



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.
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Praise and Prayer Corner

- Praise God for His faithfulness.
 - Praise God for our volunteers who dedicate their time for Jesus and help us.
 - 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
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Volunteers are a Blessing

Volunteers are the backbone of any non-profit organization. With a limited budget, it is virtually impossible to do all of the work that needs to be done without the help of volunteers. Ethiopian Outreach Ministry (EOM) is no different. We have volunteers who help us with mailings, banquet preparation and execution, keeping our facility clean and functioning, and maintaining our computers. And we can't forget the board of directors—most of whom have been with EOM since its inception.



One of our valued volunteers is Mr. Richard (Dick) Naylor. In addition to being on our board of directors, Dick does maintenance work inside and outside the EOM facility. Whenever he needs help, he involves his family.



Dick has been blowing snow for us for many years but he admits that it is getting to be too much and that this is his last winter.

We want to take this opportunity to say thank you to Dick for the many



years of snow blowing service. His faithfulness has blessed our hearts tremendously. Thank you also to Joshua and Adam Naylor for helping out. May the Lord continue to bless your family. ~

These pictures depict three generations of Naylor men digging us out from the latest snow storm. It is not an easy task, as our property in the back is long and wide.



Two Sides of the Same Coin

Just recently, my friend Jess shared with me that she has a hard time accepting/believing a scripture that popped out and spoke to her in Growth Group. The scripture is from Ephesian 1:4: "For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight." She said that it was hard for her to believe that God would choose her after all the bad things she has done in her life.

As I listened, I knew where she was coming from. It is one thing to quote and memorize scripture, it is a totally different thing to truly believe it for ourselves and live in the truth. It requires the renewal of our minds—the way we think (Romans 12:2). In this case, it's a matter of changing our thinking about who God is from what our depraved minds tell us to what God himself tells us through his Word.

I also realized that her view of God and mine were two sides of the same coin. As I wrote in the last issue of our newsletter, unlike Jess who doesn't see herself as being worthy of God's acceptance because of her bad works, I saw myself worthy because of my "good works". Yet, both of us are dead wrong because God's love and acceptance has absolutely nothing to do with our works. It has everything to do with Jesus' work on the cross.

If we don't believe and live in God's revealed truth but instead continue with our distorted view of God, then we are not worshipping and serving the God of the Bible. What do I mean by that? For example, if I claim to be a Christian and yet don't believe that God loves me or will ever forgive me because my sins are too many and too dark, then I am talking about a different god. The God of the Bible loves without conditions and forgives and forgets all of our confessed sins. Period! (Hebrews 8:12).

However, the distortion is more subtle than that and we don't even realize how it affects our Christian life. All we have to do is take a good look at ourselves and ask why we don't look like Jesus after so many years of following him. Why do we live defeated lives when the Word tells us that we are more than conquerors? Why do our testimonies rarely deal with dying to self for the sake of Christ? Why do we still live like we have rights to our lives

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when scripture says, "...You are not your own; you were bought at a price" (1 Corinthians 6:19-20). Why don't we stand out in our communities like Daniel and Joseph did in theirs? Why doesn't that bother us? What is at the core of our belief that keeps us bound to the old nature—the old way of thinking? What bill of goods has the enemy sold us that we have swallowed hook, line, and sinker?

In Jess' case, she had bought into the lie that God wouldn't choose her because of her badness and I had bought into the lie that he chose me because of my goodness. The truth is so hard to grasp no matter which side of the coin we are on. But that doesn't make it less true. So, it is up to each one of us to decide what we do with it. Am I going to let the lie that contradicts God's Word rule my life or am I going to expose it to the truth until it no longer has a voice? The choice is mine and victory is guaranteed. Here is what Paul says: "We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ" (2 Corinthians 10:5).

~ Sossena Maybury



-A GREAT NEED-



This is our BravoPro CD printer. We bought it over 10 years ago and it has been doing a great job printing our monthly CDs. But lately, it hasn't been itself. It's been a little cranky...a little stubborn...a little confused about what do. We tried some home remedies but whatever bug it has, it is not responding well. So, it is time to let it go.

But we can't do without it. We also can't do without your help. Therefore, would you please pray and see if God wants to

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~ Financial Corner ~

For this quarter reporting, our year-to-date budget is \$89,805 and our year-to-date receipts total \$88,440.



use you to answer our prayer for this need?

The replacement machine we are looking at is the **Primera Bravo SE-3 Disc Publisher**. The listed price is \$1,359. It has two features that we need: printing labels on CDs and duplicating/burning CDs. This machine will enable us to replace our other aging machine, this CD duplicator/burner. Thank you for your prayers and consideration. ~



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