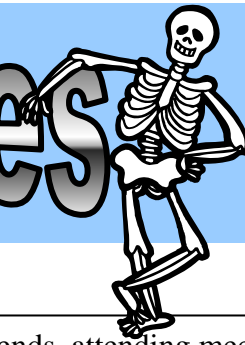


The Bare Bones

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Duane and Jackie spent June and July in the States visiting family and friends, attending meetings and preparing to return. We are back at Soddo! Hope you enjoy our new format for the news updates!



Heart Thoughts by Jackie

"Deuna not?" " Deuna, Exabier Yemiskin."

That's a common greeting exchange in Amharic. In English: "How are you?" " I'm fine, praise the Lord."

Of course, just like in the States, maybe you are fine and maybe not! I thought I would share more of my true heart in this section for those of you who want to know.

Arriving in Addis Ababa after two months in the States and over 30 hours of traveling, my heart twisted like a rubber band tighter and tighter. The noise, dirt, poverty and frustrations of Africa contrasted with images of our lovely Idaho, laughing with our children, enjoying our friends and new grandson. It has been a great summer, but God has called us here and I was reminded of the promise of Jesus that if we leave family, homes and comfort for His sake, He will reward us. So my task now is to refocus. Pray for me that I see the good things, the beautiful flowers surrounding my home, the smiling, eager Ethiopian friends, the opportunities to serve and grow.

So, I am fine, praise the Lord. Already my heart is adjusting because I know God is with me here.

I know the key to happiness is to give thanks and I am grateful for my children, my friends, my family that have all loved us with action these past two months. Some friends came for three successive days and helped pack over 20 boxes of medical equipment! My three sisters and their families in Iowa hung out with me; other friends fed us; church volunteers spent countless hours cutting out flannel graph Bible stories pieces. Thanks to all for your support that enables me to be in this place.



Duane enjoying the Sawtooth Mountains of Idaho.

St. Luke's Healthcare Foundation Board Meeting

The hospital board met in Wheaton, IL, on July 28-29.

Highlights:

- A great turnout of interested participants
- The election of Dr. Zach Brumbach to the board
- Two board members are coming in November to help with a conference for better administration
- Dr. Paul Gray's excellent report as medical director included what we are doing well and what we need to change
- A discussion of plans for intentional fund raising
- A review of the EMI's team work that included a new master plan for the buildings on the hospital land
- Setting priorities for buildings and personnel

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DUPLEX

The second half of the new duplex is progressing on time. The cement floors are being poured soon. This home will be for the OB/GYN doctor, Dr. Mark and Alison Karnes coming in one year.



WALL

More of the wall was built this past month. We changed the construction so it is cheaper and faster work. Colorful glass panes along the top for more security. We hope to build another 100 feet in the next months as funds come in.



GENERATOR HOUSE

A new generator house is being constructed on the east side of the property. Our new larger generator is now in port at Djibouti. Pray for its quick release.

Gary Vanderkooi is helping to trace electric lines in preparation for an electric team that will come to help install this needed back-up power. We are without city power three days a week.