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**From the Executive Director:**

Dear Beloved friends,

The Lord has truly blessed as we have been able to renew many old acquaintances during my present trip to the USA. Earlier this month I attended a meeting of the board of directors for Ebenezer and many wonderful things were accomplished. One, I would ask you to diligently pray for is concerning our oldest daughter Dee Dee. She is returning to Ethiopia and the EIM board has offered her a position as a ministry coordinator. Please pray that the Lord will give her peace and direction. Also pray with us as Jeff and I work on a ministry plan and budget for EIM Ethiopia. This will allow us to remain focused on the work God has called us to, provide direction for the future, and a better of the work being accomplished for you, our faithful supporters, Another exciting thing we are looking into is the redesign and update of our website and social media presence. This is much needed and will greatly enhance our exposure. Another opportunity that has arisen is an invitation for our board president to take part in a city-wide crusade in Sodo on April 10 & 11 of this year. This will be a tremendous occasion for EIM to have a spiritual impact in this region, as at least 39 evangelical churches and tens of thousands of people will be exposed to the gospel and the love of Christ. Please pray for the Lord to be exalted and for many of my countrymen to come to Christ. I am so thankful that because of your financial gifts and prayers the board was able to provide \$6500 toward the expenses of this crusade.

Again, I have been so blessed by every church I have had the chance to attend and by every person who has hosted me and allowed me to share my burden for Ethiopia. May the Lord richly bless each of you.- Brother Haile

**From the Chairman:**

“Foreigner” is the term resonating with me this afternoon as I sit here preparing this article. Throughout his first letter Peter reminds us we are “foreigners and temporary residents”, and in so doing gives us instructions on how we are to live in such an environment. An environment that is full of trials, in which we are to remain strong and endure with patience, for the wonderful joy that awaits us.

Peter admonishes us with several things *we must* do:

- *we must* live as God’s obedient children
- *we must* be holy in everything
- *we must* live in reverent fear of Him who gave all for us
- *we must* show sincere love to one another as family
- *we must* crave the pure spiritual milk of God’s word

Peter declares these things are what *we must* have, not for salvation, but for a life of sincere service, joy, and blessing. Remember we are the chosen, the very possession of the Lord, and as we live out these *must* in our lives, we show other people in our world how truly good our God is. - Brother Jeff

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