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From: Susan Schubert [sschubert@evergreenvalleychurch.org]
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To: Mrs. Sharon Bennett -
Subject: Hello from Ethiopia

Hello EVC family,

So far on the trip everything has been spectacular. Dave & Lynn Hunt have been great hosts and have a very nice place for us to stay.

So far, we have visited the Hope Feeding Center and met with and served the children. Then the last couple days have been working with Good Samaritan of Addis Kedan church ministry to HIV+ families. We have been visiting homes in small groups of people (22 so far). The living situation is overwhelmingly difficult and humbling. Seeing small children and babies as well as mothers that are HIV+ is heart breaking. Yet, those that have come to the Lord have great joy in the midst of it all. Most have no form of income and just get by through begging or hunting in the garbage dump. We have been giving them money, food, fellowship and prayer. The entire group is broken and yet inspired. Raymond, Chelsie and I had an opportunity in one visit yesterday to pray with a lady to believe and trust Jesus as Lord. The ministry of Addis Kedan is wonderful and our women met with theirs yesterday to see how we can better partner in ministry.

Last night we met privately with a Muslim Shake from the Afar people group. A Church Planter who still is a leader in the Mosque. We will have dinner at Ayche's home with him and his wife Zega tonight.

God is working powerfully in this group already. Sunday, we travel to the Rift Valley to meet with Church Planters and do ministry to children in two tribal villages. Pray for us as this may be the most physical challenging and riskiest part of our trip.

On the last day, we will return to Addis Kedan to lead a worship time and share testimony. We have been encouraged to come alongside this ministry in a long term relationship.

God is good all the time.

Please keep us in prayer.

Peace in Christ,
Dennis Hadley