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Expanding Our Outreach

Since 1982, EOM has been reaching out to Ethiopians around the world with Christian teachings using various mediums such as printed materials, audio recordings, and video recordings. In the area of audio, we started out with compact cassette tapes and moved to CDs in 2011. Until recently, most of these materials were mailed out to individuals and churches in the United States, Europe, and the Middle East. But with the increase of postage prices and stricter regulations on international CD mailings, we were forced to limit our mailings to only within the United States.

As we all know, change has its pros and cons. For us, the upside of cutting our international mailing is the financial savings. On the downside, for some recipients, especially in the Middle Eastern countries and Eritrea, Africa, our messages were their sole spiritual resources. We were recently told by an Eritrean refugee in Ethiopia that his country men and women need Dr. Wogu's teachings to combat the claims of false teachers.

He reported that many refugees are either committing suicide or losing their minds as the "Christian" teachings of health, wealth, and success stood in stark contrast to their current reality. He himself admitted that he would have been in the same position if it weren't for EOM's teachings that he received over the years.

Hearing firsthand the importance of having our teaching widely available for the community, we decided to take advantage of the available technology and upload the messages to our YouTube channel. Cell phones have changed the way people consume information; therefore, this change of medium will benefit almost all our listeners who have cell phones and Internet access. Furthermore, the ability to download the resources will meet the needs of more people, as those who have the means can share with those who don't. We are already receiving positive feedback for the few messages that have been uploaded. Please support this transition by liking our videos and sharing with others. 🙏

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Teaching, Evangelizing and Equipping

“Knowing Him is the Blessing”

About a month or so ago, I reached out to a homeless man I had seen before in downtown York. This, of course, is not the first homeless man I have seen, but what makes this encounter different is what has been going in my heart. When God changes our heart we act and interact differently with our environment. The change that has taken place in my heart is in the area of generosity. I would never have considered myself to be a generous person if the definition is having a joyful, giving heart as a default. I would give out of obedience to God, but it never was instinctive for me. The only thing that is instinctive is tithing. That is an area I have never messed around with, no matter what my income was.

So, our God, who is in the business of transformation, surprised me with a transformed heart in this area of generosity and then blessed me financially. This is in keeping with the scripture that states, “And we all..., are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit (2 Cor. 3:18). I have no words to express how much joy I am experiencing when the opportunity rises to give above and beyond. What a gift that He has given me—a tiny glimpse into his generous heart. What an opportunity to be a light in dark places.

My eyes are now open as I drive through town, looking for those in need on the street. And that is how Sam, the homeless man, came into my line of vision. I was drawn to him, and then came the day when our paths crossed. I stopped to ask him if he could use a \$5 bill. He graciously accepted and, as I was about to leave, I said to him, “God bless you.” And what he said after he thanked me just took my breath away. He said, “Knowing Him is the blessing.”

Wow! What a profound statement. I was deeply touched because, at this point in my life, that is exactly how I feel about God. But how is it possible that Sam, a homeless man, and me, a woman who has everything, feel the same way about God? I don't know Sam's story or why he is homeless, but what I know is that being homeless has not kept him from finding his contentment in the knowledge of God. Days later, I saw him again and shared with him how much he has blessed me with his statement. He said, with a beautiful toothless smile, “People can only do so much for you. Knowing Him is everything.” His countenance reflected his statement. Just thinking about him and the encounter still makes me emotional.

God, who is not a respecter of man, can reveal Himself to us and sustain us regardless of our life's circumstances. “For the eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him” (2 Chron. 16:9). Is knowing Him enough for you or are you stuck on what is missing in your life? Are you experiencing transformation or remaining unchanged, year after year?

Sossena Maybury ✍

Praise and Prayer Corner

- **Praise God for our faithful supporters.**
- **Praise God for the new prime minister of Ethiopia, Dr. Abiy Ahmed. He is a believer.**
- **Pray for the success of the upcoming election in June 2021 in Ethiopia.**
- **Pray for Ethiopia's building of the dam over the Nile river and the dispute between Sudan and Egypt.**
- **Pray for Ethiopia as the number of people infected by COVID-19 slowly grows.**
- **Pray for the persecuted church around the world. For more information go to www.worthynews.com.**

For this quarter reporting, our year-to-date budget is \$64,290 and our year-to-date receipts are \$74,065.

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