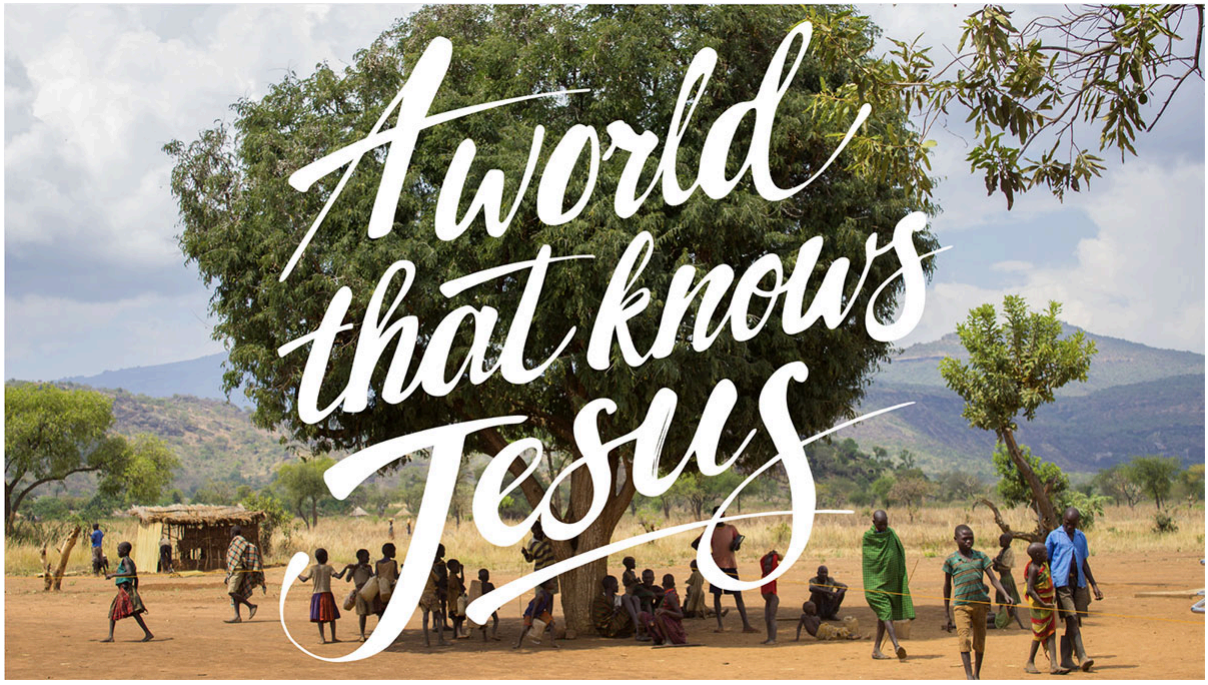
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Elyard November 2026 Update

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Anthony and Trudi Elyard

Serving the Lord in Ethiopia



Dear Friends,

Thank you for your partnership with us. We are so encouraged by you. There have been messages asking how we are going and people telling us they have prayed. We have also received enquiries about our homecoming and garden. We have been humbled by the generosity of those who have offered financial support for us including some wonderful friends who recently payed off our car loan for us. How amazing to be generously supported in such practical ways.



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Coffee picking and drying is underway. This means the smell of drying coffee, much like blood and bone, lingers in the air. Agelgi (meaning God's servant and his friend Barakat meaning praise God) is a faithful member of our little household. His main role is to look after the garden. Since we have been back, we have enjoyed some produce from the garden including carrots, spinach, cabbage, chilli, tomatoes, shallots, hibiscus and verbena teas, passionfruit, garlic, basil, avocados, bananas, water melon and sweet potatoes (which were eaten two days before we returned). However the garden has been severely affected by the drought, as there were 8 weeks with no rain during the rainy season which therefore significantly impacted the coffee production and our aspiration to have a market garden. Some papaya and coffee seedlings survived and are growing well.



The students are a constant encouragement as they learn and grow. Our teaching has continued and we have seen the students change in the way they handle the Bible. It is wonderful to hear them preach and engage in discussions that reflect this. Haile taught in chapel one morning, laying out the issues of hospitality and the abuse of power, while providing a compelling example of how to live well as a Christian through his exploration of each character in John 3. Ultimately, he led the listeners to explore their own actions and respond to the message.

The past couple of Sundays we have visited another church 40 minutes walk from us. This seems to be an answer to our prayers. We are very thankful. There is no distortion from the speakers, Trudi has stopped wearing earplugs and every word is intelligible. Already people have been greeting us, including a sweet little girl who has been so excited to see us each time. We still pray for friends in the community.

Living here has its challenges. We have only just got internet back after two weeks

without, previously it had also been dodgy. The students are suffering with lack of water which leads to poor hygiene, illness and now a huge outbreak of bed bugs. Anthony and I, along with the very resourceful Sami, are urgently trying to address these critical needs and have been facing many obstacles (hear the frustration here). Daily we ask God for wisdom in how to engage both relationally and materially.

Conflict continues to escalate in the country. We are safe, however, the response of inflation paralleled with drought is causing significant distress and displacement across the country. We are in the most peaceful area in the country and have many plans in place to keep us safe.



“So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but in what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is seen is eternal.
For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we

have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."
2 Corinthians 4:18-5:1

Give thanks:

- For the students continued understanding of the Bible and how to preach. Like Haile, they will be able to encourage others to know God more deeply.
- For the good experience at the new church and for Anthony's little friend.
- For our lovely household (Mesgane, Agelgi, Sami and his wife Tsion).
- For the produce we have enjoyed from the garden.

Please pray:

- For the ongoing conflict and drought, for those who have been displaced, and for the churches responding to these overwhelming situations in an already resource-poor country.
- That we can navigate the complexities of life here with God's wisdom and not lose hope amongst the frustrations.
- That the students will be cared for, so that the stress of water insecurity, illness, bedbugs and poor food will be a thing of the past.
- For the upcoming medical mission at Wonago KHC (connected to the Bible college). That it can result in good relationships in the community and become a witness of God's love through his people.
- For the planning and preparation of a trip to support students in another area this December.



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