



ETHIOPIAN LIVING WORD EVANGELICAL CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY



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POLITICAL AND HUMANITARIAN CRISIS

Ethiopia is in the throes of great trouble. 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. As an example, a prison where 3000 detainees were being held was burned. As the prisoners fled, they were gunned down. Amnesty International, which had been working to shed light on the abuses, was recently expelled from the country. The vast majority of our churches are comprised of Oromo people, the tribe who is suffering much of the backlash. We are so greatly grieved over this.



Students Protesting

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.

ANOTHER NEW CONGREGATION

Our district leaders in Sibule Sire have planted another new congregation since the last Assembly. 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.

PRAYING FOR LABORERS

My most recent visit highlighted again our need for committed, gifted servants in our local churches. At this time, we have no problem attracting new people, much like Jesus did, the multitudes are large and growing. We have a lack of people qualified in administration and organization. We are doing better at developing training for our ministers, but I am praying for God's help in raising up local leaders who can serve in the local congregations. Please join me in praying for mature laborers to arise.

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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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

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—Harvest Partners [HPL2]** or **Helping Hand [HH]**—are also greatly appreciated and will help us fund such projects as mentioned in this newsletter. Local churches can participate in these additional fundraising efforts through Harvest Partners, and individuals through Helping Hand. Please be sure to designate your gift, e.g., **Ethiopia—Building/Roofs...**



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