



News & Updates

Ethiopian Outreach Ministry

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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 in 23 countries so far?



Thank you for your partnership.

Dr. Melese Wogu
Exec. Director



February 2010 Leadership Training in Addis Ababa

Melese Wogu

The ongoing leadership training we offer twice a year to Ethiopian pastors, evangelists and church leaders was conducted the week of February 21st. The 30-hour instruction was divided into two sessions, morning and afternoon.

This time, I had the privilege of having my friend and pastor, Rev. Steve Almquist join me to teach the second part of the course titled **The Christian Leader as a Counselor**.



These leadership training courses are offered in order to continue strengthening ministry effectiveness in the Ethiopian churches.

On this trip, Rev. Almquist and I had the opportunity to travel to Dire Dawa, Eastern Ethiopia to visit with the believers at a sister church named Living Word Believers Ethiopian Church. We came back encouraged by what we witnessed how the church in Dire Dawa is proclaiming the gospel to a majority of non christian population in the region, preaching the good news while finding ways to show the

"Do not have your concert first, and then tune your instrument afterwards. Begin the day with the Word of God and prayer, and get first of all into harmony with Him."

Hudson Taylor

love of God by caring for the needy and helpless.

Thank you for your support that is enabling us to continue equipping the local leaders. □

Both Served the Same Sovereign God...

The Ethiopian Christian Unity Church is located in Beirut, Lebanon. It has a congregation of about 150 with over ninety percent of them women. For the past eleven years Dr. Wogu has been going to teach, preach and counsel the congregation and mentor the leaders. Almost all the Ethiopian women who live in Beirut work as maids and nannies under very harsh conditions which can be categorized as modern day slavery. The graveness of the situation is well known by the Ethiopian government as well as the State Department. *"In May 2008, after a series of deaths of Ethiopian maids in Lebanon, the government officially banned its citizens from traveling to the country; the ban remains in effect."* (US State Department: Trafficking in Persons Report 2009). But that has not deterred many from going via indirect destinations because of the lure which is hope of financial betterment for self and families.

One of those who went to Beirut seven years ago was Tigist, who was an elder at the Ethiopian Christian Unity Church. She is described



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Remember to pray for us and with us...

- Praise God for His continued guidance and provision to this ministry.
- Praise the Lord for another successful leadership training in Ethiopia in the month of February. Dedicated evangelists, pastors and lay servants attended the classes.
- Praise God for saving Pastor Elias, pastor of Ethiopian church in Beirut from the fatal crash of Ethiopian plane in the Mediterranean sea on Jan 25. Pastor Elias cancelled his flight following God's direction to stay back.
- 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 sound biblical teaching, correction, encouragement, comfort and hope that can only be found in Jesus Christ.

In an effort to share ministry news and updates as often as we can, we are replacing our quarterly News & Views publication with this two-page, easy-to-read News & Updates.

Thank you.

by one of her fellow servants as a godly woman who has been a blessing to many. Tigist, along with other women served as an elder with Pastor Elias Gebre, who is Dr. Melese Wogu's nephew. He has been the interim pastor for the last two years. After seven years, Tigist was ready to go back to Ethiopia and visit her family and share with them her hard earned money. She called here at the Ethiopian Outreach Ministry couple days before her departure and informed us of her upcoming travel plans and told us to hold off sending her monthly teaching CDs until she returns.

Pastor Elias on the other hand was going back to Ethiopia for good because the church had found a pastor. The new pastor and his wife were well accepted by the congregation and the transition had gone very well until the week of Elias' departure. The new pastor suddenly became emotion-



Pastor Elias Gebre

ally unstable. Pastor Elias immediately called Dr. Wogu and explained the situation to him. Dr. Wogu's advice was to postpone his departure and see how God is going to work things out. Pastor Elias took the advice and cancelled his flight not knowing that it would be a life changing decision. Both Tigist and Elias had reservations on the fateful Ethiopian Airlines on January 25, 2010. Tigist went on to be with her Lord and Savior. We are saddened by the loss of Tigist and the passengers on that flight. At the same time we rejoice that Elias was spared.

The Ethiopian Christian Unity church mourned deeply in the months of January and February. Two godly people, one lives on, the other passed on. Both served the same sovereign God, whose ways are not their ways and whose plans are not theirs. Let's take heed to the psalmist words, *"...Teach us to number our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom."* (Psalm 90:12, NKJV). □

You are Invited to EOM's Biannual Benefit Dinner



DATE: Sat., May 8, 2010

TIME: 12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.
(Come at your leisure)

LOCATION:
Eastern Mennonite Missions
53 West Brandt Boulevard, Salunga, PA 17538

The continued support of our partners has enabled us to provide uninterrupted programming over the radio waves, proclaiming the gospel and Encouraging Ethiopian believers around the globe.

We appreciate if you send your RSVP by Friday, May 7, 2010

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