

The Trackless Sea

The Geleta Family

"Trust in Him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts to Him, for God is our refuge."
Psalm 62:8

Dear friends and supporters,

Grace and peace to you from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ. We pray you are well, and hope you are enjoying the fall weather and changing leaves for us, as it is our turn for hot weather here in Kenya.

Life Together

The past two years of living in Kenya have been a journey of learning how to do life together as the body of Christ. I am consistently amazed at how the members of our church, old and new alike, are deeply loving each other and doing so much of life together. After more than a year and a half of being a community, we still have to kick some people out of the building so that it can be cleaned on Sunday at 3 pm almost every week! Our Young Adults meetings frequently last from 2 pm-7 pm, not because we have an amazingly long program planned, but because people love being together.

While there is no such thing as a perfect church, it is a joy to get to witness and participate in the deep affection and fellowship that comes from this community. We can only thank the Lord, because this was one of the exact things we were praying for as a planting team in 2024.

Whether it is ladies meeting, hospital visits, game nights, community groups, spontaneous dinners, or playdates for our kiddos, we always find ourselves busy living life together, and it is such a privilege. While I don't have new and exciting ministry updates for this month, the love that we give and receive is a consistent source of thanksgiving for us.

We have also happily received back this month our three pastoral students that went to Ethiopia for a year to study, which makes our community even fuller and adds excitement for the future ministries that will come with their help.



Pour Out Your Hearts to Him

While we get to walk together through much joy, we also walk through many hardships as a community. **In the past few months, we have had many hospital visits, walked with several who are suffering from chronic illnesses and loss, prayed with those having faith or relationship crises, and mourned with our neighbors and friends the death of a beloved father.** This family owns the compound that we live in, and we have enjoyed becoming friends over the past year. Please join us in praying earnestly for their salvation, as they are Muslim and are passing through truly hopeless mourning.

We are not without our own things to pour out before God as a family: walking through secondary infertility, preparing to travel to the US for the third time without Bereket, this time for my brother's wedding in January, and continuing to wait endlessly for a visa.

Praise be to God that He is our refuge and ever-present help, come what may, and we can pour out our very hearts to Him, for He cares for us. I hope your heart is encouraged by these truths as well. **The words of Psalm 62:8 have been resting in my heart these past few months as we have walked with and mourned with others.** This verse has also served as motivation for me to begin an online course in Biblical Counseling, as I do not want to keep these truths to myself. I plan to begin at the end of this month, and I am looking forward to how this knowledge can be invested in the church and community.

We are grateful for all of you. Please let us know how we can be praying for you as well, whether in joy or sorrow.



Prayer Requests

- Please **pray** for our grieving neighbors whom I mentioned, and that God would use us to shine the light of the Gospel to them.
- **Pray** for our church community to continue to grow and flourish.
- Please continue to **pray** for God to open the right doors for SGC University ministry to begin this coming year.

Love,

Abby, Bereket, & Eellana

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