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The Trackless Sea

*"Because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace."
Luke 1:78-79*

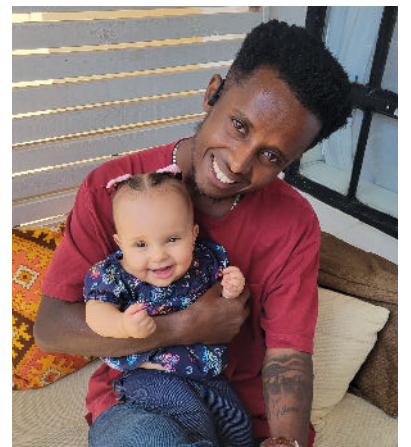
Dear friends and supporters,

By the grace of God, we have all made it into 2025. The past year has been a whirlwind of change and beauty, and this update is an intentional recap of 2024, and a look into the future of what God is doing. Thank you for staying along for the ride.



Our Family

The biggest change that we have experienced this year is adding our precious daughter to our family. Eellana is a consistent point of joy in our lives, despite all of the adjustment and learning it takes to be parents. God really knew what He was doing when He added her to our family, in His own perfect timing, and it is such an honor to grow alongside her. We can't believe she is already eight months old! I got to visit Kentucky with her last month to introduce her to family. Along with blood-related family, God has also grown our family in Christ. In the four short months since our move to Kenya, the Lord has provided a community that is sweeter and deeper than we experienced in years of living in Ethiopia. Our church-planting team has truly been the hands and feet of Christ to us in this transition, as we seek to do the same, and God has added three more families to our number recently. It is a sweet season of family and friends.



Our Growth in Ministry



Since our move to Kenya in August, God has opened doors to ministry in ways we never expected. We moved here knowing that God was calling us to be a part of the Sovereign Grace Church plant in Nairobi, but that was about all that we knew. Since then, our vision has really developed. We officially started to meet as a church on the first Sunday of this year, January 5th! This is what we have been praying and waiting for this whole year! Praise be to God for building His church.

The past months have been filled with fundraising, waiting, adjusting, language learning, and trusting the Lord. Specifically, the Christmas season held many opportunities to love and get to know our neighbors and neighborhood. We are consistently learning how to be like Jesus to people, even in the in-between places. We spent this season hosting people, handing out lots of cookies, and having sweet conversation with lost friends and neighbors.



A Look Ahead

With the church plant beginning now, things are starting to gear up to be a busy year, however we are still in the home stretch of our fundraising. As much as I wanted to write this newsletter completely fully funded, we still need a few more people to join our team. If you want to join our team in this way, you could be an answer to these specific prayers. We thank God for how far He has brought us, and trust Him to provide all the way.

As far as the church plant, as well as opportunities to help with things like worship, technical issues, slides, and hospitality, Bereket and I have been tasked with creating a website for our new church. We both have a small amount of experience, but these next months will be filled with learning and research to make the best website possible!



Alongside fully investing in the church, our family has found an opportunity to begin campus ministry in our target neighborhood with a group from another great church we have attended. We are beginning and are incredibly excited for this opportunity, as working with young people is something always on our hearts. We are hoping to form connections and relationships with students, and get them plugged into a healthy community through our church!

Prayer Requests

- Please pray for our church plant to grow and thrive in these next months and for more opportunities to connect with the community where we are beginning.
- Pray that the Lord would provide abundantly for the work He has called us to do.
- Pray for our family as we adjust to life in a new country, stepping into this new year full of hope for the future.

Thank you for walking with us through this past year, through a new vision, a new family member, and a new country. We are amazed by the tender mercy of our God that we get to continue this journey with Him and so many people standing with us in prayer and support in 2025.

We love you!

- Abby, Bereket, and Zellana Geleta

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