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**Ethiopia Update: - Ministry Update:** It's that time of year where we evaluate where we've been, project where we want to go, and make plans as to how we're going to get there. Haile has been in the States. He has met with the Board of Directors and I want to take a minute to share with you some of the things going on with the ministry in Ethiopia. To date we have teams coming to Ethiopia in March, May, and September. Hopefully, more teams will join us throughout the year. They will participate in evangelism and pastor training as in the past, but a new ministry emphasis has been added. By request of governmental leaders EIM teams will also provide training in unity and reconciliation to government and university leaders as well as leading pastors. Training will include individuals from various backgrounds and religions. We think God has provided us with a tremendous opportunity through this ministry.

Another area where we would like to expand the ministry is in the area of the Sudanese refugee camps. Some ministry has taken place there on a limited basis, but we would like to expand that ministry. An area of concern is the upcoming election of the prime minister. The current prime minister is Abiy Ahmed. He is a Christian and has attempted to implement many reforms in Ethiopia. If he is re-elected these reforms may continue and doors will remain open for EIM. If not, there could be great difficulty ahead. The possibility of much unrest also exists during this election season. Please pray for this situation.

Over the past few months we have repeatedly expressed the need for Bibles, and you have responded by donating \$10,300 for the purchase/printing of Bibles. That translates to about 2,100 Bibles. Thank you so much for your generosity. Please keep this need in mind. Since hundreds of thousands of people are being saved this will be a continuing need. Bibles will be distributed to the pastors who attend the training sessions so they can give them to the new converts they are attempting to disciple.

**From the Chairman:** In II Corinthians 3:5-10, Paul said that he planted, another watered, and God gave the increase. Most of my contribution to this ministry to date has been in the area of planting. God has blessed me with the opportunity to take part in the formation of Ebenezer International Ministries Inc., LLC. When Haile came to me with his dream of establishing EIM about 2 ½ years ago, I could never have imagined the things I have experienced during my tenure as chairman of EIM. God has been faithful and we have seen Him show Himself in such a mighty and powerful way. I have truly been blessed, but now it is time for someone else to water. Effective January 16, 2020 I stepped down as chairman of EIM so that another can build on the foundation that has been laid. Although I will not be chairman, I will still be a part of the ministry of EIM. Our newly appointed chairman is Jeff Joyce. Brother Jeff is from Franklinville, NC and is the Associational Missions Strategist of the Randolph Baptist Association. Jeff is uniquely qualified and positioned to lead EIM through the next phases of growth and ministry as the Lord leads, and we are fortunate to have him serve in this position. I am excited about the future of EIM and I am confident that the ministry is in very capable hands. Our prayers and support are with Brother Jeff, and I whole-heartedly hope that you will support him as well.

Blessings,  
Bill

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