



# News & Views

Updates, Service Opportunities, Prayer Concerns and More...



EOM Head Office

## Equipping for Works of Service



Apostle Paul wrote in Ephesians 4:11 & 12,

“He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.”

This is the foundation of our effort to train local pastors and lay leaders in Ethiopian churches. We have shared with you in the past the impact of equipping the local leaders.

After completing our seminars, most leaders will say something like this:

*“If we knew what we know now, we would have helped many believers to resolve their spiritual issues.”*

*“If I learned that at the time I started serving the Lord, the many conflicts within the leadership could have been avoided.”*

*“If I had learned the proper and right way of interpreting and discerning the word of God the way I learned in these leadership seminars, I would have protected many from unbiblical practices within the church.”*

We thank God for the opportunity we have to extend the truth of the scriptures to the hundreds of participants attending the leadership seminars. I am excited, as I am getting ready to conduct another set of seminars in the month of September. Please pray with us for the hearts of the local leaders to be ready for the Spirit of God. Pray for those planning to come to the seminars, that they may be provided with the necessary resources. As you probably know, many travel far distances and need our help with transportation and other basic needs while staying in town. Please pray for the spirit of God to move among the churches. Pray that what the leaders receive at the seminars will stay with them and bear fruit in their lives and their congregations. □

*Melese Wogu*

## Coming Soon...

### The First Complete Amharic Audio Bible



Realizing the impact of having God’s word in audio format for the millions of Ethiopians living both in Ethiopia and abroad, Dr. Wogu recorded the New Testament on cassette tapes over fifteen years ago.

Through the years, we have been receiving numerous requests to make the audio recording of the Old Testament available. Well, the time has come. A new and improved recording of the entire Holy Bible in Amharic will be available on compact CDs by Thanksgiving 2008!

The benefit of having this recording of the complete Amharic Bible is multifold. It will not only reach millions of Ethiopians who cannot read and write, but also those who live in countries that ban Christians from practicing their faith will have access to God’s word. In the coming months, there will be many opportunities for us to use the audio Bible to reach Ethiopians residing in Ethiopia as well as in more than forty countries around the globe.

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## Your Immediate Support Needed



Here at EOM, we rely on technology to effectively produce the resources needed among Ethiopians to help the believers to grow in their faith and introduce others to the saving knowledge of the gospel.

Currently, we need to upgrade two of our computers. We have stretched the performance capacity of current systems to a point where they can’t be stretched any further. We need to avoid computer problems before they occur so that they will not slow down our ministry tasks. You may designate your contribution as “computer upgrade”.

**Cost of upgrades: \$ 1,914 for two (each \$957)**



## Does a dash of anything make a difference?

Some of you who have lived in Ethiopia or have Ethiopian friends know that Ethiopians rarely use measurements when cooking. We know by sight and taste how much to add and how long to cook it. Even now, after having lived here in the States for so many years, I still don't use measuring cups or spoons when I cook Ethiopian. On the other hand, when cooking non-Ethiopian foods, I faithfully follow the recipe because I don't know what will happen if I don't. The only measurement I dare to leave out is a dash of something. Does a dash of anything really make a difference in a recipe? I don't think so, but then, I wonder, why would authors of cookbooks bother to include it in their recipes if it wasn't that necessary? In any case this article is not about cooking but about drawing upon this analogy for a spiritual lesson.

Though I don't think that a dash of pepper, cayenne, salt, etc., will make a difference in my recipe, I don't feel the same way about a dash of carnality in my spiritual life. This is because carnality and spirituality are on the opposite sides of the spectrum. Paul, in Galatians 5:16, writes, *"...the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature"*. A dash of carnality such as pride, anger, revenge, jealousy, a lie, self-interest, a wrong motive, "justified" unforgiveness, resentment, defiance and many more will definitely change the flavor of our Christian lives and affect our growth. As followers of Christ we are commanded to be holy as He is holy, therefore we should have zero tolerance for sin—even a dash of it. For no matter what culture or generation we are from, the requirement for holiness will never change, because God never changes.

The tricky thing is that it is so easy to deceive ourselves into believing we don't have these problems, because these feelings and attitudes can be under the radar of self-detection. And yet, we cannot deceive the Holy Spirit, who will reveal their existence in us one way or another. This is perfectly illustrated in a story I heard of a young preacher who proudly went up the pulpit to preach. After finishing he was coming down the steps when he tripped and fell. A wise woman who must have discerned the existence of a dash of pride in this preacher said to him, "If you had gone up the way you came down, you would have come down the

way you went up". I think what tripped him was something on the inside rather than on the outside. In Jeremiah 17:9 scripture says, *"The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?"*

We really cannot afford to neglect our spiritual life because we live in constant danger of being sabotaged by our flesh. The good news, according to Genesis 4:6-7, is that we have some control over our flesh: *"...Then the Lord said to Cain, Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must master it."* The "bad" news is, **WE** have to make the choice, and nobody else can do it for us. Unfortunately, often we don't want to make the right choice, and we end up reaping the consequences. But when we do make the right choice, the Holy Spirit is right there to help us live out our decisions for His glory and our benefit. He is our ever-present help. Let us live a life worthy of our calling and not let a dash of any kind of sin come between our loving Father and us. But if we do allow it, let's not forget that He is faithful to forgive us if we ask for His forgiveness. He is forgiving and merciful, but again, let's not be deceived and confuse His forgiveness and mercy with tolerance. He does not tolerate sin. It is not in His nature.

So, what dashes of sin have you allowed or are allowing to be sprinkled in your life? Does your life exhibit the existence of carnality? Ask God as the Psalmist did in Psalm 139:23-24: **"Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thought. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."** □

Sorrena Maybury

**Mark Your Calendar...**  
**The next bi-annual Authentic Ethiopian Dinner Banquet is on Saturday, October 11, 2008 from 12 noon to 6 p.m.**

The continued support of our partners has enabled us to provide uninterrupted programming over the radio waves, proclaiming the gospel and encouraging believers around the globe.



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➔ Our daily radio programming will carry Bible reading segments weekly. Our listeners, who currently tune in from 23 countries, will have access to the reading of God's Word on a regular basis.

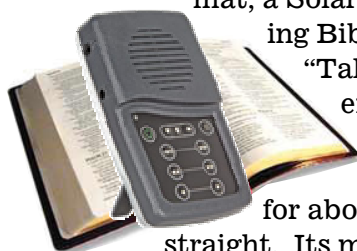
➔ The recording will also be produced on cassette tapes for those who don't have access to CD players.



➔ MP3 formats will be available, both on flash cards and on our website, to be downloaded for iPods and MP3 players.



➔ We are praying and waiting for God to help us put this quality recording in its most exciting format, a Solar-Powered Amharic Talking Bible. This practical



"Talking Bible" is small enough to fit in the palm of one's hand. A single charge will keep it going for about fourteen hours

straight. Its main features include a large speaker, volume controls, a pause button, and bookmarks.

It recharges by the sun, a lamp, or a 9-volt DC adapter. That means folks in remote villages won't have to worry about a battery supply. With the Talking Amharic Bible, we can also reach the thousands of Ethiopians who are visually impaired.

With your help, we can provide hundreds of these Talking Amharic Bibles and impact the life of many Ethiopians for Jesus. It costs \$45 to \$50 to produce one Talking Amharic Bible, depending on the quantity ordered. **Please pray with us for the Lord's provision to produce and provide these resources effectively and adequately. Please contact us if you are led to partner with us to accomplish these tasks. May the Lord bless you. ☐**

## Please remember the following in your prayers



### Praise to God for...

- ◆ His guidance in the work He assigned us to do.
- ◆ His continued provision.
- ◆ The many prayers offered on behalf of EOM.
- ◆ Encouragement we receive regularly—your phone calls, e-mails, notes, and testimonies of God working in the lives of believers...we are grateful to all of you.
- ◆ The generous hearts and hands of EOM's partners.
- ◆ The lives that are touched and transformed by the message of the gospel around the world.
- ◆ Those thousands of Ethiopians who drew encouragement and strength from God's word proclaimed over our radio broadcasts and through the various printed and recorded messages...Glory and honor to our God!!!
- ◆ The good health of EOM's staff and their families.

### Please remember to pray for...

- ◆ Dr. Wogu's mission trip on Aug. 25 through Sept. 30. Pray for safe travels, good harvest on the field, and for God to be glorified at each small and large meeting.
- ◆ Peace and stability in Ethiopia. Pray for unity in the body of Christ to bring comfort and hope in Jesus Christ to the people in these difficult times. Pray for wisdom for the Church in the developed countries as to how they can help the churches in Ethiopia.
- ◆ The persecuted Christians in Eritrea. Imprisonment and torture of hundreds of Christ's followers are still reported. Pray for perseverance, comfort, and victory over the enemy.
- ◆ Timely completion of the production of the Amharic Audio Bible. Pray that we overcome technical challenges that are in the way from time to time and for God's provision to produce the different audio formats.

**Thank you for praying.**

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Dear friends,

We want to thank those of you who responded to our **Ministry Opportunity** column. Because of the support you sent to meet the particular needs, we continue to effectively execute the mission of proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ that frees people from the bondage of sin. Many followers of Christ are also receiving encouragement from the teachings of the scripture we put out on a regular basis.

Distribution of recorded teachings, printed Bible studies and books, as well as the radio broadcast that reaches millions of Ethiopians every single day of the year—all that and more is possible because of your continued and generous financial support.

To our friends and partners who have not yet had the opportunity to help with the projects and needs listed on the right, we pray that the Lord speaks to your heart about how you can help.

- ➔ Dr. Wogu's ongoing leadership training, offered twice a year to local pastors and lay leaders in Ethiopia, will take place in September..
- ➔ When you consider helping with in-house printing, you enable hundreds of believers in rural Ethiopia who cannot afford to cover the cost of printing to receive Bible study materials at no cost.
- ➔ Your support of radio programming will enable us to deliver the comforting and empowering word of God to people denied of their rights to publicly worship the true God of the Bible. You will also enable us reach those in prisons, hospitals and remote villages.

Thank you again for being part of God's work among Ethiopians.



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## Ministry Opportunity

### Sponsor any day or week of radio broadcast.

- One day broadcast -----\$ 60
- Three days broadcast -----\$180
- One Week broadcast-----\$420

### Help With In-House Printing Expense

- One month sponsorship ---\$ 175
- ¼ year printing cost-----\$ 525
- One year printing cost----- \$ 2,100

### Assist the effort of developing church leaders in Ethiopia

- Training facility rental----- \$ 526
- Teaching resource ----- \$ 300
- Scholarship for 50 participants-- \$ 724
- Airfare/Travel Expense ----- \$2539

### Needs in the office (Equipment/PC upgrade)

Two computers that need to be upgraded (each \$957) -----\$ 1,914