

Yared Agidew is a young surgeon, just recently graduated from general surgery specialist training at Black Lion Hospital in Addis Abeba. After his medical school he served two years at Jinka Zonal Hospital together with me in 2007 - 2008. It was a blessing for me to get to know him, and even though he was fresh from the university, he was of invaluable help for me as a surgeon at the hospital.

Yared is now back in Jinka. As the Norwegian Lutheran Mission and NORAD has withdrawn their personnel support to the surgical department at the hospital, Yared has now started as an Ethiopian surgeon paid by the government, he sees this as an opportunity to serve as a missionary surgeon in the South Omo district. He is married and his wife is currently working as an anesthesia doctor in Addis Abeba.

Please pray for Yared and his family and read his letters from Jinka!

Bjarte Tidemann Andersen

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Praise be to the Lord.

I have arrived safely to my working place. The hospital has arranged me transport to Jinka from Arba Minch. The road is so good and it only took us four hours to reach which used to take 10hrs.

The house I moved in is in the compound where the missionaries live. It is a well furnished one and I am of course alone but the house is good and welcoming. I haven't found a servant and today someone is coming, I will talk to her since she was previously working as a maid for the foreigners, I will try her for a month and see after that.

I have promised myself before I came to pray, read and be active in every dimension of my life. I have started reading about leadership and praying as well.

Yesterday I visited the hospital and I saw a big change in infrastructure. They have renovated the hospital and the manager, the medical director and the human resource were showing me the changes that came after I left. They are all responsible for the good things in the hospital. They need to be appreciated for that. I also met general practitioners, they are around 11 in number, but I got to meet five of them. Two of them were my interns a few months back. Especially Dr Nardos I used to know her well.

Haile is one of the students from Erbo. He was admitted to Black Lion hospital three weeks back. I would like to thank my brothers and sisters, Hiwot emergency, Zinash, Mesfine, my konjo kuku, hasset and selam fellow and all others who showed their mercy and helped him. He visited me yesterday and we ate dinner together. I would like you all to pray for him so that God provides him with the necessary money to undergo cardiac surgery. He is a patient with valvular heart disease.

I started work yesterday already and had consultations, but no procedure, I saw a patient with quadriplegia following injury to the neck. And almost all of my patients in the ward are trauma victims and there are lots of orthopedics patients.

I am praying that my dear wife and our kid(s) do well where they are. It is difficult to leave apart.

Thank you Lord Jesus.

Yared Agidew