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Dear brothers, sisters, partners and friends,

Please join me in thanking God for allowing Pastor Samson from Ethiopia to visit us in Maine from May 31st through June 4th. We also thank Crossway Christian Church for providing air fare and a wonderful luncheon on Sunday. Samson was excited to fellowship with you folks who were able to come and do so. He expressed sincere gratitude for the love, prayers and support you all, his family and partners in Christ, have so freely given, but couldn't be at the gathering.

Samson praised God for hundreds of souls weekly coming to Christ. He reported that 1,300 –2,000 new Christians are baptized every 6 months in Ethiopia and emphasized the importance of continuing the Leadership Training that we have been providing.

As mentioned in the last newsletter this year's goal is to provide transportation, housing costs and training for 2 groups of approximately 15 leaders each, at 2 separate venues in Ethiopia during the 1st week. These leaders are faithful to train leaders who will train leaders in various regions throughout the Country, exponentially multiplying our efforts in the weeks, months and years to come! The 1st two days in Kenya will be used to preach, teach, worship, fellowship and encourage "The Church at Fahari" (a church planted at the Fahari Hotel as a result of this missionary partnership) and Grace Church at the LMI campus to be followed by a 3 day Leadership Training event at the LMI Training. This will be the 4th consecutive training event largely made up of returning students and additional 1st time students who are sure to participate. There are 20—30 leaders from various ministries in Nairobi and beyond expected.

Please continue to pray for the following:

- The Lord's financial provision of approximately \$3,500.00 to cover all expenses.
- The Lord's guidance, protection and blessing in our 2018 missionary efforts to Africa
- That the Lord would make clear to you, His will and our part in continuing this important mission.
- The Lord would multiply our efforts and bring radical transformation through our partnerships.

Just 40 USD will allow a church leader to receive sound biblical training that will enhance their efforts in implementing powerful Christ-like disciple making movements in their respective regions in Ethiopia.

The Kenyan students' training expenses are partly covered by their own resources and partially subsidized by Lifeway Missions International whom we partner with.

Additional donations are needed to help defer my travel costs. Excess donations will help schools, orphans and widows.

Recently, I was reminded how even small efforts can have big impact, when several different families from my neighborhood began to donate the proceeds from their returnable bottles and cans to our missionary efforts. Furthermore, I was blessed to see how God still works through people who may not necessarily "go to Church" or profess to be Christians. In God's economy, a little can go a long ways and can come from places that we may not expect. Remember how Jesus on two separate occasions, feed large crowds with a few fish and loaves of bread, and then ended up with more left over than that which He began (Matt. 14:13—21, 15:32—38).

If you are led of the Lord to pray, please let me know that you are doing so, as it always is a great encouragement to know who is praying. If you desire to give your financial support, checks may be sent and made payable to **Crossway Christian Church, PO Box 363, Saco, Maine 04072: Attention Church Treasurer. Please note on the memo line: Africa 2018 and Paul "Chico" Parker.**

I thank God and pray His constant blessing upon you all for your faithful and continued partnership, support and encouragement in ministry.

Sincerely Yours,
Paul "Chico" Parker
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