

## BACK FROM AFRICA

Thank you for praying for me the month that I was in Ethiopia and Kenya!

Psalm 117, the shortest chapter in the Bible says ...

“ Praise the Lord all nations everywhere. Laud Him all the peoples of the earth. For He loves us very dearly and His truth endures. Praise the Lord!

First, the thrill for me was to see how the gospel has begun to penetrate, with much sacrifice, some of the least reached people of Ethiopia. To see the remote Mursi, Banna and Hammer people of SW Ethiopia praising God in their own language and seeking to reach their own was amazing and so encouraging ! I traveled with veteran missionary, Dick McLellan and Ato Mahay who first began to open these regions with the Gospel. Also Joel Barker, a friend from North Carolina who flew famine relief missions by helicopter twenty-two years ago, joined me as we encouraged Ethiopian evangelists in their settings.



Secondly, to see how the gospel changes people who have a hunger for God’s Word was overwhelming! Joe Warring, the SIM Director of Church Partnership, and I arrived in Yirga

Chaffe, where we, the Harding family, had served for years. Thousands of people sitting on the ground were waiting to hear the preaching of the Word. For four days they sat on the ground to worship, pray, give and listen. We were blown away, stunned and blessed!

Psalm 117 , my favorite chapter that I memorized as a child in Ethiopia because it was the shortest, has taken on greater meaning that ever!

Thank you for making this possible! Bill

