

# News & Views

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



“JESUS HUMBLER US WITHOUT HUMILIATING US; HE LIFTS US UP WITHOUT FLATTERING US.”

RAVI ZACHARIA



### The Man with the Big Radio

A few Sundays ago my pastor preached a sermon on the Providence of God. It was one of the best sermons if not the best that he preached in the many years I have been there. He did an amazing job explaining God’s providence in our lives. It was so comforting and assuring to me because I got to know God a little bit better than the day before. It solidified my faith a little bit more. I even felt more relieved and at peace than ever knowing that God is in control of everything.

All this to say that our hearts rejoice and our souls find peace when we hear the unadulterated word of God. Over the years I have talked with many Ethiopians who benefit from this ministry. It moves my heart to hear how much their spiritual lives have been impacted by Melese’s teachings. I remember a woman who wrote from one of the Arab countries telling us that her work hours are from crack of dawn until late into the night. During that time she takes no break because she is not allowed. By the time she is done working she is so exhausted she can’t stay awake long enough to read her Bible or pray. The only way she can get fed was through our radio program but even then she can’t take a break to listen, so she improvised. She started carrying her little radio around her neck so she can listen to the program while she works.

I was recently told of a similar story that was told by a man who was invited to a wedding in a city in Germany. This man noticed another guest sitting with a boombox at the wedding. He was very curious and when he got a chance went up to him and asked him why he had this big radio at the wedding. The guest replied, “Don’t want to miss Melese! I live on his teachings?”

I got a good laugh when I heard the story but I also saw the man’s hunger for God’s word. It is my prayer and hope that this ministry will continue to feed the hungry and thirsty souls of Ethiopians in the years to come as it has over the past thirty years.

Sossena Maybury

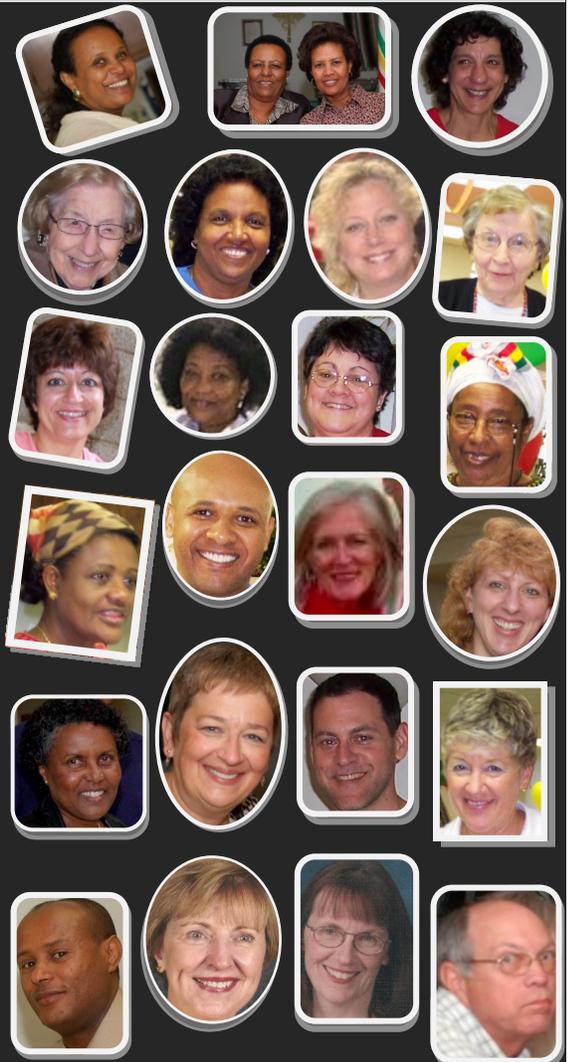
Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men,...It is the Lord you are serving.

(Colossians 3:23-24)

### They Serve the Lord

The pictures below are of the hard working volunteers who whole heartedly have been serving the Lord here at Ethiopian Outreach Ministry for many years by helping with our banquets. Each of them perform their assigned task with cheerful hearts and smiley faces. They surely fulfill the mandates of Col. 3:23-24.

A personal thank you from me, Sossena, for sharing my burden and helping the banquet to be a success each time. May God bless you all and make you a blessing to others.



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### Praise and Prayer Corner

- Praise God for 30 years of fruitful ministry.
- Praise God for all our supporters who have stood alongside us for the past 30 years.
- 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.
- Praise God for the Ethiopian churches in Calgary and Edmonton Canada who have come together to raise funds for the Leadership Training Center building project
- Pray for more partners to join this ministry and support us through prayer and financial donations.
- Pray for the Leadership Training Center building project in Addis Abeba, Ethiopia.
- Pray for Melese's trip in Ethiopia during the month July and August.

...Blessed are those who die in the Lord....  
Rev. 14:13

Fekadu Asrat, a beloved friend of Melese and a former board member of Ethiopian Outreach Ministry passed away March 1, 2012 from health complications.



The following is an excerpt from his memorial service program.

*"Fekadu Asrat was born October 8, 1946 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia...after graduating from Ply Technic Institute of Technology at Baher Dar, Ethiopia, he became a teacher for two years at Awasa High School. Fekadu then got a scholarship and came to the United States. He earned his Bachelor's degree in Mathematics at Warren Wilson College and his Master's degree in Physics at North Carolina Central University. He also earned his Master's degree in Electrical Engineering from Duke University. He worked for thirteen years for Carolina Power and Light Company (presently Progress Energy) as a senior engineer, before he was laid off. Science was Fekadu's fascination and he loved to talk about the subject every time he had the opportunity.*

*Fekadu is survived by his wife, Ellenie, sister, Zenebework, nieces and nephews, Hanna, Saba, Daniel and Teddy. Fekadu will be loved and missed by his family and his friends."*

He was a great friend and we will miss him. Our condolences to his wife, Ellenie and the rest of the family. May the Holy Spirit comfort you as only He can.



*Elaini Dedascalou was a close friend of mine from California days. She was also a faithful financial supporter of this ministry since the year, 1999, I started working here. Elaine went home to be with the Lord May 19, 2012.*



*Elaini loved Jesus passionately and that was what made her beautiful. She and I could talk forever of God's work in our lives and pray together. She would even be the one to initiate praying for each other while still on the phone. I loved that about her. She was open, funny, creative and very loving and caring. Introducing Jesus to others was one of her passions. Here are some quotes from friends and family members on her facebook.*

*"I will never forget you auntie and will continue teaching my girls about God like you taught me..."*  
Lee Wilson.

*"If you knew Elaini, you know first & foremost that she was a faithful Christian, but she was so much more than just that. She was an amazing friend, Mom & listener. I have so many fond memories of her. She was seriously hilarious & constantly making me laugh. I feel so grateful that all 3 of my kids were able to meet her... really got to know her & how truly beautiful her heart was."* Mechele Jenner

*"Yesterday was the first Monday evening that I didn't spend praying with you (or at least talking to you) in more years than I can stand to count. I miss you SO much, don't know how I'm gonna do this without you. Thank you for being my faithful, loving friend for all those years..."* Libby Barbaria

Our condolences to her daughters Cherisse and Michelle and their families.

Sossena Maybury



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