



Part of Worship Team at My Church

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*“Whenever the living beings give glory and honor and thanks to the one sitting on the throne,...the twenty-four elders fall down ... and worship him ... and say, ‘You are worthy, O Lord our God, to receive glory and honor and power. For you created everything, and it is for your pleasure that they exist and were created.”*  
Revelation 4:9-11 NLT

Worshiping with my church here in Longview has been a special blessing to me. Recently I read in Revelation 4 how the “living beings” continually declare, “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty – the one who always was, who is, and who is still to come.” Immediately following are the verses quoted above. I realized that the genuine worship which we experience for fleeting moments here on earth will be our continuous experience in heaven for all eternity. Because we’ll have new bodies and purified hearts, we won’t grow tired of it. How I look forward to that day. It also occurred to me that, since we exist and were created for God’s pleasure, it is blasphemous to put our own “pleasure” ahead of His. Perhaps that is why so many Americans are so depressed in our narcissistic, pleasure-seeking culture.

As the culture war intensifies, we are all concerned about the direction our nation is heading. Only God can change people’s hearts. Daily prayer is needed. One tool in praying for the upcoming elections can be found at: [http://www.presidentialprayerteam.org/site/PageServer?pagename=ptv\\_40days](http://www.presidentialprayerteam.org/site/PageServer?pagename=ptv_40days)

I signed the papers to close probate in late May and began sorting through papers, books and household items. I have burned close to 1/3 of the papers and disposed of several other items, but the house still looks “full”. Please continue to pray for me in this challenging task. Many of my friends in Ethiopia live in a one-room house and own two or three sets of clothing and just enough furniture and cooking pots to get by. The SIM Prayer Guide suggestion that we pray for “believers to simplify their lives in order to pray and give more for winning the lost” takes on personal significance.



Family Photo – nephew Matthew & niece Christina celebrate graduation with BAs



Banna Coffee Break

Colleague Donna Clawson sent me a revised draft of Matthew 19-21 in June after the reviewers had made some changes. In July she sent a revised draft of Romans 1-3, made from the CARLA draft I had sent the team. I accepted most of the changes and returned these drafts with my questions and suggestions. I now have Romans 4-5 to go through, as well as a revised draft of Matthew 22-25 from the reviewers. Between revisions I continue to write introductions in Amharic for the books of the New Testament, which the team will translate into Banna.

Thank you so much for your continued prayers, support, and encouragement as I work toward moving back to Ethiopia sometime next year. Our God will make it happen in His time.

Committed to His pleasure,

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