



MISSIONARY TO ETHIOPIA



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YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL!

The Vision Seminar for CHE went well, and, God willing, those who participated will want to come to the TOT (Trainer of Trainers) training or at least have someone sent in their places. The Ethiopia Urban Poor Team has a great opportunity to really change the mindset of those in the city who are poor by bringing them together as a community – those who want transformation through a holistic approach of a relationship with Jesus Christ, self, others and nature.



CHE 2010 Trainer of Trainers graduation.

I have to tell you a story because it really took me back to really observe others in a new way. Happy, one of our participants at the CHE seminar, was so glad to be at the seminar. He answered questions and was really engaged with all of the lessons. At lunchtime we had a wonderful meal, and many of those who participated needed help getting their food because they had complications from having leprosy. So I made a plate and put it in front of Happy. I told him what I had put on his plate and asked if he would like a Coke. He

said "yes," so I went to get him one. When I returned, he turned to me with a great big smile on his face and told me I was beautiful. I said, "Oh, thank you very much." The interesting thing about Happy is that he doesn't have leprosy; Happy is blind.

There are times when we see, and there are times when we see beyond. There are times we observe, then other times we memorize. There are times when we notice and other times we study. How could Happy tell me I was beautiful when he couldn't even see me? As I pondered this I realized he was seeing through God's eyes. If only we all could see with God's eyes and not get caught up in the world and what the world wants us to think as being beautiful. May I see others like God sees us with an unconditional love that is beyond what the naked eye can see. May we all see past the ugliness of this world and say, "You're beautiful!"

DELIGHT OF LITTLE GIRLS

One thing I miss more than anything else is watching my nieces and nephews grow up. Because the Ethiopia Field Team is made up of several families, we have plenty of children running around when we get together. The church-planting team recently had a team meeting and needed help with a few of the little girls, specifically Gwyneth Moore (4) and Anna Fowler (3). I hadn't spent much time with them since they were so little, but I have a real heart for little girls after spending nine and half years at Mooseheart Child City taking care of 12 little girls. So Becky Cox, Jessica Weast, and I volunteered to take shifts with the two of them. I thought why not let them stay overnight with me, that way I didn't have to drive out to the compound or to Bingham school to pick them up. So the plans were made and Aunt Shelly got to



spend time with the little girls, going out for pizza, swimming, fingernail painting, and watching Cinderella.

4TH OF JULY

The party was at my house with those who were on the field and my guys to celebrate the 4th of July American style as best we could in Ethiopia. Picnic on the grass, Statue of Liberty contest, pie eating contest, and mud soccer! It was a great day.



HARVESTER CHRISTIAN CHURCH VISIT!

One of my main supporting churches came for a visit, and we had a wonderful time. Home visits with HIV+ people to share the Gospel, feeding lunch after the Good Samaritan Church Service for those living with HIV. Visiting a kindergarten next to my house. Organizing the library at the CMF compound for the missionaries. Celebrating 30 years of ministry and giving all the glory to God. It was a short visit but full of memories and seeds planted. I love when others come to see the ministry. You're all welcome to come and see.

I would love to hear from you all, especially this Christmas season. Please send a card or letter or email at:
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Glory to God Celebration!



141 Roses!



Nebiyu's last eye surgery! He can see better than me! Thanks to those who helped to send us to Kenya for the surgery.

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