



News & Updates

Ethiopian Outreach Ministry

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Purpose of Ethiopian Outreach Ministry

- ◆ Reach unreached Ethiopians with the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- ◆ Teach and encourage Ethiopian believers to be strong in their faith and help them grow in the knowledge of Jesus Christ and the scriptures.
- ◆ Prepare Ethiopians for various ministries in churches and fellowships.
- ◆ Help Ethiopians in their efforts of church planting in different countries.
- ◆ Produce printed materials of Christian education and Bible studies, audio resources, radio programs, and conduct seminars, sponsor conferences, etc.
- ◆ Develop training materials and find various means to train and develop future church leaders and teachers.

Did you know...

- EOM's daily radio broadcast is transmitted seven days a week from a short-wave station in Germany?
- that programs are produced in the main office and files are sent electronically for transmission over the Internet?
- the radio signal is received by Ethiopians in 23 countries so far?



Thank you for your partnership.

Dr. Melese Wogu
Exec. Director



- Hundreds of Ethiopians heard the gospel in southern town of Awassa.
- Many came forward with hearts opened for Jesus.
- Others lay their burdens at the feet of Jesus.

Impact of Leaders Development in Ethiopia

Written by Sossena Maybury

Many of you who are on our mailing list have read the efforts we are making in equipping Ethiopian pastors, evangelists and church leaders with training in various leadership areas. The development of leaders is a long process that requires a lot of patience and hard work. The fruit of such hard labor takes time to reap as well. In this issue of News & Updates, we want to share with you the impact of EOM in the life of one leader in Ethiopia. Today Siamrachew Embibel is the senior pastor of a church in the town of Dire Dawa, 320 miles east of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. He is married and has three children. He loves the Lord and has been serving Him with integrity for many years. Like many of us, Siamrachew did not know the Lord until he was a young man. At the time he was living as a refugee in the Republic of Djibouti.



It is almost guaranteed that wherever Ethiopians congregate, there will either be an Ethiopian restaurant and or an Ethiopian church. Djibouti is no exception. As a neighboring country of Ethiopia, it was one of the choices for those who fled the country due to political and religious persecution.

Starting in the late 70s Ethiopians have been fleeing to Djibouti with hopes of getting a refugee status, allowing them to emigrate to the U.S.A. or other western countries. By 2005, there were about 3,228 Ethiopian refugees in Djibouti. Of this number, only 109 had official refugee I.D. cards or documents.

Living as a refugee in Djibouti is very difficult, especially for men, because jobs are hard to find. Even if they find jobs, work permits are extremely difficult to acquire. This, of-course, leads people to make choices that don't make them proud. Siamrachew was in that kind of situation when the Lord got hold of his heart and saved him in the early 90s through the ministry of the Ethiopian church in the city of Djibouti.

In 1985, brother Melese took a group of men from his church, Living Word Community Church (LWCC) in York, PA, to visit the refugees in Djibouti. Soon after that visit, The Ethiopian Living Word Believers Church in Djibouti was planted. This church was and still is a sister church to LWCC. The outreach program of this church was instrumental in bringing Siamrachew to the Lord.



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Remember to pray for us and with us...

- Praise God for His continued guidance and provision to this ministry.
- Praise the Lord for the generosity of His children who attended the October benefit dinner. \$13,000 was raised to pay for the radio and other areas of ministry work.
- Christians continue to suffer in the jails (cargo containers turned into prison cells) in Eritrea. Please pray for perseverance, victory over the enemy and God's intervention for their release.
- Pray for EOM's Leadership Training program in Ethiopia...for a facility that is needed for long-term training and development of church leaders. Pray that God raises up His people here in the US and in Ethiopia to build this facility.

In an effort to share ministry news and updates as often as we can, we are replacing our quarterly News & Views publication with this two-page, easy-to-read News & Updates.

Thank you.

The church, as well as individuals, used the monthly tapes and bi-monthly bible study materials produced by Ethiopian Outreach Ministry to learn and equip themselves. Siamrachew had his own stock of "Mirror," EOM's bi-monthly bible study, which he used for himself and loaned to others to read. As the booklets began to fall apart from much use, he would scotch-



Siamrachew Embibel with Dr. Wogu and other participants at the August 2009 Leadership Training

tape them, which helped him keep every one of these studies for years. I personally was introduced to the ministry of EOM through Siamrachew's collection while I was living in Djibouti.

A few years later, the Djibouti Amharic-speaking church planted a sister church in Dire Dawa, Ethiopia, where Siamrachew was one of the elders. After the church obtained legal standing with the government, the elders and the congregation chose Siamrachew to be the senior pastor. After moving to Dire Dawa, the Lord blessed Siamrachew with a wife and three children.

One of Siamrachew's qualities is his teachable heart. Many times he has written letters to Dr.

Melese asking for advice and asking him to be his mentor. True to his desire to be a better leader, he has been attending the Leadership Training that brother Melese has been conducting for the last three years. Siamrachew consistently requests new teaching resources as they are produced that he believes will help him grow in his spiritual life and also as a leader. I recently talked to Siamrachew, and he thanked us for sending him some of our teaching materials, which he said have helped other leaders as well as himself in his own teaching. We rejoice to see what God has done—and will continue to do—in Siamrachew's life with the help of EOM. □

Thank you to all of our ministry partners, friends and guests who took part in our October benefit dinner, for your continued support and encouragement.



Because you care, many Ethiopians will continue to listen to our daily radio broadcast in over twenty countries. Please remember to pray for those who are in closed countries that they will be encouraged by the teachings they receive.



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