



Anthony and Trudi Elyard

Serving the Lord in Northern Ethiopia



While we wait

We have been living with the tension of preparing to go, waiting to go and changes in everything because we are willing to go to Ethiopia. However, we have had a period of rest and renewal before the busy months of May and June are upon us.



Soul Revival Easter service at Swallow Rock on the Port Hacking River at Grays Point

Renewal

God has provided time for reflection on Him at Easter as we celebrated new life and restoration through the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Anthony attended a course on Chronicles at SMBC last week. He was able to gain more insight into how the promises to David link to the themes of king and temple.

"¹² He is the one who will build a house for me, and I will establish his throne forever". 1 Chronicles 17:12

There is also a beautiful reminder that a heart of repentance is where God lives forever.

"¹⁴ if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. ¹⁵ Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place. ¹⁶ I have chosen and consecrated this temple so that my Name may be there forever. My eyes and my heart will always be there." 2 Chronicles 7:14-16



Rest

We were grateful for the generosity of a lovely lady from the CMS fellowship who let us stay in her granny flat for a week. We chipped away at things followed by lovely walks and exploration of our surrounds. The change of scenery was both restful and refreshing.



The joys of family time

We have been prioritising time with our family and friends over this quieter period. We try to look after this little one each week and have started to have sleep overs = very happy grandparents.

Above: Spending time with our grandkids is so precious.

Below/right: The joys of playing at the park with "Gramar" and "Grampa" (also known as "Noo Noo").



Story from Ethiopia

Jesus continues to be declared

The civil unrest in the Amhara region continues. As a result, there have been opportunistic raids on churches, attacks on believers and significant hostilities towards them. Will you pray with them as they wait expectantly for God to bring justice and peace that only he can bring.

However, the local believers have not left. They continue to make Jesus known. In the Tere area many internally displaced people are fleeing from the conflict. The majority of these are women and children who are Muslim. The locals are directing them to the Tere church. It is known that they will share what they have and give refuge.

The care for these vulnerable people has been generous and culturally appropriate. One woman, who had originally refused to go to the church for fear of being abused, waited until

her child was crying with hunger. She declared “You have seen us. Why do you love us so much?” She was able to hear the great story of God’s love, compassion and mercy shown through Jesus. We give thanks the woman and her family could rest with God's people during the chaos. We pray that they know the ultimate rest that comes through King Jesus.



This woman represents the kindness shown to those who come seeking refuge and rest. Drinking coffee is a unifying tradition across Ethiopia that indicates peace.

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Give thanks

- For a time of rest and renewal
- For time spent with family and friends
- For the Chronicles course at SMBC and that conversations there were stimulating and insightful

Please ask

For good relationships and partnership development when we visit

- St Ives Anglican church 5th to 17th May
- Lower Mountains Anglican church 19th to 26th May

For us to trust God

- As our forever King
- As we wait for departure, prepare to go and balance all that is required from us
- Through the many changes in our lives and that we will continue to look to God for guidance in it all
- In all situations. Everything is new for us. New people, new expectations, new places (we have moved 5 times in 2 ½ years).

Pray for the Northern Ethiopian KHC church

- As they continue to show and tell of God's love in all situations
- Pray for the believers as they interact with the vulnerable and displaced while showing the peace of Jesus in their lives

Partner churches

- St James Anglican Turrumurra 10th to 14th March
- St Ives Anglican church 5th to 17th May
- Lower Mountains Anglican church 19th to 26th May
- Soul Revival Anglican Sutherland Shire and West Ryde 14th to 21st June
- The Oakes Anglican church 23rd to 28th June

We are thankful

- For the kindness and connection we have been able to start to build with other believers as we prepare to go to Ethiopia.
- We continue to pray for relationships with other churches to form.

*"The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.
He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul.
Psalm 23:1-3*

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