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Gail GORFE At Bingham Academy in ETHIOPIA

As our family faces a medical situation that is far beyond anything we have dealt with before, I am asking God “why” and trying to stay strong and positive. This verse is one that I am attempting to stay focused on.

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.” Proverbs 3:5

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Medical News About our Daughter

It is never easy to be far from family members, but when there are medical situations it is even harder.

Last week our 22 year old daughter Zayma was diagnosed with Langerhans Cell Histiocytosis, and suddenly we are faced with a medical situation that you can never expect. Zayma needs to be in Toronto for further diagnosis and treatment and how that all takes place is much more complicated when everyone is spread over the globe.

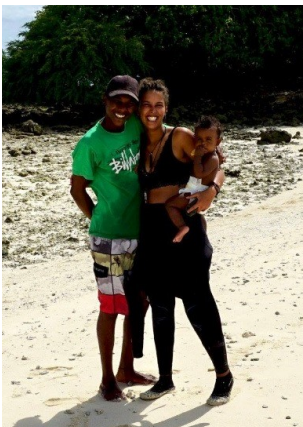
Zayma was born and raised in Ethiopia. We moved here when I was pregnant with her. Yonas had a real calling to return home to Ethiopia and use his skills and talents here and so Zayma spent her entire childhood in Addis Ababa, moving to Canada in 2012 when our family returned there to see what new opportunities God was bringing us into.

Like many other third culture kids (TCK's) Zayma felt very at home in an international community and after graduating high school in our small Canadian town, left to volunteer and work in the Seychelles, where she met her husband. Right now Zayma and her husband and their one year old son have been living and working in the Solomon Islands for the past two years. Her diagnosis last week in Fiji (as there are no hospitals in the Solomon's) has resulted in turning their world upside down. For her young family this is much more

then simply picking up and going home. While Zayma does feel at home in Canada, she has no childhood home to go to there. Of course she is welcome with her grandmother and aunts and uncles and friends, but it is not quite the same as going home to your parents. Her husband also is not a Canadian and will need to apply for a visa. He also would not be allowed to work in Canada.

During the next two or three weeks she and her husband will be saying goodbye to their life in the Solomon Islands and Zayma will be returning to Canada while her husband and son will be heading to the Seychelles so that he can work and be near his family.

God willing I be traveling to Toronto to meet Zayma there in time for her first appointments, which as yet we do not have. I hope to stay for maybe two weeks. We would gladly welcome your support through connections for places to stay, visits and meals.



Praise for:

- ⇒ Peace in Ethiopia, and many positives changes that the government is implementing.
- ⇒ For a Canadian passport that provides open doors and opportunities that many other passports do not offer.

The Work of Missionary Doctors in Ethiopia

As a mission school, Bingham Academy indirectly supports many other missionary families who work in the Ethiopia. Quite a few of these families are doctors who work on the mission field. Because Ethiopia has only about 3000 medical doctors in the entire country, serving a population of nearly 100,000 million people, there is a great shortage of medical care. There are several hospitals run by different mission organizations from around the world, who provide free or low cost medical care for the country, by bringing doctors through mission organizations.

Several of the families whose children are part of the school, are medical doctors at the CURE Hospital in Addis Ababa. The CURE Hospital provides free orthopedic surgery for people across this country who are unable to afford the cost of care for orthopedic medical issues. They perform surgeries that are common everyday procedures in the west, which would otherwise not be available here, but they also perform surgeries for complex issues that are often the result of injuries during childhood.



The Korean Hospital in Addis Ababa, (Myungsung Christian Medical Center and Myungsung Medical College) is another large hospital that provides medical care at a low cost for anyone who can afford it. They have Ethiopian doctors and medical students who attend their college, but also medical specialists and teachers from Korea and a few from other countries. These doctors are all missionaries and their children attend Bingham Academy.



I am thankful that these doctors are in Ethiopia to share their skills to assist with the large need to provide and improve the medical care that is available.

Pray for:

- ⇒ Pray for God's healing for Zayma; for the doctors who will care for her; for her husband and son as they will be apart from Zayma, and pray for financial blessings for them as they go through a very tough period. Pray for all of us here as we are far from her and for me as I travel to Canada to support her through her appointments.
- ⇒ Pray for my financial support in my work with Wycliffe and at Bingham Academy. I am still below my required funding, and it is at times like this, with emergencies and the need to help our children, that our low support really impacts how much we can do.

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