Training Disciple Makers and Encouraging the Unity of Churches in the Horn of Africa



"Cross the Jordan...I will give you every place you set your foot as I promised..." Joshua 1.2-3

THE ONE THING HELL CAN'T STOP!

Even though God gave this promise 400 years before, it took the Israelites a long time to walk it out, step by step, fighting in God's power. We believe the book of Joshua is also a picture of what God has called His church to be about. Just as Canaan Land was occupied by evil powers, so our world is occupied by Satan (Matt. 4.8-9). He's like a squatter who is illegally occupying ground. But Jesus Christ has issued Satan an eviction notice. It's time for Satan to get off the property. The church should be demanding its territory back from Satan.

This church is the one thing hell can't stop. Of course, we're talking about **His Church** ("I will build my church, and the gates of hell will not overcome it..." Matt. 16), not the one we often build using Christ's name. His church is a community of rich and poor, crosscultural, cross-racial, cross-global (Eph. 2:14). If you or I have our own agendas, we can call it whatever we want, but it is not His Church! The only church that can overcome the onslaughts of hell is the church that Jesus is building. That means it has His anointing, His agenda, His authority "to preach good news to the poor...proclaim freedom for the prisoners...recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed" (Luke 4). This church demolishes the Gates of Hell.

In the ancient world, the City Gates were the place of author-

ity. Every gate housed a series of rooms and chambers where the **city fathers** met to make decisions. It was like our City Hall. So, the gates of Hell are where Satan and his demons gather to try to set hell's agenda for your life. He may try to use your **mate**, your **children**, your **boss**, your **circumstances**, your **city hall!** But whatever his method, the devil and his demons are meeting to map out their strategy "to steal, kill and destroy" your life (John 10:10a). Jesus calls this strategic place the Gates of Hell, but it is no match for His church!

Some don't think they need the body of Christ. They function as Lone Rangers plugged in and accountable to no one. That is not the way Christ intended believers to function. We are strong only when we function as a team.

SEPTEMBER 2019 CHURCH LEADERS GATHERING

We are humbled to be asked to provide evangelism & discipleship training to these outstanding leaders! Pray for those who have already registered! They have experienced churches being burned down, physical attacks, financial sacrifices, yet they continue to faithfully walk into dark territory, sharing the Good News of Jesus!



Adwa Mekane Yesus Congregation

- 1. Mr. Yared K..... (Fulltime Servant)
- 2. Miss Kedija A..... (Fulltime Servant)
- 3. Mr. Solomon A...... (Church chairman)

Adwa Hiwot Blrhan Church

- 1. Pastor Medhanie A......
- 2. Mr. Kibrom H..... (Fulltime Servant)

Adwa Kale Hiwot Church

- 1. Mr. Yeabiyo S..... (Fulltime Servant)
- 2. Mr. Hanibal G...... (Fulltime Servant)

Adwa Genet Church:-

- **1.** Mr. Berhe F...... (Fulltime Servant)
- 2. Miss Tsehay Y...... (Fulltime Servant)

Adwa Full Gospel Church

- 1. Evangelist Mebrahtom A......
- 2. Mr. Tesfay W..... (Fulltime Servant)

Mekele Mekane Yesus Congregation

- 1. Pastor Tsegay E......
- 2. Mr. Essay L..... (Fulltime Servant)

Axum Mekane Yesus Congregation

1. Pastor Tariku B.....



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Pray for our MISSION TRIP!

Right now, a portion of our Board is in Ethiopia, ministering to our kids, widows, refugees, pastors and churches in Ethiopia. **Negest**, our President, has been there all summer, energetically serving delivering aid, sharing the Good News, making contacts, and securing government documents regarding our many outreaches with orphans and refugees. She will



be applying for FREE LAND from the Government to build a permanent home for HOUSE OF HOPE! **James**, **Doru** and **Smytty** followed **August 27**, carrying Gospel tracts, training manuals, clothing supplies not easily obtained there, hundreds

of bright crosses, crafts, soccer balls for children, electronic aids and large numbers of solar flashlights for pastors, (because of the recent coup, there are frequent power outages), and much more. Every day of our three week schedule has been packed!



We plan special outreaches in ADDIS ADADA, ADWA, SHIRE, RAMA & AXUM, as well as ministering with the churches and believers in THREE REFUGEE CAMPS. We covet your prayers for God's favor, power and protection!

This year's MISSION TRIP SCHEDULE

- **Destiny Discovery** Workshop @ our **HOP** orphans—We are challenging them to greatness!
- **CITY of GOD** We support those cast off by their families when they become followers of Jesus
- Churches in REFUGEE camps
- **60 RAMA** orphans— providing completely new wardrobes for every child!
- **ADWA** Compassion school OUTREACH ministering to Evangelical, Muslim and Orthodox families!
- AXUM outreach midst fierce persecution
- TEEN EVANGELISM Conference
- PASTORS & EVANGELISTS Conference

CITY OF GOD Jesus taught that we are to be a

City set on a hill for all to see. From the very beginning of our ministry in the Horn of Africa, our hearts have been broken by those cast out of their communities when they follow Jesus. HFHOA rescues individuals like this blind sister in Christ. She now uses her re-



markable musical talents to write hymns, play keyboard, and lead the choir and congregation in worship!



Where Is the Master Sending Me?

Solomon has translated our 30 page original DISCOVERY WORK-

SHOP into ancient Tigrigna for our HOUSE OF HOPE orphans—like this college student, studying to become an architect.



Pray that JESUS speaks to each one, in their heart language, as we **coach** them to deeply consider their ALLEGIANCE, DESIGN, PASSION, PREPARATION and PURPOSE!

(HELL CAN'T STOP...Continued)

Did you ever notice that when Jesus sent out His disciples to preach, they always went out **by twos**? Luke 10:1 tell us "...the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him...". When they returned, Luke 10:17 tells us "The seventy-two returned with joy and said, 'Lord, even the **demons** submit to us in your name." Jesus never intended you and me to take on Satan by ourselves.

An older woman had always wanted to travel abroad, but for various reasons had never the chance before. So when she won a overseas trip, she went to the Passport Office and asked how she would go about obtaining her passport. "You must take the loyalty oath first," responded the clerk. "Raise your right hand, please." The woman raised her right hand. "Do you swear to defend the Constitution of the United States against all its enemies, domestic or foreign?" The old lady's face paled as she asked in a small trembling voice, "Do I have to do that all by myself?" No! Jesus is building a kingdom, a community of all sorts of believers, fitted together stones with all sorts of differing gifts—a real FEL-LOWSHIP OF THE RING bunch of characters, whom He has to storm the gates of Hell, and rescue the captives!