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Ethiopia Update: If you have been watching the news you already know that Abihy Ahmed Ali, the prime minister of Ethiopia, has been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. Prime Minister Abihy Ahmed is known to be a Christian and has implemented programs aimed at political and economic reforms in Ethiopia. He has also been recognized for his efforts in brokering peace deals in Eritrea and South Sudan, and a transition agreement in the Republic of the Sudan. Please pray for the prime minister as he has met with much resistance to his attempts at reform.

Haile reports that all is well with him and his family. Progress on the multi-purpose building is on hold right now while the focus is on completing the print shop facility. The print shop is currently housed in the first floor of this building. Subsequent floors will house Ebenezer International Ministries, Inc. offices, conference rooms, and space that can be used for housing of mission teams. Some of this space will be available for rent, which will generate additional income. **We are in desperate need of Bibles.** Last year we saw 353,000 people saved in Ethiopia. So far this year we have seen about 130,000 people saved. Local pastors have requested Bibles to disperse to the new Christians so that they can be discipled. As you consider your year-end giving please keep this in mind.

From the Chairman: God's will is something most Christian struggle with. We tend to think that discerning God's will is something akin to finding the prize egg at a Easter egg hunt, or that it must involve some type of mystical, or great emotional experience. While God can, and occasionally does, perform something supernatural this is not the norm. The fact is God's will is not discerned in a void of mentality. The Bible actually speaks more frequently about the mind than it does about our feelings. Romans 12:1-2 tells us that if we want to live out the will of God we must present our bodies as a living sacrifice and we resist being conformed to the world by being transformed through the renewing of our minds. The point of renewing our minds is that we develop the mind of Christ. Renewing our minds is accomplished by exposing our minds to things that are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, excellent, admirable, and praiseworthy (Philippians 4:8). When we develop the mind of Christ we see things the way God sees them. As we develop the mind of Christ and daily commit ourselves to Him we begin to consistently live out the will of God for our lives. This is the Biblical model.

Blessings,

Bill

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