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OH, AFRICA



...GOSPEL, THE POWER OF GOD UNTO SALVATION...

Bill arrives back from time in Ethiopia and Kenya with a sense of hope for the least reached, comfort for the evacuated because of bombing, and progress on the Harding Bible School in Yirgachefe.

Ethiopia: The T'ara People

The time in Ethiopia was excellent! I was able to see the beginnings of the construction of the Harding Bible School where we had served for years.

Unprecedented heavy rains have delayed progress. Very touching and humbling!

I was also able to helicopter into a tribe I located 15 years ago that the government of Ethiopia had never heard of. They are the remote T'ara people of SW Ethiopia. They only ate honey and berries from the forest when I first saw them. I was the first white guy they had ever seen. They thought that the helicopter was the biggest chicken they had ever seen. They wore virtually no clothes. This 15 year reunion showed the POWER of the GOSPEL! To hear them praise the Lord and worship Him was

beautiful! We taught them how to plant seeds. Today there is corn, sugar-cane, coffee, sorghum and other staples growing all over the place! Amazing! They still are a 6-10 day walk to the closest road. There will be the T'ara singing praises in heaven with us! Rejoice!

S. Sudan, bombing...

I had time in Kenya meeting with those who were evacuated from our SIM station in S. Sudan, called Doro because of bombing nearby. The landscape of S. Sudan has change in the last two weeks. Very sad!

Doro has become a refugee camp with thousands fleeing the bombing. The UN and Samaritans Purse and others are setting it up now. Pray for these refugees and for SIM's role moving forward.



IN TIME FOR THANKSGIVING!

I arrived back home the day before Thanksgiving. Oh, what joy to celebrate with 29 family and extended family in our home!