



Anthony and Trudi Elyard

Serving the Lord in Northern Ethiopia



Thank you for the encouragement

This month has been filled with people, new and old, as we have continued partner visits.

Partner visits

**Soul Revival Anglican Church
Sutherland Shire**

ARV Castle Hill welcomed us with lunch and kindly listened as we told the story of the opportunities that God has given to us as we go to Ethiopia. There were so many people who shared wisdom of their own experiences in mission and ministry. What a treasure trove of faithfulness!

When I meet people who have worked cross-culturally before, I ask what they would have liked to know beforehand. I was particularly struck with the consistency of answers; pray, read the Bible and dig into relationships. I am glad of the reminder.



The Oakes Anglican Church

It was with warmth of friendship we shared meals, were given cosy accomodation at Verity and Glen's rural oasis and gathered with believers. *The prayer group (pictured above)* meets every month to pray for missionaries. We have had the delight of meeting with them for the past three months. To know that we are thought of, prayed for and remembered is so precious to us.

The people from our home church have surrounded us with love and support as we have shared our plans. A group of friends have taken the request to look after our daughter Anna (an adult) seriously. So seriously that they have been seeing her more than us these days! It is a great gift to us that people we know stand with us in faith, send us with prayer and care for us through friendship and support.

Pictured below: late night presentation



Ongoing partnership from South Coogee Anglican

Grant Gallant (senior minister) and his family have partnered with us in the gospel over many years. They also serve the North KHC in theological education through short-term visits. What a delight it was to thank the congregation for their

support of this ministry and to tell them of the impact and encouragement that their partnership means to both us and the regional leaders in Ethiopia.



You are invited to our commissioning service!

Everyone is invited to come together as partners as we seek *a world that knows Jesus*. It would be a great encouragement to have you come along to send us off to Ethiopia.

When: August 17th, 2024

Time: 11:30 am (followed by refreshments)

Where: Soul Revival Anglican Church

Address: 40A Flora Street, Kirrawee

But what is a Commissioning Service?

In Acts 13, Saul and Barnabas gathered with the leaders of the church in Antioch and were set apart, prayed for and sent out for the work they were to do.

CMS is a fellowship of Christian people that work with churches that are committed to setting apart long-term workers as cross-cultural gospel workers. These gospel workers partner with local leadership in their location.

We rely on the support of individuals and partner churches to enable us to go.

One way of expressing your gospel partnership is to join together in this special service which commissions and sends us, with your love and prayers, to work in Ethiopia.

We'd love to see you there! Keep the date!

Thank you for making it possible for us to go to Ethiopia

We are so encouraged as you partner to enable us to accept the invitation from the North Kale Heywet leaders to work with them, equipping pastors and evangelists in theology and contextual engagement within their communities. The messages, prayers, financial support and getting to know many of you helps us to know that we are not doing this alone. God has surrounded us with his people as together we seek *a world that knows Jesus*.

[You can message us by clicking here!](#)

Give thanks

For church visits

- Soul Revival Anglican Church Sutherland Shire.
- The Oakes Anglican Church.
- The many people who have seen the need and are partnering with us.

Practicalities

- Tickets to Ethiopia have been purchased for 1st September.
- After many emails and inquiries we now know which documents are needed for the visa process.
- Accommodation is sorted for the first month in Ethiopia before we move closer to the language centre.
 - There is some apprehension as the water is only available 2 days per week!
- SIL Languaculture Centre has accepted our enrolment for learning the Amharic language.
- The many people at the CMS office who have been helping us to navigate the nuances of our departure.

Please pray

Prayer for Ethiopian partners

- Ongoing conflict - please pray for peace.
- The leadership of the North KHC as they continue to strive toward their goals of equipping pastors and evangelists.

Partner churches

- St James Turramurra.
- Christ Church, St Ives.
- Lower Mountains Anglican (LMAP).
- Soul Revival Anglican, Sutherland Shire (Soulies).

- The Oaks Anglican.
- Cabramatta Anglican.

Dates

Church visits

- Soul Revival Week Away 12th to 17th July.
- Turrumurra 24th July.
- Cabramatta 28th July to 2nd August.

Commissioning Service

- Saturday 17th August 1130 am.



The CMS Lasting Hope Appeal is one of the ways people express their partnership in the gospel to keep missionaries like us serving on location, as well as raise up new workers for God's harvest.

Will you prayerfully consider how you can support CMS missionaries like us as we share the gospel of lasting hope? If you would like to contribute in this way please go to cms.org.au/nswact/lastinghope.

From Anthony and Trudi

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Philippians 1:3-6

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