

The Trackless Sea

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"Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen."
Ephesians 3:20-21

Dear friends and supporters,

We have the joy of greeting you from Nairobi, Kenya! We arrived here last week, and we have much to share with you about our last weeks in Ethiopia and what is coming next for us. Thank you for joining us in the journey, we look forward to seeing everything God will do in this new country.

Goodbye For Now

We have said many joyful and hard goodbyes as we head to Kenya. Even though we are unsure about how long we will stay away from Ethiopia right now, we wrapped up many of the responsibilities and relationships we have been deeply invested in, as well as moved out of our first apartment. For me, this has looked like celebrating the graduation of the girls from the Kalkidan Center, and some sad goodbyes with the girl that I have loved and discipled for several years (and her brand new baby!) as well as other friends. I am grateful and honored to have had the chance to invest in the lives of so many amazing young ladies, and I will miss them a lot. For Bereket, there have been many goodbyes to his family. This was particularly challenging since he has never lived anywhere else other than Ethiopia. We find ourselves being so grateful for all of the wonderful people involved in our lives in Ethiopia. Together, with the Kenyan family who is beginning the church plant in Nairobi, we said goodbye and were sent out by our precious church home in Addis Ababa. It was a beautiful moment to be prayed over and commissioned by our pastor and the whole congregation for the work God has for us in Kenya.



What Now?

Although we have arrived in Kenya, we are still in the middle of much transition. We are currently staying with our friends while we wait to find a more permanent living situation in the neighborhood where the church is being planted. We hope to find an apartment within the next month.

A big prayer point is that we have not finished fundraising. If we are not finished in a little less than a month, we will need to head back to Ethiopia for a little while as we finish. I will share more specific needs on the back. We are hoping to reach full funding in the next weeks so that we are able to fully step into this new ministry! We are also using these next weeks to rest and adjust before we jump into meeting together as an entire team, invest in each other and the people God has already given us, and evangelize in our focus neighborhood. We are so excited to get started, but we are also learning to rest in God's timing and trust God to bring together all the remaining pieces.

Our Needs

We want to end this update by sharing our specific needs. This is because we want you to see everything God has done through you so far, and also because we believe that God continues to meet ministry needs through His people!



We have now reached 85% funding towards our monthly goal, which is a huge praise! Look at all that God has done! We still need an additional \$600 per month to cross the finish line. We have raised about

30% of our startup costs, and we still need around \$8,000 to have all that we need. We are continuing to work hard to meet these goals, and are trusting God to fulfill everything that He has started. We would greatly appreciate your specific prayers and support towards this, especially since our goals need to be met before we can fully settle and begin our work in Kenya.



Prayer Requests

- Please pray for us and our team in Kenya as we settle and begin getting to know our focus area for the church plant and the many beautiful people who live there. Pray that God would already begin to open doors and hearts.
- 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 for the precious people that we have left behind in Ethiopia, that God would give us an ability to entrust them completely to His loving hands.

Thank you for being a part of our journey, and lifting us up through your prayers and support.

We are overjoyed to invite you into this new journey in Kenya.

He is for you always,

- Abby, Bereket, and baby Fellana

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