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**From Haile:** We trust the Lord for the work here in Ethiopia and we pray sincerely for the Holy Spirit's guidance. Last Wednesday (9/12/19) was the last day of the Ethiopian year. Our mighty God has done many miracles for our ministry during the past year. We pray for you (the friends of our ministry), our board members, and donors continually. We continually praise the Lord for what he has done for us. We are very encouraged with our school registration. Enrollment is now over 1,400. We have received our permit for high school. We currently have 15 students enrolled for 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Construction on the multipurpose building in Dukem and the print shop/conference hall, in Addis is moving along very well. Completion of these facilities will provide us with many ministry opportunities. The leadership conference planned for November has opened new doors for the ministry. The subjects of conflict management and reconciliation are currently major issues for our country. We have been invited to the Awassa region, west Ethiopia, and the east part of the country to provide leadership conferences to address these issues. Many regional representatives will attend the conference in November.

**From Jeff Joyce:** As a member of the board of directors for EIM and Missions Strategist for Randolph Baptist Association, let me express how excited we are to be working with the Executive Director of EIM, Haile Tefera, at the invitation of Abraham, Chief Administrator of Sodo Town to bring the regional Reconciliation & Unity Conference to Ethiopia. After several trips to Ethiopia over the past three years, we have developed a heart for not only the country, but also for the wonderful people of Ethiopia. We have seen firsthand the strife this proud nation has endured and are grateful to perhaps be a part of bringing helpful insight that may lead to solutions to the conflicts that have troubled its people for centuries. The team we have assembled for this event brings years of expertise in a wide array of topics. The topics we have been asked to address in November are: Conflict Resolution, Unity and Forgiveness, Integrity vs. Corruption, and Servant Leadership. It is our belief and desire that this three-day conference be an impactful and meaningful event for Sodo and the entire region.

**From the Chairman:** I have recently been on a personal journey of faith. Without going into a lot of detail, The Lord called me to a task that required me to put forth my best personal effort, but ultimately required that I rely on the leading of the Holy Spirit. After months of working, planning, and seeking God's will I thought I had completed my task with satisfactory results only to meet with a much different outcome than what I had been seeking. To be honest, I was sure God had brought me to this place, but I wasn't sure what to do next. Should I quit? Should I work harder? Should I make a different plan? Then, the Holy Spirit directed me to Mark 4:35-40. Jesus had directed the disciples to take a journey. They were doing exactly what they had been told to do. Their unexpected outcome was a storm. They didn't know whether to row harder, to bail out, or bail water. So, they went to Jesus who wasn't in a panic at all. Jesus' words in verses 39 & 40 were, "Be quiet. Be still. Why are you afraid? Do you still have so little faith?" Too often, when we reach the end of ourselves, we are too quick to panic, too quick to quit, too quick to abandon the journey God sent us on. Sometimes we just need to stop, be still, be quiet, stand courageously on the faith that brought us to this point, and let God do His thing. Remember, if you're in the boat with Jesus you're going wherever He goes, and that's a good thing.

Blessings,

Bill

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