



# 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.
- ◆ Produce printed materials of Christian education and Bible studies, audio resources, and radio programs.
- ◆ Conduct seminars.
- ◆ Train and develop future church leaders and teachers.



### Praise and Prayer Corner

- Praise God for our faithful supporters.
- Praise God for a successful election in Ethiopia and the building of a new government chosen by the people which is a historical event.
- Pray for the success of the new Ethiopian government which will last for the next five years.
- Pray for Ethiopia's building of the dam over the Nile river and the dispute between Sudan and Egypt.
- Pray for Ethiopia as the number of people infected by COVID-19 slowly grows.
- Pray for the persecuted church around the world. For more information go to [www.worthynews.com](http://www.worthynews.com).

### First Training Since COVID-19

It has been over ten years since we started the leadership program in Ethiopia. During these years, Dr. Melese Wogu traveled to the country twice a year and conducted leadership training for pastors and lay persons. However, since the COVID-19 pandemic started, he had to cancel three trips. Although it was a gamble, the only reason he decided to make the trip in September of this year was because he was fully vaccinated.

As in the past, the purpose of the trip was to continue with the leadership training. The focus of the training was on growth in leadership. Attendance was more than expected, with close to 200 men and women. This was the largest group of attendees since teaching at the training center started. After the five-day training, Dr. Wogu was invited to hold another leadership training at one of the churches in Addis, Arat Kilo Amanuel Church.

One of the highlights of the trip was to dedicate three of the Leadership Training Center rooms to three long-time friends and supporters of EOM, Fred Garber, Shawle Wehibe, and David Almquist. Over the years, we have been blessed with faithful and dedicated supporters like these men and their wives.

Thank you to all of you who made it possible, and continue to make it possible, for us to carry on with the mission that God has given us. Blessings! ◆



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## God In Our Image

Inspired by my interaction with my clients during counseling sessions, I decided to write this article. In this short piece, I will point out the importance of knowing, believing and building our Christian faith on the God of the Bible. Nothing more, nothing less. Any deviation from the biblical description of God, we are not talking about the same God.

In the few years that I have been counseling, I have noticed that a good number of Christians have a distorted view of God or their understanding is based on what my pastor calls “patches and pieces” of information that they have gathered from sermons, various books, society, religious background mixed with their own idea what God should look or be like. Undoubtedly, the only possible outcome of this mixed character attribution to the Christian God is that one ends up standing before an idol, hence, the confusion and discontentment.

*“What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us. ...The most portentous fact about any man [or woman] is not what he at a given time may say or do, but what he in his deep heart conceives God to be like.” A.W. Tozer The Knowledge of the Holy.”*

Living out the mandates of scripture at best is hard; at worst it is impossible without the help of the Holy Spirit. But if we do not understand who the Holy Spirit is and what His role is in our lives, we will be stuck between emotionalism and legalism. That is why Christians cannot

afford to get this wrong. Our sanctification hinges on our understanding of who God is. So, what do we do? Based on my past personal experience with confusion and discontentment, the remedy, I think, for every follower of Jesus who wants an authentic relationship with him is to take an honest look into our hearts and see what we actually believe about who God is. Then compare our findings with scripture and be willing to wrestle and bring every thought that is in contradiction to the Bible to submission. *“We tear down arguments and every proud obstacle that is raised against the knowledge of God, taking every thought captive in order to obey the Messiah.” (2 Cor. 10:4-5).*

However, it won't be easy because we might not want to give up the image of God that we have learned to be comfortable with. We might not want to know the God who might chose not to heal us, answer our questions, relieve our pain or rescue us. We might not want to hear that His grace is sufficient and His strength is revealed in our weakness. We might not want to bear our cross, love Him more than money, family or self. We might not want to be still and know that He is God. We might not want to hear that He allows painful things to come our way. But it behooves us to know and live the whole truth not patches and pieces of the truth. So, take heart, got to the mat and see the victory God will grant you.

*Sossena Maybury*



For this quarter reporting, our year-to-date budget is \$128,580 and our year-to-date receipts are \$130,321.

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