



# News & Updates

## Ethiopian Outreach Ministry

July – Sept. 2010

### Purpose of Ethiopian Outreach Ministry

- ◆ Reach unreached Ethiopians with the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- ◆ Teach and encourage Ethiopian believers to be strong in their faith and help them grow in the knowledge of Jesus Christ and the scriptures.
- ◆ Prepare Ethiopians for various ministries in churches and fellowships.
- ◆ Help Ethiopians in their efforts of church planting in different countries.
- ◆ Produce printed materials of Christian education and Bible studies, audio resources and radio programs, and conduct seminars, sponsor conferences, etc.
- ◆ Develop training materials and find various means to train and develop future church leaders and teachers.

### Did you know...

- EOM's daily radio broadcast is transmitted seven days a week from a short-wave station in Europe?
- that programs are produced in the main office and files are sent electronically for transmission over the Internet?
- the radio signal is received by Ethiopians residing in 23 countries so far?



Thank you for your partnership.

Dr. Melese Wogu  
Exec. Director



"We must learn to regard people less in the light of what they do or omit to do, and more in the light of what they suffer."

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

## Why Press on with the message of the gospel?

According to WorthyNews.com, over the past 40 years, Protestant Ethiopians have grown rapidly from fewer than 200,000 to 12 million, nearly 20 percent of the country's population.

This encouraging statistical information is not taking place without cost. What we are referring to is the cost of lives and the cost that many brothers and sisters pay each day for their faith in Jesus Christ and their commitment to the teachings of God's word among nonbelievers. It was reported that this year alone, evangelical pastors, evangelists and lay ministers, who are on the front line proclaiming the gospel, have been attacked. Not only have there been verbal harassment and attacks on character, but meetings have been disrupted by mobs, known Christian's homes have been looted and burned, and recently, both a pastor and an evangelist were beaten to death. These attacks came from other, non-evangelical religious groups who oppose the doctrine of salvation ONLY through the finished work of our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ. In spite of all the dangers surrounding them and their loved ones, these brothers and sisters continue to press forward to make the Savior known among the lost.

For those of us who have been saved, grace is what we have experienced. God continues to give us grace as we live our lives for Him. We read in the apostle Paul's letter to the believers in Thessalonica that he attempted to encourage them be-

cause **the grace of God is sufficient for every trial.** (2 Thessalonians 1:1-12).

In addition to grace from the Lord, Paul mentions the peace that comes from the Father. Peace in God follows the grace of God. Paul reiterates the truth about the peace of God in his letter to the Philippians: "...Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made

*known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*" (Philippians 4:6-7 ESV)

God allows us to go through afflictions to help us mature in our spiritual walk as he did in the lives of many saints mentioned in the Scriptures. Just think of Abraham and Job. **Encouragement comes from knowing that we can grow in Christ even if we**

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**are persecuted for His sake.** Our hope in Christ gives us strength against all kinds of persecution.

Paul encouraged the believers of his time in Thessalonica with the truth that **afflictions strengthen spiritual growth** and commended them in his first letter for their faith, love, and hope, We are called to do the same for the believers in Ethiopia and elsewhere—to be the source

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Ethiopian Outreach Ministry  
Evangelizing,  
Teaching, Equipping

**Remember to pray for us and with us...**

- Praise God for His continued guidance and provision for this ministry.
- Praise for a successful leadership training in August and September in Addis Ababa and in other provincial locations. Many come eagerly to be trained and equipped. Pray for a safe flight back to the states for Dr. Wogu at the end of September.
- Please **continue praying** for the many challenges the Ethiopian church faces these days...the need for sound biblical teaching and biblically anchored and properly trained pastors; the need for correction for all kinds of false teaching; for the struggles of economic hardship; and finally for equipped church leaders with vision and direction and resources to fulfill the great commission of our Lord. **Please remember this request in your regular prayers and share it with your friends and Bible study groups.**
- Please **continue praying for persecuted Christians** in Eritrea, Ethiopia and around the world. Pray for perseverance, victory over the enemy and God's intervention for their release.
- Please **continue praying** for God's provision to this ministry that we continue serving the Lord among Ethiopians, providing the sound biblical teaching, correction, encouragement, comfort and hope that can only be found in Jesus Christ.

Thank you

of their encouragement by providing the truth about spiritual growth through persecution. We need to **pray diligently and earnestly for those who suffer for Christ's sake**. It is our duty as part of God's family to provide comfort to our brothers and sisters who are in the midst of the fire, standing firm for their faith.

**With your continued partnership and support to this ministry, we press forward to be an instrument of encouragement to our persecuted brothers and sisters in Ethiopia.** We do this by providing teachings of God's word and by sharing with fellow believers like you about their need for prayer. We remind them also to pray for their persecutors, that they also would know that God loves them and wants them to have His Son in their life. And this is a good, biblically commanded reason (2 Timothy 4:1-5 ESV) to press on with the message of the gospel that frees people from the bondage of sin.

Thank you for being part of this ministry. And a **very special thank you to those of you who responded to our appeal in the last issue of News & Updates to help the ministry financially.** We pray that you may grow in your faith, having abounding love and unshakable hope in Christ. □

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For more information, go to [www.eomusa.org](http://www.eomusa.org) and click on **October Banquet**

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**Biannual Ethiopian Dinner Banquet**  
**Support God's Work While You Enjoy Authentic Cuisine...**  
**DATE: Saturday, October 9, 2010 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

**Farewell & Thank You**

Dear friends and ministry partners,



The time has come for me to wrap up the journey I have shared with EOM for the past 18 years and begin a new one, saying "yes" to His calling, trusting His leading and provision of abundant grace for the journey.

Beginning October 1, 2010, my family and I will embark upon a new journey, working directly with local Ethiopian churches, being an instrument to equip them spiritually and with resources for effective ministry. Also, I will be working on developing and enriching children's ministries in small town churches in partnership with churches in North America.

I want to take this opportunity to thank every one of you who has been part of my life and my journey for the past almost two decades while I have served the Lord at Ethiopian Outreach Ministry. Every prayer, every word of encouragement, every single support to sustain my family and me while I committed myself to the Lord's work is greatly appreciated. I am grateful for your faithful support and prayers. In the apostle Paul's words,

*"God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for his name in serving the saints, as you still do." (Hebrews 6:10)*

I am also grateful to Dr. Melese Wogu and to Board members of the ministry for the privilege of serving at EOM. Brother Melese's superb dedication to reach Ethiopians with the Good News of Jesus Christ and guide those who are confused to the Savior will always be a great inspiration to me. Indeed, we all need to have that urgency and dedication to direct those in the darkness to the light of God's truth. I thank our secretary, Sossena, for being a great ministry partner and colleague who made my work look clear and professional.

Though this is a formal farewell, I am sure we will see each other on many occasions.

May the Lord bless each one of you, and may you continue to serve alongside EOM in the years to come.

*Misiker Kebede*



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