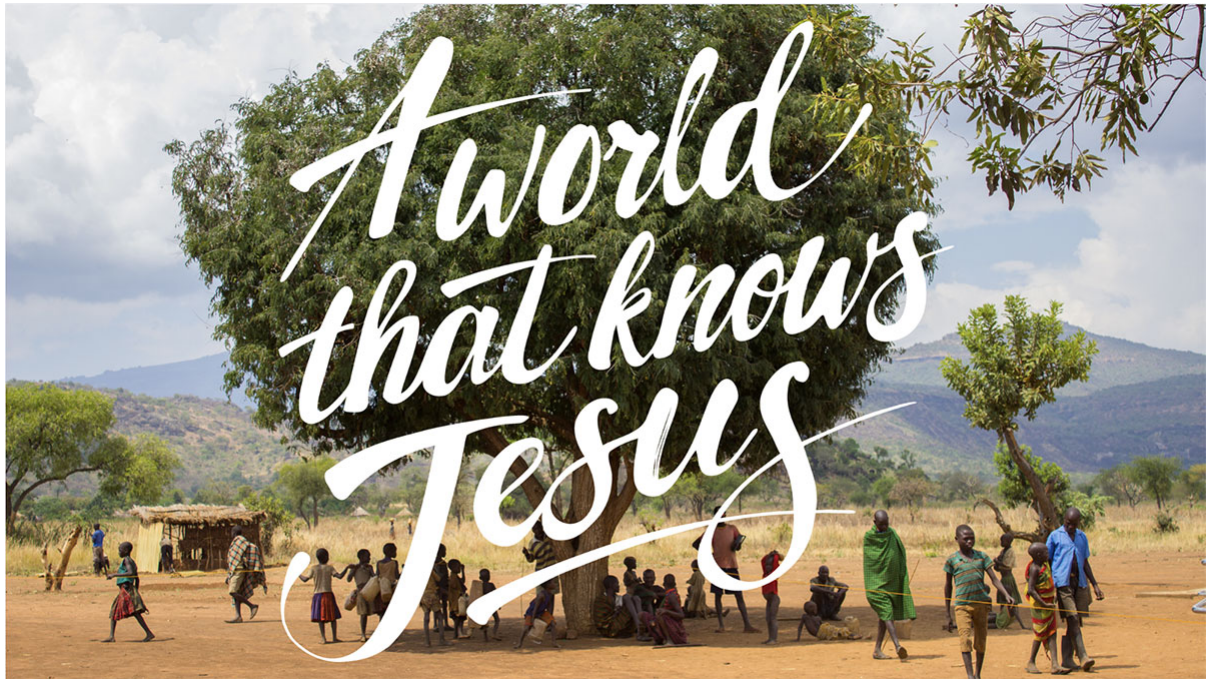




Elyard October 2025 Update



Anthony and Trudi Elyard

Serving the Lord in Ethiopia



*"But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Saviour
from there, the Lord Jesus Christ."*

Philippians 3:20



[Go here, or to the image above, to see a quick update video](#)

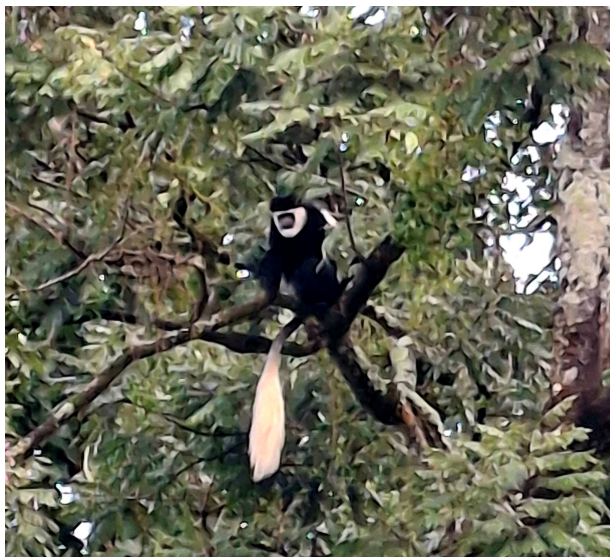
Dear Friends,

Thankfulness for our new home

It is with thankfulness in our hearts that we write this update. We made it! We are here and settled. We wouldn't be here in our new home without you praying with us, encouraging us and so generously being part of the CMS fellowship in sending us.



Trudi's mentor group



Monkeys hanging out in the yard



My new friend Karistay who comes for tea and bread

It has been 8 weeks since we landed in Dila (also spelt Dilla). We are settling into this beautiful area. While we are enjoying the start of the academic year, it has proved to be hectic with the large teaching load. This also involves preparation, getting to know students and our colleagues, being staff representatives on various

student committees, mentoring students and attending or speaking at daily chapel services.



The water tower brought people out of the woodwork to help

Alongside the teaching load, we are trying to work out how to live here. We still haven't worked out how to buy fresh milk without it having run out, being smoked, soured or a cheese starter. However, there are delightful moments when people appear when a helping hand is needed (*see video by going to the image above*). We still have much learning and discovering to do. In everything.

Project Galloway

Before we know it, we will be preparing for our next home assignment, which is due mid next year. With this in mind we thought it would be a good time to say how thankful we are to the CMS fellowship, both past and present, for their care of missionaries on home assignment.

Having suitable housing for missionaries while on home assignment is so helpful. Whether it be a near retired couple like us or a family with the dynamic needs of children, having not to worry and have a place to call 'home' while in Australia is so helpful. The thoughtfulness and intentionality of this initiative is very much appreciated.



In early 2025 CMS purchased a block of 11 units in North Parramatta, to be used for missionary housing. Extensive renovation work is on track to be completed in the next few weeks, and God-willing, the first missionaries on home assignment will move in before Christmas!

As a fellowship of believers there is an invitation before us to give to this once in a generation opportunity. **Will you consider responding to the call to join past generations in securing the future of missionary housing for missionaries like us?**

PROJECT GALLOWAY

Caring for missionaries during home assignment

Give today >

A graphic illustration of a house with a tree in front of it, set against a dark blue background. A white icon of an open book is visible in the top right corner of the banner.

With all of this talk about homes, we are grateful that we have a heavenly home. And it is with eager expectation that we pray our time here will see many others call heaven their home too.

We are ever so thankful for our partnership for *a world that knows Jesus*.

From Anthony and Trudi

Give thanks

- For Project Galloway and the care for missionaries on home assignment.
- For the generosity of the CMS fellowship who have made the renovation of our house possible and that most of the renovations are in the past.
- Anthony's sister's health is on the improve after a lung cancer diagnosis, although Anthony will need screening when back in Australia as this has been found to be a genetic issue.

Please pray

- As we build relationships with our colleagues and staff
- For us to be patient while we learn how things work.
- For Temene and his church who are so eager for reliable Bible teaching, have seen the need and are resolved to overcome the barriers to this.
- And as always, that we can honour God in all we say do and give glory to him in all things.



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