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**From our Executive Director:**

Dear beloved friends we greet you from Ethiopia in the name of Jesus Christ. We thank you for fighting the good fight with us to spread the gospel to a lost world. Matthew 16:24 “whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me” please let us take each other’s hands and do this work together and in the strength of the Lord.

Last month hundreds were killed across Ethiopia in anti-Christian atrocities. Violence everywhere was targeted specifically toward churches and Christian brothers and sisters. Many homes were burned, and many lives were taken. In the face of these events all Christians came together and started praying and fasting for one month for God to intervene and to bring change to the situation. During this time of prayer many joined us, including orthodox believers. Which was amazing considering our history. I can say the Lord has moved over the nation and at the end of the day the Lord has given us a promise to keep the nation in his perfect peace. Please continue praying for us and let us know how we may pray for you. Blessings, Haile

**From the Chairman:**

Our Lord is simply amazing!!

Last month we asked you to join together as the Ebenezer family to seek the Lord’s face for the funds needed to for Haile & Tsedale, Crosspointe School and Miskel Minche printing. The need was significant, \$57,500 by October 1<sup>st</sup>. I would like to share that as of the last week of September God has worked through his wonderful people to meet these needs. I know I should not be surprised, but it is so reassuring to be reminded just how capable the Lord is at resourcing His work. Thank you for your prayers and gifts and allowing the Lord to use you to see his kingdom increase. Please continue to be in prayer for our travels to Ethiopia, as we have had to reschedule our planned October trip to January 2021. We are anxious to be back with Haile, Tsedale and the wonderful people of Ethiopia, and though we do not always understand God’s timing we know it is right. Like so many places, the fields of Ethiopia are “white unto harvest” and we desire to be laborers in the Lord’s fields.

During a time of study, the last couple of weeks, it has been encouraging to read thru the book of Acts. In chapter 11, we see the church at Antioch get its start. Jews from the “Jerusalem dispersion” took the gospel to Antioch and shared it with the Gentiles. The Bible tells us the Lord’s hand was upon them, or the blessings of the Lord were upon them, and a great number believed and turned to the Lord. Evangelism, proclaiming the “Good News”, is something we see again and again the Lord chooses to bless. The church at Jerusalem sent Barnabas, who in turn invoked the help of Saul (of all people the ringleader of the dispersion), and they disciplined the new believers in Antioch an entire year. The Great Commission at work, evangelism and discipleship hand in hand, thanks to the persecution that sent the church at Jerusalem into the rest of the world. I am not a fan of persecution, but doesn’t it seem to be the tool the Father often uses to get his children to see His work go forward? May we allow the Lord to use whatever he deems best to accomplish his work through each of us.

In Christ – Brother Jeff

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