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“Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God called me heavenward in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 3:12-14 NIV).

February is usually not a good weather month in most of the U.S. it is cold and gray; in most of Africa it is hot and dry. What a great month to look ahead and press forward to all the goals that God has in store for the year!

Before pressing ahead though, we have to pause and say thanks for all the prayers for us, the Ritter family, and the Rafiki Village in Ethiopia since November.

As you know, God generously provided a way for Lori and the children to travel to the States in early November so that Lori could have some health issues addressed. She underwent numerous tests over the next weeks that ruled out things like cancer and heart murmurs (Praise God!). In the end, it was determined that she would have a hysterectomy in mid-December. God also provided for Ken to travel to be with her for the surgery and first few weeks of recovery. The surgery went well, as has her recovery, and we will all be back together in Ethiopia this month. *Thanks so much for your prayers.*

Meanwhile, you were also praying for the Ritter family and the Village. It is not easy being the only ones in the country, but the Ritters handled it quite well. They oversaw the survey and the actual drilling for the Village bore hole (Praise God!). Yes, we now have good water at our Village; all we need are buildings to use it. You have been praying. A contractor has been selected and negotiations are underway to finalize a contract for the first phase of construction—soon and very soon!

Now, let's press ahead. Our year promises to be full of details, excitement, ups and downs, and the twists and turns of a major construction project. It promises to be full of the ending of our second year of homeschooling and the beginning of the third. Between these bookends in our lives, there promises to be better health, continued growth as a family in our love and obedience to Christ, joy in

our privilege of serving with the Ritter family, new and growing relationships with nationals, and the promise of ministry to the least ones here in Ethiopia. Yes, things have moved slowly at times, and not been perfect in our eyes, but join with us in forgetting the past and pressing forward to all God has for us in this New Year. With your prayers and support, we will accomplish all that God has planned!



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Niños Notes

Our children have had a blessed time with their grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins. As you can imagine, being with their extended families for Christmas was a wonderful blessing. They have enjoyed getting back into American football, Lady Bear basketball, and watching movies and TV shows. A special treat for them has been to get to take horseback riding lessons during this break. They look pretty cute on those horses; of course, the boys can't wait to be able to race—maybe in a few years! God did let them be part of a minor miracle during the holidays: it was witnessed in Texas that Dulany children were actually ice skating and looking pretty good doing it. With God, all things are possible! *Thanks for your prayers for each of them.*

Prayer Requests

We are grateful for your prayers for our ministry here and for our family. The following are ways you can specifically pray for:

- Lori's continued recovery and full healing.
- Lori and the children to quickly adjust back to life in Ethiopia.
- The Home Office visit in mid-February to be positive, productive, and insightful. We hope to sign the contract with the contractor during this visit, as well as have meetings with key people to help us in the future.
- Us to press forward through the challenges sure to face us during construction, homeschooling, and living in a foreign country.
- Us to have success in seeking a VAT (Value Added Tax) exemption for Rafiki. The savings could be as much as 15% on our construction.
- God to continue to provide all the support we need.
- Our daily safety and health.
- Our children to continue to grow in their personal relationship with Christ and to see and trust His work in their lives.

Pressing ahead,

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Thank you for your continued support, prayers, and encouragement. You are a blessing to us. If you have any specific prayer needs or have questions for us, feel free to contact us.

P.S. From the Home Office: The Dulanys are at 63% of the funding needed for their current term—January 2006 through December 2007.