

April 28, 2010

Dear Friends and Family:

I have very exciting news I would like to share with you. This July I have the opportunity to go on an eight-day missions trip to Ethiopia. I'll be going as part of a team of 30 to the village of Sendafa which is about 30 miles north of the capital city. The region is extremely poor, with the population of 15,000 people who have an average income of about \$100 per year.

I will be part of the medical team on this trip, working with some local African doctors and several from York. As you may know, AIDS is rampant in Africa and we will be running clinics for people infected with this deadly disease, along with treating acute illnesses related to HIV. There are many children in this region who suffer from the deepest poverty and all of the ailments associated with it. We will also perform surgeries for cataracts, hernias, and tumors. This trip will be a huge stretch for me since I am used to my profession in my current situation here in the USA, and to witness such deplorable conditions is difficult to fathom.

Even though the trip is short, it will cost about \$2,000 for me to go. I would like you to prayerfully consider supporting me on this trip. By doing so, you will be part of my "support team." If you would like the opportunity to be a part of my trip you can send a donation in the enclosed self-addressed envelope directly to the church, or you can send it to me directly. If you write a check, it should be made out to LWCC Missions. I need to have your support by June 6 in order to purchase my tickets.

I would love to have you be a part of everything I do and every life I touch. By supporting me, you will be in Sendafa with me. Please pray for the whole team as we travel and work in this poor area of the world. Without your help, both spiritually and financially, I will not be able to go. Thank you so much for your support on this great journey, and I look forward to sharing my experiences with you when I return.

Lovingly,

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