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## "I'VE BEEN HEALED OF AIDS!"

In our last prayer letter we told you about *George*, from Ethiopia, who was in the final stages of AIDS, was going to kill himself, and then was gloriously saved! Now, we'd like to tell you...the rest of the story...

The day I (Scott) first met George was when I went to the Eritrean fellowship (in June) to preach my continuing series on spiritual warfare. I remember thinking at that time that I wish I had been prepared to preach something a little more relevant to his situation (like how great Heaven's going to be). But as it was, my sermon that day focused on the importance of passion and perseverance in our battle against Satan.

I didn't see George again until the middle of August when he came to see me. At first I didn't recognize him because he looked so much healthier! When I had seen him in June, he was very skinny ("skeletal"), weak, and "hunched over". Now, he was "filled out", straighter and stronger looking. I said, "George? Is that you?" He laughed and proceeded to tell me that God had healed him! He had been to the doctor twice to confirm the healing, and had documentation to verify it. (He has since been two more times for further verification).

I asked George if his healing came as the result of God using someone with the gift of healing, or in response to a specific prayer that was prayed as someone laid hands on him, or what? He said, "On the first day we met I remember that you spoke about our battle with Satan and how we need to fight with passion and perseverance. As you were speaking, it was as if a very dark cloud lifted from my mind, and I realized that I wasn't even trying to fight the enemy or trust the Lord to change my situation. From that day, I began to change--to grow stronger and healthier..."

And George continues to grow--physically, he is gaining more weight and energy; and spiritually, he is eagerly devouring the Word, sharing his testimony with any who will listen, and learning the basics of the Christian walk.

Please praise God with us for His lovingkindness in saving George's spirit AND body, and please continue to pray for his continued spiritual growth and witness to others!

## **FURLOUGH PLANS!!**

Yes...FURLOUGH!! It's been 3 years since our family has been back to the U.S.A. for a time of rest, spending time with family and friends, and sharing in a more personal way what the Lord is doing here in Athens.

Although our sincerest intentions were to do our very best in getting to visit our supporters around the country, "the old plane fares just ain't what they used to be", and we will be struggling just to pay for our flights to Alabama and Oregon (where our parents live).

We will be in Eugene, Oregon for the months of December 1994 and January 1995, and we will be in Mobile, Alabama for the months of February 1995 and March 1995. If the Lord provides for us in an unexpected way, we will still make every effort to see as many of our supporters as possible. However, if you happen to be in either Oregon or Alabama during the times we'll be there, we'd love to see you !

## **PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUESTS!!**

\* We just discovered that the insurance company will pay for the laser surgery needed to remove the portwine stain birthmark from our son Kyle's face! (These treatments will begin while we're on furlough). We are waiting for God to provide finances for the deductible and travel costs.

\* I (Scott) attended the wedding of the Eritrean man that we told you about in our last letter (who had been putting off marriage until he found deliverance from demonic bondage)! It was a joyful and God-honoring celebration! Please pray for their marriage and continued freedom for Yobe.

\* We are waiting for our Nigerian brother Charity Osagiede to join our team here. He finished his training program but is having financial problems and visa difficulties. If you know of anyone who would be interested in supporting him on a monthly basis, they can send a tax-deductible donation to International Teams, PO Box 203, Prospect Heights, Ill 60070 with a note that it is for Charity, through the **HELPING HANDS** fund.

\* We continue to praise God for YOU and your investment in our ministry. Through your prayers and financial gifts, lives continue to be touched and transformed in Jesus' name! "...you also joining in helping us through your prayers, that thanks may be given by many persons on our behalf for the favor bestowed on us through the prayers of many."

II Corinthians 1:11