



News & Updates

Ethiopian Outreach Ministry

July – Sept. 2011

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 and radio programs.
- ◆ Conduct seminars, sponsor conferences, etc.
- ◆ Train and develop future church leaders and teachers.

Did you know...

- EOM's daily radio broadcast is now transmitted five days instead of seven days a week from a short-wave station in Europe?
- that programs are produced in our studio in Addis and files are transmitted over the Internet?
- the radio signal is received by Ethiopians in 23 countries so far?

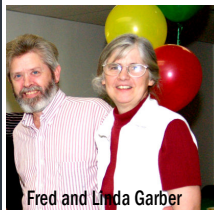


Thank you for your partnership.

Dr. Melese Wogu
Exec. Director



The Couple Who Invested Well



Fred and Linda Garber played a major role in my life and in my ministry here in the States. Though they are younger than me, I call them my American parents. They fully supported my family and me financially during my college, graduate school and seminary years. They believed in me without knowing me that well. They invested their lives and their money so generously. After seeing what God has done through EOM for the last 29 years, I am sure they are pleased and see how much their participation has helped in extending God's Kingdom among the Ethiopian people. I am eternally grateful to Fred and Linda for their love and concern and for being there for me even in my darkest moments. Fred and Linda, I thank you so much from the bottom of my heart for your encouragement and support in my effort to fulfill God's calling in my life. ~ Melese Wogu

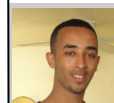
I heard about Melese Wogu when he came to the US to study at Eastern Mennonite College in Virginia. My brother, Dale, was also a student at the college at that time. Dale asked Linda and me if we would be interested in helping to support a student from Ethiopia as he studied at EMC. We prayed about it and responded in the positive with one condition-- we wanted to meet and get to know the one we were going to support. This is how Linda and I came to know Melese.

We first met him at EMC and started a relationship by not only supporting him through the college but with our visits and prayers. We walked with Melese those first years, and our relationship and friendship grew. Our family was introduced to "Injera and Wat" and have come to really enjoy Ethiopian food. When Melese's study at EMC was completed he had a vision for a ministry to help displaced Ethiopians around the world with Bible studies, tapes and other kinds of resources. Melese and Kidist moved to York, PA, and EOM was born. We helped their two

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you, and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age.
Jesus

Matthew 28:19

sons to come to the US, and our families became good friends. Moses and Emanuel would come out to the farm and spend time with our children. When EOM was started, I was part of the first board and we encouraged them in ministry. Linda and I tried to be available whenever we were needed. Since we all enjoy Ethiopian food, you will probably see some of us each time EOM has its twice-a-year fundraising supper at Salunga. We are thankful for EOM and realize the scope of this ministry. We also feel privileged to have been a small part of Melese's life. We have really been blessed, and our lives have been broadened because of our relationship with the Wogus. ~ Fred Garber



The phone rang and I answered it as usual. The person on the other end was Natalino Giovanni. So, who is Natalino and why is he newsworthy? Well, he has been a recipient of our materials for the last eight years while living in Eritrea, a former province of Ethiopia. In September of last year, he emailed to tell us to stop our mailing because of censorship. That was the last we heard of him until this phone call earlier this month.

After the introduction and greetings, Natalino proceeded to tell me that he was calling from Atlanta, GA. I was pleasantly surprised and excited for him. I praised God that he was able to make it out of the country safely. Natalino went on to tell me that he had been accused by the Eritrean government of distributing EOM's materials and was imprisoned for five months. After his release, he escaped to Sudan, a neighboring country but, afraid that he would be returned to Eritrea if he stayed too long and waited to go through a resettlement program he opted to come to the States via a student visa. He is now seeking asylum in the US. Look for his testimony in our next issue. ~ Sossena Maybury



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Praise and Prayer Corner

- Praise God for His continued guidance and provision to this ministry.
- Praise God for providing the perfect location and the funds to purchase a new property in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia for the Leadership Training Center.
- Praise God for all the volunteers who wholeheartedly serve the Lord alongside us
- Praise God for our board members who so faithfully serve the Lord and this ministry. Pray for wisdom and insight as they execute their responsibilities.
- Pray for more partners to join this ministry and support us through prayer and financial donations.
- Pray for Melese's Ethiopia trip. During his stay, he will conduct the leadership training and minister in other capacities.

Thank you



APOLOGY

Our apologies to Kim Trostel and Chris Miller, whose names were left out of the list of volunteers acknowledged for helping in the Spring Cleaning of our office. Thank you Kim & Chris for your labor of love.



PRECIOUS IN THE SIGHT OF THE LORD IS THE DEATH OF HIS SAINTS. Ps. 116:15




In spite of the many people who come to our banquets every year, we couldn't help but notice the absence of James and Betty the last two banquets. Betty's big smile and warm hugs are not easily forgotten.

"Betty L. Clark, 81, died Monday, June 6, 2011, in her residence. She was the wife of James L. Clark to whom she was married to for 59 years. Earlier in her life she and her husband were missionaries in Ethiopia from 1958 to 1969 with the Sudan Interior Mission. Her greatest passion in life was to take the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ to a lost and needy world. She took it to the continent of Africa in her prime years, to the bedside of her patients in later nursing years, and to senior communities through teaching God's Word in small group studies in her retirement years. Her single greatest joy was to see just one more come to a saving faith in her Lord."
Lebanon Daily News, June 9, 2011

It seems like whenever they got a chance, James and Betty took the opportunity to support EOM. For many years they have been one of our monthly financial supporters. They also supported us by coming to both of our biannual banquets every year. And now in her death, Betty requested that, in lieu of flowers, we be one of the ministries to receive contributions in her memory.

Betty's last request of God was that he would take her in her sleep. Her request to her family was that they wouldn't miss the opportunity to tell of Jesus at her memorial service. Both requests were granted. But it is always bittersweet when a Christian dies. We will miss Betty's warm smile and encouragement, but we rejoice with her that she now is with her Lord and Savior. Our condolences

to James and their children, who also are supporters of our ministry. May the Holy Spirit comfort you as only He can. 




Tony was a very close friend of Melese. They had known each other for 28 years. While in the hospital Tony asked Melese to share some words at his upcoming memorial service. Here are excerpts from what Melese said.

"Tony was one of the few individuals that I had been very close to.

He was a good friend. I loved him so much. Since he was a handy man, which I am not, I had to call him so many times whenever I had needs at home and at the office. When my toilet leaked, my driving mower's battery died or had a flat tire, I called Tony. Though he had many bad experiences in the past while helping me, he never once said to me 'I am sorry, Melese, but I can't help you'.

Tony had never been to Ethiopia, but by helping people like myself who are in a "front line of the soul-winning" battle field, he had touched millions of Ethiopians. He was a friend and a partner of our ministry...Tony's death was sudden and quick. Though I miss him so much, it is encouraging and comforting to know that he is now in a better place. I cannot call him anymore whenever I need help. Since he is sitting with the saints in heaven, I won't be sitting with him in church every Sunday anymore either. He, for sure, has successfully 'finished his course, fought the good fight and kept his faith.' May God help the rest of us." ~ Melese Wogu

"Carl F. "Tony" Montag, Jr., 72, died Sunday, July 10, 2011, at his residence. Our condolences to his wife Sandy their daughter, his mother, and the rest of the family. May the Holy Spirit comfort you. We will miss Tony's kindness. He was always a phone call away whenever we needed his help. 

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