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Good News from Sharon's Recent Trip to Ethiopia

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Dear Clyde,

Two weeks ago I was in Addis, the capital of Ethiopia, waiting to fly home after a very productive, busy five weeks. Pictures flashed through my mind. I'm sitting at one of our clinics. Krissy Rico is encouraging our patients to share with their children and grandchildren what God has done in their lives. This is surreal. Was this grown lady really in my first grade class the first year I taught? Just a few weeks before the trip she had approached me at a prayer meeting telling me that she wanted to join me on the trip to work with Mossy Foot. September 27th we were on a plane headed for Ethiopia.



At the clinic shown in the picture on the the left that Krissy and I visited, twenty people were making payments on their self-help loans. The group was divided into smaller support groups, each one having an elected leader to keep records and another person to collect and count the money. There was a group of twelve women who were saving money from their profits every month and giving it to a needy person in their community.

Two weeks after our arrival, Krissy and I were on the long road back to Addis. We left Soddo at 6 am to avoid the heavy traffic of people, cows, goats, donkeys, carts and little three wheeled taxis in the road and made good time, arriving in Addis by noon.

That afternoon we ventured to Mercato, the largest outdoor market in Africa. There we ran behind Dawit, our driver, dodging coolies with huge loads on their heads, jumping across muddy alleys. Finally we found the area selling colorful, hand-woven baskets which we bought to to make welcome baskets for the incoming teams.



The next day we picked up the first team—the Yates and Simpsons, two young couples from our church in Ventura, California. Pictured here are Sharon and

Meskerem (Ethiopian director), Adam and Michelle Yates (on the left); and Kavi and Taylor Simpson (on the right). Michelle and Kavi are both physicians; Adam is an electrical engineer and Taylor is an architect. These two families were on a vision trip to see where God is directing them to serve in community health evangelism. You can read more about their ministry vision on their [blog](#).



That evening I returned to the airport to meet a team of six coming from the New Life Anglican church in Petosky, Michigan. They had heard about the Mossy Foot ministry through Francis Chan's book *Crazy Love*. After contacting me, they decided to make a mission trip to Ethiopia. They had been planning the trip for a year and a half. Their church is small, sixty-four members, but the whole church was behind them praying, raising funds and gathering items with which to bless our Mossy Foot patients and their families. New Life Anglican provided funding for two houses for abandoned women, 400 pairs of children's shoes, many ace bandages, massage cream, reading glasses, and good used clothing for children. This brief [video](#) shows you how much joy they brought!

The team worked tirelessly helping with house building, children's shoe distribution, clothing distribution, and helping us move our headquarters to the newly leased location. Here are a few pictures of house building and providing new clothes.



Megisso and family...

Our last newsletter featured the story of Megisso, whose Mossy Foot disease was so extremely severe that he had not been away from his home for twenty years. Since his condition was beyond our capacity to treat, we took him to

...blessed with Blankets

Megisso's family had no blankets and the nights are cold in the mountains. The New Life Anglican team bought three blankets and took them to Megisso at his home. During the visit, he told the team that he recently accepted Jesus as his Savior.

Soddo Christian Hospital in July for surgery. He stayed at Mossy Foot headquarters for several months of post-operative care and recently returned to his home in the mountains.

Thank you so much for partnering with us in bringing the good news of Jesus and physical relief to those who have been devastated by Mossy Foot disease.

We so appreciate your support and prayers.

Sharon Barlow Daly

Megisso's children were absolutely delighted to receive the blankets and his wife fell to her knees thanking God for His kindness and provision.

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