition in raw fruits and vegetables. It has been a thrill to share Juice Plus+ with people and then hear their stories. I keep on the front of my notebook... You never know HOW SOON it will be TOO LATE to become healthy." I am so glad that everyone in our family has 17 fruits and vegetables going into their body every single day. My website is www.ezJuice4u.com.

What a sweet privilege it has been for me and Bill to be a part of missionary's lives in so many different ways, last year and this. How well we remember the hard days and the blessings! It is wonderful to just listen and pray with them. Traveling so much last year was not always easy—but always important...not always our choice—but always our blessing!
We are honored to represent the Lord Jesus and you.