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Ethiopia Update: The team from McDonough, GA reports a very successful mission. They ministered to the children at Cross Pointe Academy. They played ball, helped them with their English, and just spent time loving on the children. They also conducted a pastors' conference for about 100 pastors and did some street evangelism for a couple of days. They report another 350 people saved. A group from Whites Creek Baptist Church, in Franklinville, NC, is making preparations for their trip in late January. They will participate in evangelism, pastor training, and reconciliation ministries. The recent unrest in Ethiopia caused much tension, even within the Christian community.

Needs: Last month we reported the need for \$3,000 to complete construction of a facility to house the high school students because the government will not allow the school to expand to include high school students unless they are taught in a facility that is separate from the lower grades. The Lord has blessed and \$1,800 of that amount has been raised. We are now only about \$1,200 short of the necessary funds to complete construction of the new addition. The greatest financial need right now is for funds to ship the ceramic tile that was donated. The projected cost is about \$20,000.

From the Chairman: Appropriately, at this time of year, our attention turns to the Christmas story as reported in Matthew, and Luke. So much has been preached, and taught, and sang about these events that the familiarity sometimes causes us to give them only cursory consideration. We miss out on what really took place. I would like to mention just a couple of them.

First, God went to extreme lengths to prove just how much He loves mankind. In the scope of the universe you and I amount to something less than a microscopic dust speck. Yet, the Bible says we are the only creatures made in His own image. Then, He subjected Himself to the entire human experience. He came as a human baby. He experienced all of the phases of growth and maturity. He knew joy and pain, success and defeat, acceptance and rejection. He knew what it was like to have wants, and needs, and desires. He loved us so much that He wanted to be able to relate to us on our level. So, he became one of us. Whatever we are experiencing in life, He can truly relate because He has been there. Wow, the almighty, self-sufficient, creator, God desires to have a personal relationship with us so badly that he subjected Himself to all of this, then, He died for us. On that first Christmas He gave us the gift of love.

Secondly, He gave us the gift of significance. He chose to use two insignificant young people to be the earthly parents of the Christ child. This was His plan for their lives. This was their part to play in God's redemptive plan for mankind. By choosing them to play this part, God gave their lives meaning, and importance, and significance.

A little over 10 years God chose Haile and Tsedale, a mechanic and a bookkeeper, to spearhead the effort to bring the news of God's plan of redemption to Ethiopia. About two years ago God chose insignificant people in a small little town in West Tennessee to form a support ministry for Haile & Tsedale. Over the past several years He has called many of you to pray, and support, and participate with this ministry.

God's word tells us that that we are all created for a purpose. We have been designed to play an important role in redeeming mankind from death and despair, and this gives our lives

significance. We matter. Our lives have meaning and purpose. At the end of our lives what more could a person ask for than to have the knowledge that our lives had significance? What a gift!

Merry Christmas,

Bill

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