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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Our Lord,

Thank you for the love and support that you have continued show to me and your brothers and sisters in Ethiopia and Kenya by your ongoing prayers and financial support that without, this important ministry would not have been the success that it was or even possible to undertake. Most of you whom have partnered with me in this ministry have done so in faith and service to your Lord and His Kingdom without many specific details into the nature of and or the ministries to whom we have partnered with. So, I will attempt to better inform you about the details of our ministry. Our 2015 Africa Mission Trip has been two-fold. Week one, our ministry was to and with “The Ethiopian Emmanuel United church (EUCE)” During week two, we partnered with “Lifeway Missions International” at their Leadership Training Center in Nairobi, Kenya.

The Ethiopian Emmanuel United church (EUCE) <http://www.ethiopiaemmanuel.org/> was born and evolved out of the Ethiopian Orthodox traditional Coptic Church twenty years ago as a result of a God-initiated national movement of reformation throughout the nation for the first time in the history of Ethiopia. These movements have been going on inside the Coptic Church in many parts of the country. The strongest and best organized one began in the town called Nazareth which is located 100 km east from the Capital Addis Ababa. Then, persecution from within the Coptic Institution broke out and congregations were then formed outside of the church structure because the Christ followers would not be silenced. Finally, with the spearheading role of Nazareth Emmanuel United Church, all movements which were taking place all over the country join and contribute their efforts to establish the Emmanuel United Church of Ethiopia. Incidentally, this was the emphasis of the 2010 trip that many of you supported. Our direct connections and personal ministry partners are two of the founders, the President and Vice President of this Spirit Led Disciple Making Movement.

Despite severe persecution, lack of proper training and limitations of logistics, the church has been able to grow to 300 local churches in all parts of the country with a total number of around 100,000 members. This result could only be realized due to the empowerment of the Holy Spirit and the sacrificial commitment of the ministers. Thank you again for participating as partnering ministers in this miraculous movement.

The church is legally registered with the government and the member of the evangelical churches fellowship of Ethiopia. EUCE is committed to remove disgrace from Ethiopia and bring God's salvation, healing and transformation to this nation through the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Our purpose has and will continue to be, as the Lord wills, to bring plain, simple, biblical teaching especially focused on “The Master’s Plan for Servant Leadership Development.” We target all different levels of leaders. We are committed to removing any traces of religious tradition and replacing it with the simple teachings of Jesus. We emphasis 3 Biblical Principles:

- Biblical Missiology (Acts 1:8; Matt. 28:18—20)—Jesus was and still is a missionary!
- Biblical Ecclesiology (Acts 2:42—47; Eph. 4:1—16; 1 Peter 2:1—12)
- Rabbinic Spiritual Formation (Personal Life Transformation & Life on Life disciple making)—Gospels

Our second week of ministry focused on these exact same purposes, target audiences and principles but in partnership with “Lifeway Missions International” <http://www.lifewaymi.org/> at their Leadership Training Center in Nairobi, Kenya. See <http://www.lifewaymi.org/what-we-believe/> for a synopsis of who we are partnering with.

There are just too many praises, experiences and miracles to expound upon in this brief report. However, I would love to any questions, share experiences and give any and all specifics anyone would be interested in. I would be pleased to visit you in your homes, churches or any other venues that you may invite me into. Before closing, I would like to share one major, unexpected blessing as a result of our partnership in this 2015 Africa Mission.

While in Nairobi, I was led to change my place of lodging for the week. So, I checked into “The Fahari Gardens Hotel.” On the first day at breakfast, I was invited to join the Hotel Manager at his table. Victor proceeded to tell me that though he had not yet devoted his life to Jesus, “it was high time that he did.” Also, that he was responsible for the leadership of 30+ employees and he needed to know how to lead people the way that Jesus did. As a result, Victor and I met at least once daily (often more) until my departure. Victor has surrendered his life to Jesus and has joined his grandfather (98 years old & saved since age of 13,) his parents as well as his wife in walking with Jesus! Through this divine appointment with Victor and countless and repeated life on life encounters with most of the staff, God saw fit to engage that community with His blessed Hope and Gospel and facilitate community between them. In short, God has planted “The Church at Fahari!!!” I have committed to encourage & equip this new church from the US via e-mail & video conferencing. Furthermore, we are partnering with lifeway missions and one of their local churches to make disciples and help encourage and develop “The Church at Fahari.” There are already many disciple-makers ready, willing, able and excited to get started!!!

Our God, through EUCE, LWI and other organizations worldwide is reaching and saving unprecedented numbers of Muslims, Secularists, and various followers of false and deceptive religious movements. For as many years as history allows us to remember, many nations have been waging war and even defeating terrorist of all “stripes,” all of them from the realm of spiritual darkness! However, the more we manage to extinguish and /or disorganize, the more the reorganize and become increasingly effective in the spreading of evil. Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, the answer isn’t, never was and never will be to kill them off! God’s eternal, merciful, loving, gracious, perfect plan from past eternity is to win them to Jesus, the only true Savior!!!

I want to encourage you all to:

- Visit these web sites
 - <http://www.ethiopiaemmanuel.org/>
 - <http://www.lifewaymi.org/>
- Read this book (available hard copy or kindle)
 - Miraculous Movements by Jerry Trousdale

Please join me in praising God for:

- Willingness to seek those who don’t deserve his grace (including you & I)
- The life transforming power of the pure, undefiled, uncomplicated Gospel of the Kingdom
- Allowing us to be used by Him in His mission to redeem a remnant!

Please continue to pray for the following:

- That the Lord would make clear to you, his will and your part in continuing this important mission
- Miraculous Holy Spirit filling, empowering and enablement for the Lord’s harvesters and His harvest.
- The Lord’s strength, provision and protection be continuously upon these servants of Christ who are ministering in remote and hostile areas and are presently subjected or potentially subject to intense persecution.

Finally, though it is yet to be revealed to me and is dependent upon God’s will and provision, I am willing to devote myself to this ministry at whatever degree the Lord would call me to. Please continue to pray for direction from the Lord as it pertains to my and your partnership as the Lord wills and directs. I thank God and pray His constant blessing upon you all for your faithful and continued partnership, support and encouragement.

Sincerely Yours,
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