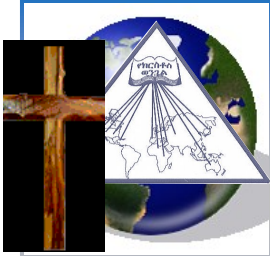


News & Views

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.
- ◆ Conduct seminars.
- ◆ Train and develop future church leaders and teachers.



Praise and Prayer Corner

- Praise God for His faithfulness.
- Praise the Lord that Dr. Melese Wogu was able to be in Ethiopia when his mother went to be with the Lord.
- Praise God for our volunteers who dedicate their time for Jesus.
- Pray for our financial situation.
- Pray for the Leadership Training Center project.
- Pray for the leader of the underground church in Eritrea and his family.
- Pray for the persecuted church around the world. For more information go to www.worthynews.com



Leadership Training

Dear Friends & Partners,

I would like to report to you that my recent trip to Ethiopia has been remarkably successful. Every thing went very smooth, as planned. A week long leadership training for 150 pastors and elders, and also a one-day seminar for 300 church leaders in Addis Ababa, was overwhelmingly successful. Then I travelled as scheduled to Emdeber, about 160 km. from Addis, to present another kind of leadership training for about 250 church leaders who came from various denominational and independent churches. All the participating churches sent their pastors, evangelists, elders, and qualified lay leaders to participate in the leadership training. Praise the Lord for this fruitful ministry!

The Apostle Paul wrote to Timothy saying, "You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and the things you have heard from many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others." Paul here encourages us to invest our experiences, our love, our successes, and our failures to inspire others to be equippers and to reproduce equippers. Even Jesus had to take time to develop His own disciples. If we want churches to flourish, we need to develop potential leaders and help the existing leaders to mature. Some types of leadership training are very crucial not only for the church in Ethiopia, but for the entire continent of Africa. That is why we are focusing on leadership training in our second phase of ministry.

As you all know, Ethiopian Outreach Ministry has been in the process of building a Leadership Training and Resource Center on the property we bought a few years ago. As we were getting closer to building the Center, the Ethiopian government announced a five-year transformation plan to

change the area into an industrial economic zone. In order to change the city of Addis Ababa, the government announced that private and government buildings were to be demolished. The property we bought to build the Training and Resource Center also has to be demolished. A year ago the government served us a notice to relocate or receive compensation for our land and building. At last the government gave us a replacement for our land at a place called Harasba, about 30 km. from the city where there is no water, electricity, or transportation. We found it unwise to build at a location where there is no adequate transportation.

As a result, our new option was to buy another piece of land in the area where there is adequate transportation. During my recent trip to Ethiopia, with the help of Christian friends, we found a piece of land at a convenient location at a very reasonable price. In order to secure the deal we have made a partial payment of 100,000 bir toward the purchase of this land. In a couple of months we are hoping to finish the whole process of securing the land. I sense this is the time for this dream to become a reality.

We are very grateful to many of you, our friends and partners of this ministry. I want you to know that your partnership is one of the keys to the success of EOM. Please continue to pray for our ministry in Ethiopia and around the world. May the Lord bless you richly.

—Melese Wogu

Blessing

Our friend Rena Prowell recruited some of her friends from her growth group and mission team to come and do a thorough clean-up of our office. What a blessing! She then treated everyone to baked crab cakes, donuts,

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What is Your Platform?

I believe that we Christians mostly live out of our broken identity rather than our renewed identity. If we are truly saved, then we are a new creation—created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness—the old has passed. Now, that is what God has declared to be true about us. But for that declaration to be true in our lives we have to do the foot work because *“brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it”* (Rom. 8:12). Therefore, we have to engage our mind and tell it that there is a new sheriff in town and his name is Jesus. And He requires that we be transformed by the renewing of our mind. But how does that work?

The best picture that the Holy Spirit gave me was that of a stage/platform. My life will be shaped by the platform I live from. If I live from the platform of “I am a single woman” then my life will be dictated by the understanding of what a single woman’s life looks like. It is the same whether the platform is

one of “I am a single mother,” “I am a divorcee,” “I am an Ethiopian American,” “I am a conservative,” “I am an introvert,” etc. And the problem with any of these platforms is that their foundations are weak and incomplete. But if I live from the platform that says, “First and foremost, I am a blood bought born again Christian. I am not my own anymore, I am now a disciple of Jesus and a lover of God” then my outlook on life changes dramatically. And every other label then loses its dictating power over me. It doesn’t define me anymore; instead each one of them becomes a shaping tool in my journey with Jesus.

Furthermore, believing and living from the platform “I am a Christian” even trumps out the defeating excuse—“But I am human.” So many of us use this excuse to get out of making the hard decision to obey Jesus. My statement goes like this, “I am human **BUT** I have been born again and I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength.” And I tell you, this

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belief has made and continues to make a whole lot of difference in my life. It seems to have removed a barrier for the Holy Spirit to work freely in my inner life because I see so much transformation in my inner life. It is unbelievably awesome.

What is your platform? And is it a barrier to the working of the Holy Spirit in your inner life? If so, get off and change your platform; for the power that raised Christ from the dead lives in you (Rom. 8:11), you are more than a conqueror (Rom. 8:37), and you can do all things through Christ who gives you strength (Phil. 4:13). Believe it and live it!

Sossena Maybury

coffee, and Ethiopian tea. Here are some pictures of the crew that participated in this service of love. Thank you Rena, Eva Kohr, Peggy Hamilton, Deb Kann, Dawn Sterner, Dee Carbough, Mike & Bev Gordon, and Katie Kline.

