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FURLOUGH: WITH SOME DIFFERENCES THIS TIME

It's almost that time. Furlough is just around the corner. My language school year has concluded, and Jen is almost finished with this year's homeschool. We're down to counting days and not months, and that means that we'll be seeing you before we know it. In preparation for our coming "home," we wanted to let you know that while this will be our third furlough, there will be Some Differences This Time.

We are healthy! We Praise God that our health has been much better this term! Unlike last furlough when I came dragging home still recovering from a near fatal bout of malaria, I feel better than I have in years. None of us has a serious health question, and we hope to be able to hit the ground running — and enjoying even our first days home.

We aren't exhausted. Tired, yes; exhausted, no. It goes with the territory that when furlough comes around you are READY for it. But unlike our other furloughs, we feel a more "normal" state of tiredness. A big part of the reason for this is the next "Difference."

We are part of a strong team in Ethiopia. Upon coming home for previous furloughs, the Ethiopia team we were leaving behind was in a state of flux — some teammates retiring, others moving on to other ministries, some short-term missionaries filling in, etc. This time we are a part of a church-planting team with four core families who are committed to the work and who feel God still wants them in Ethiopia. Knowing that the team we are leaving behind is in good shape helps lighten the load because it is a shared load.

This furlough we won't be based out of one place. Unlike our previous furloughs when we rented a house as a "home base," this time our car will be our home. Tell me that isn't a little scary! The truth is that we want to visit a great number of our supporters we have not been able to visit on our previous furloughs. Many of these supporters are spread out across the US, and visiting them means playing "connect the dots" along the US highway system. We'll still be able to visit all of our churches, but we won't be making as many short trips from our home base. Instead, we'll be swinging through your town as a part of a longer trek.

We will need to raise a little financial support this time around. Not a lot, but a little. While we are still blessed with very strong financial and prayer support, we will need to raise some monthly support to meet growing financial needs due to inflation, rising costs, and the planned loss of one of our supporting churches. We'll share more details when we come by.

We are in the midst of 2 projects on the field for which we are raising capital funds. The first is a capital campaign to raise funds for two larger-sized churches down-country. These two churches that we are proposing to build will be in regional hub towns and will serve as focal points for our smaller churches. Work has not begun on either church, since we are still raising funds. We have challenged our local churches to raise some of the money, and we as a CMF team are raising some of the money. Our share is to raise \$70,000 — of which we have about \$12,000. This capital effort is shared by all four families on the Church Planting Team.

The second project is that we are building a house for our family in Addis Ababa. The six of us live in a



Our home away from home.



Ready for furlough.



No more room in the church.
We need to build!

smallish apartment right now on our CMF property. We're in the process of building a free-standing house for our family. We are working hard to complete the foundation before we come home for furlough, and then when we come back in April of 2011, we'll build the house from April-September. We're trying to raise \$50,000 for the house – of which we've raised about \$5,000 so far. And like the "difference" above, we'll share more details when we come by.



Foundation begun.

Foundation finished.

SOME THINGS ARE THE SAME

Don't worry that everything will be different on this furlough; it won't. Some things will be the same.

We are excited to see you! We are very eager to spend time with each of you, sharing what God has been doing in our lives and through our ministry. We are going to make every effort to get to spend time with as many of you as possible.

We believe that God has an important and continuing role for us in Ethiopia. I am the Team Leader of the CMF-Ethiopia Church Planting Team, and we have branched out into some new and exciting work, with more new works in the planning phase as well.

We are still very grateful for your support and what you mean to us and our ministry.

We hope we don't gain too much weight on furlough as a result of eating all the American foods that we've missed these past three years.

We'll see you soon! Please come and see us if we're near you – or send us an email (agejenfehl@yahoo.com) and we'll see if we can stop by.

Adrian

Adrian, for all of us—Adrian, Jennifer, Addison, Mallory, Darby, and Ethan Fehl

OUR SCHEDULE

- June 28** Arrive in Ohio
- July 6-9** North American Christian Convention, Indianapolis
- July 11** Worship at Worthington Christian Church, OH
- July 18** Worship at Post Road Christian Church, Indianapolis
- July 25-30** CMF Furlough Retreat, Indianapolis
- July 31** Worship at Southland Christian Church, KY
- July 31-August 5** Lexington, KY
- August 16-September 24** Trip out West to visit individual supporters (IL, OK, KS, CO, AZ, NV, CA, OR, WA, SD, MN, WI)
- October 3** Worship at West Village Christian Church, TN
- October 9-28** Johnson City, TN
- October 17** Worship at First Christian Church, TN
- October 24** Worship at Lone Oak Christian Church, TN
- October 31** Missions Fair at Post Road Christian Church, IN
- November 7** Worship at Blount Christian Church, TN
- November 7-9** CMF Board Meeting, IN
- November 10-24** Lexington, KY
- November 14** Worship at Southland Christian Church, KY
- November 18-21** National Missionary Convention, KY
- November 28** Worship at West Side Christian, OH
- December 12** Worship at Sycamore Christian Church, OH

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