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Ethiopia Update: Haile has safely returned to Ethiopia. When he is in the States it is such a busy time with travel, and meetings, and planning, but we always enjoy it when Haile comes to visit. He will be busy for the next few months making preparations for the evangelism teams that will arrive in May and June, and for the medical team that will be in Ethiopia in July. Also, we are in the final stages of making arrangements to ship the ceramic floor tile that was donated to EIM several months ago. In addition to the ceramic floor tile, another vendor has donated 80 commercial grade, solid wood doors. We hope to ship most of the doors along with the tile. Haile will also be making arrangements for the receipt of these items once they are shipped.

Last month we reported that someone Haile and his family knew, and trusted had burglarized his home. Some of you responded very graciously and we were able to replace much of what was taken while Haile was here. Thank you so much for loving and supporting Haile that way.

From the Chairman: Recently, my wife and I were fortunate to be able to take a trip to the Holy Land. It was the trip of a lifetime. There was so much to see, and learn, and experience. We created a lot of memories. A lot of thoughts crossed my mind during our trip and I thought I would share a couple of them here.

Israel is the most religious place on Earth and probably the center of the most turmoil. So, what does that tell us about religion? Almost every sect and religious group for the past 2,000 years lays some type of claim to The Holy Land. Israel has been the sight of almost continual conflict, as one religious group after another has claimed it for themselves. Today in Jerusalem different groups control various parts of the city, and multiple religious sects claim control over certain buildings and properties. Obviously, religion is not the answer to man's problems else Israel would be a paradise on Earth. Jesus' invitation was, "follow me." He didn't call us to a label, or ceremony, or acts of penance. He called us to imitate Him.

God designated this land as special and set apart, and Satan has done his best to destroy it. The original site of Solomon's temple is the Temple Mount. Since the destruction of the original temple one group after another has destroyed the structure that was on the site, buried it, and replaced it with their own, only to have it destroyed and replaced by another group. Today the site of the original temple lays many layers underground. One group has even placed tombs outside of the area where the Eastern Gate stood in order to make the sight unholy so that Jesus will not return through the Eastern Gate. One day, despite Satan's best efforts, Jesus will return as a conquering king. He will bring with him a New Jerusalem where He will reign, and all things will be just as God has said. Amen!!

Blessings,

Bill

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