



ETHIOPIAN LIVING WORD EVANGELICAL CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY

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POLITICAL AND HUMANITARIAN CRISIS

As we mentioned in our last newsletter, Ethiopia continues to face great social unrest. Political upheaval is leading to many human rights violations including many killings and unlawful arrests of protestors. Governmental powers are labeling political opponents as terrorists to justify such actions. Our family grieved the loss of my great niece, Salaam. She was at a traditional religious ceremony where trouble erupted. I had plans to arrive in Ethiopia in October, but had to cancel my trip due to the unrest.

In addition to all this, 80 percent of the people in Ethiopia live in poverty and 15 million are currently threatened by famine. Please join us in prayer for God's hand of protection and guidance and for the Gospel to shine brightly in this dark time for the nation.

THE CHURCH MARCHES ON

In spite of the challenges of political unrest and great financial hardship, our ministers continue in God's work of expanding His Kingdom through His Church. It has been our goal to strive to remain neutral as it pertains to the political infighting and concern ourselves with presenting the Gospel and praying. We are certainly not blind to injustices, but we believe our hope is found in Christ alone. As an example, our new church in Addis Ababa District recently had 18 baptized in water. Other churches are reporting similar growth.



SOPAS II Participants in April 2016

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT IN 2017

Our efforts in leadership development continue to move forward. Our ministers were so blessed in the Spring to have CBL with us for the School of Practical and Advanced Studies. Initial plans to host SOPAS again in 2017 are underway. We also hope to include youth and children's workers training. There is a great hunger among our people for quality training and we are blessed in our partnership with our church family.

COMMON CALL FOR ROOFING SHEETS

Roofing sheets is our most common building request. We simply keep this before our newsletter readers for consideration. We estimate \$1000US per church. Meeting spaces are very limiting, especially in the rural areas in which we work, making roofing a nearly universal need. This is why we choose to highlight this opportunity each month, not because it is more important than other areas, such as ministry support, acquiring a national campus and training center or other humanitarian challenges, but because it is a very tangible way we can demonstrate our support to the communities in which we work.



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PRAYER REQUEST

A couple of our church properties are under threat of seizure by the government due to a lack of development. A lack of resources has prevented us from making any progress. Please pray for us that can quickly secure what is needed and begin constructing a fence around these properties. This will serve as a starting point and help us to avoid losing these properties. Our estimated need is a combined \$10,000 US for the Nekempt and Gudaye Jare projects.

HARVEST PARTNERS

As we approach the traditional American season of Thanksgiving for harvest, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to our Harvest Partners who support us faithfully in prayer and with gifts. It is true that the Church of God of Prophecy may not be a Church of great financial means, but we are a family of great faith. Our partners demonstrate that many times over in supporting us. May God richly bless you as you continue to serve Him and the people of Ethiopia for His name's sake.



Bp. Fekadu Ayele

Sincerely,
Bishop Dr. Fekadu Ayele,
Overseer Ethiopia



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Your regular monthly **Mission Giving** literally provides for the bread and water support to keep the Church of God of Prophecy functioning in Ethiopia. Thank You!

Your special **Project Giving** (churches) or **Helping Hand** (individuals) are also greatly appreciated and will help us fund such projects as mentioned in this newsletter. Please be sure to designate your gift, e.g., **Ethiopia—Building/Roofs...** For more information on projects in Ethiopia, please contact Global Missions Ministries.



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