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From the Chairman:

"....Ethiopia shall quickly stretch out her hands unto God. (Psalms 68:31b)

And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me. (John 12:32)

WOW!!! WOW!!! There were times when that is all that we could say after presenting the gospel and watching as thousands accepted Christ and their lives were instantly changed for eternity. God is doing something special in Ethiopia and there are times when the presence of the Holy Spirit is so heavy that it will drive a man to his knees. Thank God for the Don Whitt Evangelistic Association, which sponsored back-to-back evangelism teams this spring. Between May 28, 2018 and June 14, 2018 these teams saw over 225,000 people accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior in the towns and villages of Ethiopia. That brings the total to over 315,000 in 2018 alone. With teams already scheduled for this Fall, we could realistically see 500,000 people saved in Ethiopia this year. WOW!!!

Some ask, "What are you doing to see so many people respond?" Certainly there is a lot of prayer and planning that goes into our evangelistic outreach, but all we are "doing" is simply sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ (John 12:32), and the Holy Spirit draws the hearts of the people to Christ. We just get to be the tool that God uses. Thank you Lord for choosing frail and imperfect people to be part of your glorious plan to redeem mankind.

Others ask, "What about follow-up and discipleship?" This is a subject that is very near to our hearts, also. When we were seeing tens and hundreds, or even thousands, come to Christ it was an issue. Now that we are seeing tens of thousands being saved, it is certainly a challenge. In addition to the evangelism teams, we also sponsor pastors' training conferences for as many as 100 pastors, and their wives, in the areas where the evangelistic outreach takes place. Pastors are trained in doctrine and discipleship, as well as other topics. Additionally, through our print shop, we provide the pastors with Bibles, training materials, and Sunday School literature. In this way, we are equipping the local pastors to follow-up and disciple the thousands of new converts. Occasionally, we build a church in areas where one is needed, but more often we partner with the larger churches in the area and encourage them to send out pastors and start new churches.

Finally, many want to know, "How can I help?" First and foremost, pray. What is happening in Ethiopia is a supernatural move of the Holy Spirit. Pray with urgency. We don't know how long the door will be open in Ethiopia. Secondly, give as the Lord leads. The projects are many and the needs are great but, right now, we need to provide Haile and his family with an adequate, steady income. Haile and Tsedale are on the front line every day, living by faith and ministering to the people of Ethiopia. Again, there is a sense of urgency, and we don't want them to have to be distracted from their mission by concern over the basic necessities of life. Thanks so much to those of you who already support Ebenezer International Ministries. The work being done in Ethiopia would not be possible without your help.

## Blessings,

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