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From the Chairman:

Continue to pray for the people and nation of Ethiopia to experience revival.

Ethiopia is a country of 114 million people, and their capitol, Addis Abba, is home to over 4.5 million precious people. Thank the Lord for his protection during the COVID-19 pandemic, as they have experience only 263 confirmed cases and 6 deaths to date. The southern region, where the majority of Ebenezer's evangelistic and crusade ministry is centered, has seen little or no cases thus far. There may be many differing explanations for these low numbers, but I would like to offer one. During the very early stages of the outbreak, prime minister, Abiy Ahmed who is a Christian, met with the religious leaders of Ethiopia and implemented 30 days of prayer and fasting across the nation. He encouraged the people of Ethiopia to spend time daily crying out to God for his protection against the corona virus. I am no expert in pandemics, but it appears God has heard the prayers of the Ethiopian people and has chosen to respond with His protection. It seems there may be a lesson in that for some of our more developed nations.

In my latest conversation with Brother Haile he shared businesses across the nation are slowly beginning to open, though mass gatherings, which includes churches, and schools were not yet allowed to meet. Of course, this affects Crosspointe School, as well as Meskel Minche printing since almost all our printing is done for the Ethiopian churches and their ministries. Also, many of the pastor we work with are suffering because what little income they receive is not available when their churches are not meeting. Please pray with us that the Lord will provide daily needs for his faithful servants and their families.

Let me close with a quick admonition to seek the Lord's face for a much-needed awakening/ revival, not only in Ethiopia but also in the USA. In Ezekiel 37 the Lord leads his prophet to a valley of dry bones to give an illustration of what he is going to do for his people Israel. I believe in this passage we can see some principles to pray that may lead us to a place where the Lord would be willing to do such a work in our midst:

- 1) Pray the Lord would open our eyes to the spiritual dryness around us (1,2)
- 2) Pray the Lord would raise people to obediently speak the words of the Lord (3-7)
- 3) Pray the Lord would pour out His Holy Spirit to bring life back to the dryness we are experiencing (8-10)
- 4) Pray for the promised hope and healing only God can provide (11-14)

Check out and mediate on these powerful principles God shares with his prophet and let us cry out to the Lord that we may experience such a move of God among this generation.

May God richly bless you and His work in Ethiopia.

Jeff

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