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Ethiopia Update: Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly more than all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us. Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen. (Eph. 3:20-121 KJV). The teams have returned from Ethiopia and, once again, God has proven Himself to be bigger than our imagination. Over about a three-week period teams lead by the Don Whitt Evangelistic Association saw an estimated 130,915 people accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Since January of 2018 we have seen over 529,000 people come to know Christ in Ethiopia. We stand in awe of what God continues to do. In addition to the evangelistic efforts, the team participated in training sessions for both men and women and prison ministry. A new church was also dedicated. The church was built with funds donated by a ladies Bible study group at Milan First Baptist Church, in Milan, TN. The church was built in memory of the daughter of one of the ladies in the group. The church was full with several hundred in attendance. The church leadership is already talking about expansion.

God blesses in so many ways. When we arrived in Ethiopia we found out that the pump had been burned out on the well at the school for about three weeks. This means that about 1,400 students, the school staff, and grounds keepers and orphans who live on campus had no water other than what could be hauled in, or caught in a rain barrel. The projected cost to repair the well was a little over \$5,600. One day while we were discussing how to meet the need, one of the team members approached us and to say that his church had taken an offering before he left for Ethiopia and wanted the money to be put toward a specific project. He offered the money to pay for repair of the well. The amount the church had collected was \$6,000! God had met our need before we knew we had a need and one of the team members was carrying the money around in his pocket even as we debated about what to do about the problem. Thanks to Pastor Kyle Beverly and the good folks at The Potters House in Harriman, TN for their generosity and for allowing God to use them to bless so many in such a great way.

The next team scheduled for Ethiopia is a medical/dental team lead by Joan Appleton. In addition to Joan, team members include Ellen Appleton Story, Sarah Grace Duncan, Abby & Diana Gray, Ann Keller, Edward Vaughan, and Jon Vaughan. The mission is scheduled for July 6-14. Please be in prayer or this team.

<u>Needs:</u> We have multiple building projects going on. Once completed, the building that houses the print shop will also house the international office for Ebenezer international Ministries, a conference center, and temporary housing for teams coming to Ethiopia. The conference center will be a source of income. We need additional pledges of \$1,000 per month for 24 months (or \$24,000) to complete this project. Also, please pray for Hale and Tsedale as their youngest daughter has graduated from high school and will soon be moving to the U.S. to go to college. To add to their separation anxiety Tsedale is facing some health issues.

Blessings,

Bill

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