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NEWS: Wow, it sure has been busy the past few weeks, since our last newsletter. Haile has been in the States and life has been full of travel, and meetings, and strategic planning, and prayer. This is a ministry that has truly been built on prayer, and surely all of our plans for the future of EIM have been committed to prayer. Plans for the spring evangelism teams, sponsored by the Don Whitt Evangelistic Association, have been finalized. Following on the heels of a tremendously successful team sponsored by Jerry Spencer Ministries, earlier this year, there will be two, back-to-back teams ministering in Ethiopia this spring. The groups going this spring will be working in the areas of Awassa and Soto, and will focus on evangelism, discipleship, and pastor training. In addition, there will be some medical personnel going who will tend to the medical needs of the children at Cross Pointe Christian Academy. In addition, plans are already being made for at least one team this fall, and possibly a large crusade either this fall, or next spring. We truly believe that we are witnessing the beginnings of a revival that will be on par with some of the great movements of God as recorded throughout history. It is our expectation that hundreds of thousands will be saved in Ethiopia, **this year**. I quiver when I think about what God has already done, and as I anticipate what He is about to do. We look forward to bringing you our reports over the next few months.

Many of you have been so kind to Haile, and EIM over the past several weeks. I hesitate to start listing specific names lest I leave someone out, but so many of you have opened your churches, your homes, your lives, and yes, your pocket books, to us. Thank you for allowing God to use you by blessing us. We have been over whelmed by your kindness.

Thought: Recently, we studied the Israelites as they made their journey from Egypt, through the wilderness, on their way to the Promised Land. They were met with many challenges in the wilderness, and each time God was faithful to meet the need. God's presence was with them in a pillar of cloud by day, and a pillar of fire by night. They were literally following God. When the cloud, or the fire moved, they followed. When it stopped, they rested. Still, they were faced with many challenges. One purpose of the trials was that God was growing their faith. You see God had big plans for them. They were going to conquer The Promised Land. The big plans God had for them would require a big faith. Unfortunately, many of the Israelites did not learn this lesson of faith. Some wanted to go back to Egypt. In Egypt they lived in bondage and drudgery, but at least they felt secure in what they had. How sad. These people never received all that God had for them because they never learned the lesson of faith. Likewise, so many of us have contented ourselves with lives of mediocrity because we refuse to let go of what we have so that we can receive what God has for us. So many Christians have contented themselves with living in Egypt rather than stepping out in faith to conquer the Promised Land that God has planned for us. Some of the Israelite people eventually reached the Promised Land, and their journey was accomplished by taking one step at a time. We encourage you. Begin your journey of faith today. God's Word tells us he has plans for you, just like He had plans for the Israelites. Take that first step, then let Him lead you to the next, and the next, and the next.....

Blessings,
Bill Anderson, Chairman EIM