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## From the Chairman:

As many of you may be aware, Ethiopia has faced much political turmoil in the last several months. The Prime Minister has had to call the Ethiopian army out to put down dissidents throughout the northern part of the nation. I would encourage you to pray for prime minister Abiy Ahmed to hear and follow the Lord's leadership for this nation and people. I believe God is in the midst of a great work in Ethiopia and Satan is doing all he can to hinder that work.

Lord willing though, despite many distractions, we will finally be returning to minister in country with brother Haile in January. Our plans are for a 3-day Crusade, church leadership training, market and personal evangelism, as well as ministry at the school and with the orphans. We encourage you to pray for our small team, as Paul encouraged the church at Thessalonica to pray, that... (1) the Lord's message will spread rapidly, (2) his message will be honored wherever it goes, and (3) we will be rescued from any wicked and evil people.

One of my favorite Christmas passages is Galatians 4: 4,5, "But when the fullness of time was come, God sent forth his son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law that we might receive the adoption of sons."

I know we are all anxious for 2020 and all the craziness it has brought to be done, then we can start fresh with 2021. Even so, let's not rush past the wonderful event called Christmas built right into our calendars. Paul reminds the churches of Galatia that all God does is accomplished at just the right time. He is never early, and he is never late, rather his timing is always perfect. I wonder if any of us have questioned God's timing in 2020? When the time was just right God gave us his son so we might receive the gift of adoption into his family. What an amazing present! You do realize that no matter how hard we try or how lucky we get, not one of us will ever give or receive a gift anywhere close to the one God gave us. The very Son of God became a man and became subject to the law man lived under. This perfect gift did what no other human could do by keeping the law perfectly. In so doing God's own son was able to be the one to purchase our freedom from the slavery we experienced under the law we could not keep.

Just take a moment to think, in a year such as this, what more could our family, our friends, and our neighbors use this Christmas than the precious hope of becoming part of the divine family through the gift of God's own son. Ethiopia, like America is in great need of just such hope. Therefore, let's celebrate, let's enjoy, and let's share this perfectly timed amazing gift.

Thank you for your amazing faithfulness to the Lord and Ebenezer International Ministries through a difficult 2020 year. I am so excited to see just what the Lord, along with your prayers and support, has in store for 2021. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from your humble servants of the EIM family.

In Christ – Brother Jeff

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