



MISSIONARIES TO ETHIOPIA



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Greetings Friends and Family,

We are finally reaching the end of the rainy season here in Ethiopia, and are looking forward to the next seven months of hot, dry weather. The past several months have held a lot of ups and downs for us, but in this newsletter we'd like to share some of the "ups" and show you some pictures.

HELICOPTER EVANGELISM

Helimission is a helicopter-based mission organization that focuses on getting into remote, unreached places that are inaccessible by other means. We have had the privilege of using their services several times to drop into some Gumuz villages that we have not been able to get to any other way. These Gumuz have no access to medical care or to the Gospel. There are three villages in particular that we have dropped into several times for Bible storying and to offer basic medical care. The responses from these villages have been extremely positive. One village, called Bura, has already decided to build a church building. A couple of the village leaders from around Bura hiked for two days to our house for continued Bible teaching. They have the desire to learn more so that they can go back and teach their people.



The helicopter landing on a river bank near a village.



Villagers gather for medical care during a helicopter drop.



Craig talking to a village leader during a helicopter drop.



Two men who hiked for two days to learn more Bible stories.



A Gumuz woman and her baby.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

In July we held our very first VBS out in Aygali. We had more than 100 kids from surrounding villages who came to hear the Gospel message. We sent each of them home with a small booklet that we are hoping they will use to share the story with their families.



Kids enjoyed learning stories and coloring pictures.



Aygali VBS in our church building.



Worship time on Sunday morning.



Craig hiking to a village on a Sunday morning, along with two new Christians who were going to preach.



A crowd gathers for a church conference.



The church building that one village decided to build after hearing Bible stories.

MEDICAL WORK

In the past few months we have evacuated several patients who needed more specialized medical care. In one nearby village there was a one-year-old boy

who had been badly burned on his foot and lower leg as an infant. During the healing process, the top of the foot had grown attached to his lower leg and he would never be able to



Boy with the burned foot contracture – after his surgery.

walk normally. We were able to take him into Addis Ababa for surgery and he is now learning how to walk like a normal one-year-old. The family was so grateful that they invited us over to their hut several weeks later. They slaughtered a goat and provided a meal for us. This was a big deal for them and for us, since they were telling us “thank you” in the only way they knew how.

PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Praise God for a number of newly baptized Christians in a village called Bunt.
- Praise God that four new villages have expressed interest in having us come tell Bible stories.
- Please pray for good relationships with local government officials.
- Please pray that God will raise up more Gumuz evangelists.
- Please pray for health and safety for our family.
- Please pray for the 300 – 400 patients that we treat at the clinic every month that they may come to know Christ.

Thank you for your part in the ministry here.
In Christ,

Craig & Allison
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Kibre, our lab tech, drawing blood on a patient in the clinic.



Starting an IV on a very sick woman.



Putting on tire chains – necessary for our road during the rains.



Zane and Ezra with a boy we sent to Addis Ababa for surgery.



Allison with another patient who went to the city for surgery.



Our road still causes us problems.



Zane and Ezra helping to clear out a spot on the road.



Allison with a newly delivered baby.



Craig trying to identify a snake that he just killed.



Anna and one of her Gumuz buddies.



Craig hanging out with Led, our Gumuz nurse's son.



Ezra and Anna hanging out at home.



Tyler, Craig's nephew came to visit in July/ August – a fun time for all of us.

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