

The Trackless Sea

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"Return to your rest, my soul, for the Lord has been good to you." Psalm 116:7

Dear friends and supporters,

We have had the privilege over these past few months to meet and share with many of you, and I know even more of you have been keeping up with us through our newsletters. Something I have noticed is that so many of us, although in different places and seasons, are in-between trusting the Lord with the "right now" and the "what is next." I want this newsletter to be open and vulnerable about that season because I think you may relate, and I am praying it blesses your hearts as well.

In the Middle

As most of you know, we have been in the middle of a huge transition from life and ministry in Ethiopia to getting ready to move to Kenya to help plant a church. We feel a deep peace that it is God who has been opening these doors, and that we can trust Him to bring together all the pieces, but that doesn't mean it isn't hard to walk in that peace and faith throughout each day. I am watching my baby sleep next to me as I write this, and I am deeply feeling the gap between what we believe God has said about this next season and the fulfillment and provision we need right now.

For months, we have been hoping and working towards joining the team in Kenya near the end of August, to be on the ground with them right at the beginning of the church plant, but with that goal only a month away, we are still short almost \$2,000 of monthly support of reaching that goal. Despite the hardness of feeling stuck in the middle of the promise and the provision, we are reminded every day that if there was never a gap, there would never be a reason for faith or dependence on our sweet Savior. This season is challenging for us, especially as we are also trusting God with our brand-new baby, but we are growing and God has been so good.

Wrapping Up This Season

Life has looked like a lot of preparation lately, but also a striving to finish this season in Ethiopia well. On top of fundraising, we have been studying and preparing for beginning ministry in the best possible way in Kenya. We, as a family and also as a church planting team, have been doing an in-depth study of the neighborhood and people groups we will be focusing on. We want to have a good understanding of the environment and needs we will be stepping into, and how to truly invest in the community in the best ways. On top of that, it has been fun to start learning about the history and culture of Kenya, and we are excited to begin learning some Swahili soon (although Bek is already ahead of me in that).

There are many things we will be sad to leave behind in Ethiopia, including the ministry and girls I have been investing in this past year. Thankfully, I believe I will get to attend the graduation of the girls from their one-year program before we leave. I am so proud of them, and excited to see the things God will continue to do through their lives as they begin working and living independently. We will also greatly miss being close to Bereket's family, and we are trying to invest in our relationships with them as much as possible right now.



In the Next Month

Although we are still waiting and completely trusting God to see what this next month will look like, what we do know is that we have to leave Ethiopia. My visa expires on August 18th, causing me to have to leave the country. We will be leaving for Kenya then, for what we hope to be our moving date. We will be selling and giving away most of our things at this point, since there are other people needing to move into our apartment. If we have not finished our fundraising, there is a big possibility that we may need to return to Ethiopia and stay with Bereket's family until we have found all the people we need to invest in our ministry. We are at peace in knowing that God is trustworthy, no matter what this next month may hold.

We want to invite each of you to consider what it may look like to be a part of what God is doing in Kenya by joining our monthly support team. Each financial partner that joins our team is both investing in our family and the spread of the gospel in Africa. You are able to do so on our webpage below, or we would love to schedule a video meeting with you to share more of the details of our ministry and how to give. Thank you for your investment and support.



Prayer Requests

- Please pray for deep faith and peace for our family, as we are trusting God with so much in these next months.
- Pray that God would open every door for our financial needs to be met, and that God would bring people that truly want to be a part of the vision God has given us.
- Please pray that God would give us wisdom to end our time here well, as well as prepare for Kenya well.

Thank you for being a part of our journey, and lifting us up through your prayers and support. We are praying that God will meet you right in the middle of whatever you are walking through, just as He has been meeting us.

He is for you always,

- Abby, Bereket, and baby girl Fellana

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