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Ethiopia Update: The team from Franklinville, NC has returned home and report that the Holy Spirit continues to move mightily in Ethiopia. The first team of the year reports 45,250 came to know Christ. 200 pastors and 100 of their wives received ministry/pastoral training. They were able to preach to crowds of 15-20,000 in a four-day crusade in Arba Minch, and did two-day leadership training for 120 government, university, and church leaders. Wow! It is truly amazing to witness the power of God on display. Thank you God and thank you to the team from Whites Memorial Baptist Church for allowing God to use you.

On a disappointing note...While Haile was away with this team someone he knew, and trusted, burglarized his home. They stole electronics, jewelry, and clothes. The individual hasn't been seen since the incident. Please pray for Haile and his family. We pray for their physical protection and provision, but we also need to pray that God will protect their minds and their spirits. Don't let them become discouraged and don't let Satan gain a victory in their hearts and minds.

From the Chairman: Have you ever listened to some of the things that people espouse and wonder how they could actually believe something so obviously messed up, or marvel at how often people struggle with answers to certain issues when the answers seem to be so obvious? Sometimes you want to scream at the television, "Do you hear what's coming out of your mouth? Do you honestly believe what you're saying?" or, "Hey, the solution to the problem is not that complicated." "How did you arrive at such twisted reasoning?"

As Christians, these types of situations sometimes frustrate us. At times it's hard for us to understand why the rest of the world doesn't seem to understand what seems to be obvious to us. What we fail to realize is that what's missing in people's lives is the presence of the Holy Spirit. In John 14:16-17, Jesus said, "I will pray to the Father and he will give you another Helper, that he may abide with you forever. Even the Spirit of Truth whom the world cannot receive because it doesn't see Him, or know Him: but you know Him because He dwells with you, and shall be in you." You see, the lost world does not have the Spirit of Truth dwelling in them, so they struggle with truth. John 8:31-32 says, "... If you abide in my word, then you are truly my disciples: and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." Free from what? Among others we are free from; the bondage of sin, guilt, fear, and we are free to have victory over the spiritual darkness and deception that the Evil One brings to our lives. The simple truth is that the remedy for most, if not all, of the problems we face in our nation is, "people just need to get saved." When we come across those people with their twisted reasoning and perverted ideas of right and wrong it's really easy to become frustrated and angry, but wouldn't it be more productive if we prayed for them to be saved? Better yet, what if we witnessed to some of them ourselves?

Blessings,

Bill

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