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What Has God Been Doing With Shelly?

SENDING YOUNG PEOPLE TO SHARE THE GOSPEL!

I was invited to teach at a special missionary-sending program with the Addis Kedan Churches. They sent 59 young people, ages 17 to 28, to ten cities for one month of evangelism. Also, they asked me to come back and share at the closing program when we welcomed them back to Addis Ababa. The last count: 1,996 people heard the Gospel message and over 400 accepted Christ. Six deaf people heard the Gospel for the first time when one of the teams prayed that their ears would be opened.

Some of the young people were arrested for sharing the Gospel, one person was whipped, others threatened with stones, and a whole team was saved from being poisoned at a local café because a waitress told them to order something else



besides tea. Rains were so bad in one town that the team prayed that the rains would stop, and they did for that whole time. They prayed as they left the town, and the rains began again.

I pray that our faith can be as strong as these young people who knew the cost of sharing the Gospel but would not back down when challenged. A special thanks to the Tomoka Christian Church for financing the month of evangelism.

ADOPTIONS

Three families have come from the States to adopt children. One couple is Kevin and Lisa Daniels, the worship leader from Harvester Christian Church. This may bring more to adopt later, possibly some from the Addis Kedan Church whose parents are HIV+.

MY GUYS ARE GRADUATING!

Melese, Tariku, and Jambo all graduated from Geja Kale Hiwot Bible College on July 4. It was a wonderful day for all. Melese and Jambo had high honors as they were tied for second and third in the class. Tariku had a 3.1 average, so he did wonderful as well.

EVERY YOUNG WOMAN'S BATTLE

In the midst of all of these visitors, I finished the curriculum for the young women's study at Addis Kedan Church. I had 12 students, ages 17 to 24. I am using the book "Every Young Woman's Battle." There was a major breakthrough with the young women. We had five weeks of teaching, and God opened a door of healing, repentance, and affirmation for these young women. They



came to my home for the last lesson, and we had a wonderful time of fellowship. Their final exam was to put together a program for the older ladies in the church and their moms. It was one of the best services I have ever been a part of. I didn't know what the girls were going to do, but when I spoke and they did their part of the program, it all fit together. What a blessing when God moves and you know it was all from Him.

HARVESTER CHRISTIAN VISITS!

The team came for only a week, but we made a breakthrough. Some of our projects were:

- 27 home visits of those living with HIV out of 30. Some came to accept Christ, others for prayers of healing.
- Painting at the CMF compound.
- Entoto Project sharing Community Health Evangelism (CHE) and playing with the children.
- Training leaders for service.
- Blessing the ladies' prayer group with God's Word, jewelry, and lotions.

It was a fast visit, but many things were accomplished for the Kingdom. Shoes and other things for my guys were much appreciated. Thanks to all at Harvester who supported the trip and blessed me abundantly with encouragement.

FAMILY PRAYER RETREAT

The boys and I went on a prayer retreat for most of a day, and had a wonderful time getting connected again. My guys are all going in different directions now that some have graduated from school and others are going back to school, while others are working. With seven young



men in my family, there is never a dull moment. I hardly ever see all of them together anymore. They still play soccer, but on different teams. They do play around at the house with the soccer ball on Thursdays before Bible study.

Praying as a family seems to keep these guys going strong and depending upon God. I love to hear them pray and praise God, so it was a wonderful day for me as well. The two best ways to get their attention is to say "We're going to pray together as a family!" or "Is anyone hungry?!"

PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAISES

- *Pray for God's direction for my guys.*
- *Pray for strength to allow them to make mistakes and grow from them.*
- *Pray for the CHE programs in Addis Kedan, Addis Katama, and Entoto.*
- *Pray I will have another chance to teach the young ladies of the church.*
- *Pray for direction in what God wants the urban poor to accomplish in the next year.*
- *Pray that God will continue to keep me healthy, and that I would hunger for more of Him.*
- *Praise God that Mensir was baptized a month ago. He is one of my soccer boys who was Muslim.*
- *Praise God for the Bible study for the guys is going strong with some of my guys teaching now!*
- *Praise God for the wonderful time spent with Harvester Christian Church mission team!*
- *Praise God many are still coming to accept Jesus as their Savior.*

NEW EMAIL INFORMATION

Please adjust your e-mail. My e-mail shellyshellyh@yahoo.com was compromised, so now my email address is shilvety@gmail.com. I have never been to London and now plan never to go due to this situation! I am sorry if anyone thought I was stranded and worried about me. CMF has taken very good care of me, and they would come to the rescue if this were to ever happen.

THANKSGIVING

I am thankful for all God has allowed me to do in Ethiopia. Please continue to pray for His guiding hand upon me and the ministries He has allowed me to be a part of. I am thankful for prayer partners, supporters, friends, and family back in the States who daily pray for my protection and have sent me to share the Word to the poorest of the poor in Ethiopia. Blessings to you all this Thanksgiving/Christmas season.

Always seeking to serve,

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