

# Gospel For All

*Spreading the love of Jesus Christ to unreached people groups around the world through:*

- *Evangelism*
- *HIV/AIDS Education*
- *Orphan Care*

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"If you continue in your faith, established and firm, not moved from the hope held out in the gospel." Col. 1:23

## Destination: Ethiopia

by Vivian H. Dersu

Since the inception of Gospel For All, it has been the dream of ours to have a group of individuals go to Ethiopia on a summer missions trip. This dream is coming true in 2008! This June, a group of 20 from our church, Priest Lake Christian Fellowship (PLCF) in Antioch, TN will be going to Ethiopia for two weeks of ministry.

The team is a diverse group, many of whom will be traveling outside of the United States for the first time. It is particularly encouraging to us that seven members of the team are youth ages 12 to 16.

During the two weeks in Ethiopia we have four objectives we hope to accomplish:

1. Encourage the 12 evangelists currently employed by Gospel For All.
2. Give the children in Mega their first chance to experience a Vacation Bible School.
3. Complete a house-building project and turn over two houses to needy families in the Mega area.
4. Meet the orphans we sponsor through the Hand of Hope program.

Team members will be given the opportunity to visit some of the mission stations where GFA evangelists are working. This may include participating in prayer walks, day outreach ministry

or just spending time and praying with and encouraging our evangelists.

Other team members will be involved with giving the children of Mega their first experience of a Vacation Bible School. Typically there are no special programs for children — everything is geared towards adults. Our hope is that through this VBS, many children in the Mega community will come to know Jesus.

Members of the team will also be involved with our house-building project. During our time in Ethiopia, our team will be putting the finishing touches on two houses that are being built with funds from our church, Priest Lake Christian Fellowship. We will turn these houses over to two needy families in the community.

As you can see, we have a lot we want to accomplish during our two weeks in Ethiopia. Please pray for the team as they prepare for this trip. Each team member is responsible for raising their own funds for the trip (approximately \$3000 each). Pray that the financial needs of the group will be met.

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**Pictured on this page:**  
**PLCF Church members prepare materials for the VBS to be held in Ethiopia this summer**



## Hand of Hope....reaching out to orphans

For the past several months Hand of Hope has supported 11 orphans in southern Ethiopia. Through the financial assistance given by Hand of Hope, these children are all enrolled in school. In addition, their basic daily needs are being met.

We now have added a 12th orphan to the Hand of Hope family! Galma Arero Adi is 13 years old. His father, Arero Adi passed away in January of 2005 and six months later, his mother died. Since then Galma has been living with his maternal grandparents in Mega. Galma has brothers and sisters, but they are living with other relatives. The siblings have been separated due to financial restraints on the family. No one can afford to take them all in. Even though the siblings are not together, they are fortunate to at least be with family members.

Hand of Hope received information on Galma through our leadership committee in Ethiopia in the spring of 2007. When Sam Dersu visited Ethiopia in May of 2007, he was able to meet Galma and his grandparents. Galma's grandmother expressed to Sam the financial burden it was on herself and her husband to care for Galma and to keep him in school. After this visit, Sam confirmed that Galma was eligible to become a Hand of Hope child and receive financial assistance. Galma officially became the newest member of the Hand of Hope family in January 2008. The Hand of Hope program enables Galma to stay with his grandparents and continue in school. The financial assistance provided by Hand of Hope ensures that Galma will have food, clothing and an education. In addition, he will be assured of medical care when needed.



**Galma, age 13  
Mega, Ethiopia**



**Israel, age 5  
Mega, Ethiopia**

God is good! We thank God for the finances that continue to come in for the Hand of Hope program. Please continue to pray for these special children who have lost so much.

*Leave your orphans; I will protect their lives.  
Your widows too can trust in me.*

**Jeremiah 49:11**



**Sisters, Kaliti (9) and  
Kabale (13)  
Mega, Ethiopia**



**Abeduba Children: Back (L-R): Aster (18),  
Galgallo (14), Nesaanet (19); Front (L-R): Biftu (5),  
Gemechu (8), Meskerem (7), Ana (10), Wakole (17)  
— Yavello, Ethiopia**

## Gospel For Unreached Nations Ministry— Evangelist Tsega-ab Bekele



**Evangelist Tsega-ab with his wife, Tiya and their 3 children: (l-r) Tihute (age 7), Faresa (5 months) and Ruth (age 4)**

God is using Gospel For Unreached Nations Ministry to make a significant impact on all of Ethiopia. Through this ministry that Evangelist Tsega-ab founded a few years ago, lives are being transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit. Evangelist Tsega-ab continues to travel extensively throughout southern Ethiopia conducting evangelistic crusades as well as training programs for church workers from many different denominational backgrounds. His crusades attract a lot of people, and lives are touched and set free by the power of the Holy Spirit. We praise God for the work He is doing through Tsega-ab's faithfulness to the call on his life.

Tsega-ab is a gifted speaker and teacher. God continues to use him to be instrumental in bringing reconciliation among church groups throughout Ethiopia from different denominational backgrounds through his crusades, conferences and training programs.

- Pray for God's protection to be over Tsega-ab as he travels much of the time.
- Pray for Tsega-ab's wife as she cares for their three children alone much of the time.
- Pray that the financial needs of Gospel for Unreached Nations Ministry (GFUNM) would be met.
- Pray for the leadership team of GFUNM.
- Pray for the upcoming conferences and crusades that Tsega-ab will be conducting. Pray that hearts would be open to the Gospel and that lives would be changed.



**Conference participants worshipping together**

*Gospel For All partially supports Tsega-ab's ministry. Please pray for additional supporters to join his team. Continue to pray for Evangelist Tsega-ab as he ministers full-time. Pray for God's continued protection over him and his family.*



**Evangelist Tsega-ab preaching at a conference**

For more information on Tsega-ab's ministry, please check out his website at [www.gfuntb.com](http://www.gfuntb.com).

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Members of Priest Lake Christian Fellowship have taken on this mission trip as their own. Church members have come together and collected various school supplies and clothing that will be distributed by the team this summer. Church members have also been busy with preparing all of the items needed for the Vacation Bible School. In February nearly 60 members of the church gave up their Saturday to come work on preparing items needed for the VBS. In addition, various fundraising activities are planned for this spring to help raise funds for the trip.

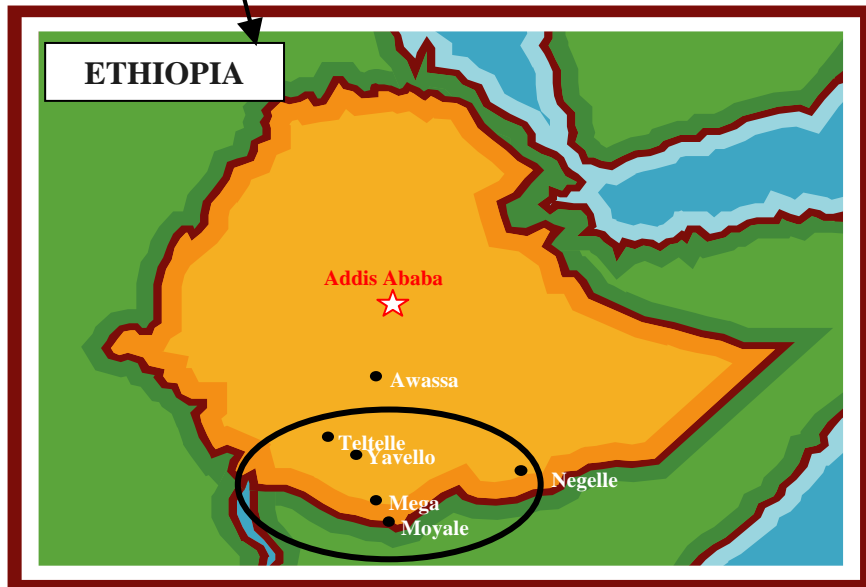
We covet your prayers. Please uplift the team as final preparations are made for this trip. If you feel led to give financially, please send funds directly to Gospel For All at PO Box 293341 Nashville, TN 37229. Be sure to attach a note stating '2008 Missions Trip'.



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**PLCF Church members prepare materials for the VBS to be held in Ethiopia this summer**



**The 2008 PLCF Ethiopia Missions Team will be ministering in the area circled in black below.**



- 2008 PLCF  
 Ethiopia Missions Team  
 June 27th ~ July 13th 2008**
- Hannah Bollinger
  - Janean Bollinger
  - Gina Deakins
  - Chaltu Dersu
  - Jaalanne Dersu
  - Megan Dersu
  - Sam Dersu
  - Vivian Dersu
  - Connie Dillingham
  - Noah Dillingham
  - Nathan Dillingham
  - Phil Dillingham
  - Hannah Ford
  - Maureen Huey
  - Robyn Huey
  - Jennifer Kidd
  - Dan Midgett
  - Gene Pierce
  - Randi Wright
  - Randy Wright

## *A New Name.....*

Gospel For All evangelists recently came together in Yavello for a time of fellowship, encouragement and spiritual renewal with members of the leadership team. Below is a picture of all those who participated in this 5-day retreat.

You will notice in the picture below the reference made to 'Hand of Hope'. Gospel For All has been in the process of obtaining a license in Ethiopia to work under the name of Hand of Hope Ministries. We just received the good news that the government of Ethiopia has granted us a license to work as a non-profit organization within Ethiopia conducting humanitarian and evangelistic work. Praise God!

We felt that the name Hand of Hope gives a more accurate picture of the scope of our work which includes not only evangelism, but also HIV/AIDS education and orphan care. Our goal is to offer a Hand of Hope to the people we minister to and to give them a Hope of a better future through life with Jesus Christ. We offer the Hope of our Lord Jesus Christ through our ministry of evangelism, HIV/AIDS education, as well as our orphan care program.

*Isaiah 40:31*

*"But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."*



### *Ethiopia HIV/AIDS Facts*

- **There are an estimated 1.2 million AIDS orphans in Ethiopia today.**
- **30% of the deaths of 15~49 year olds in Ethiopia are from AIDS.**
- **Just over 10% of the world's population is in Sub-Saharan Africa — 60% of all people living with HIV live in sub-Saharan Africa (25.8 million).**
- **3.2 million people in sub-Saharan Africa became newly infected with HIV during 2005.**
- **2.4 million adults and children died of AIDS in sub-Saharan Africa during 2005.**
- **In Ethiopia — girls between the ages of 15 and 24 are six times more likely to be infected than boys in the same age group.**

## Ministry Updates

### Chareturura

**Abeduba Arero** continues to work in the Chareturura area. Please pray for this young evangelist as he works to establish a strong group of believers. He continues to disciple new believers and has plans to organize an outreach team to go out to the areas surrounding Chareturura.

### Teletelle

**Dida Barako & Boba Guyo** continue to minister in the Teletelle region. God is working in this area, and hearts are softening. We recently shared how many people in this area worship a “rock” on a nearby mountain. Dida and Boba have experienced a lot of opposition and persecution; however, since GFA’s founder, Sam Dersu, visited this area in May, there has been a significant change in the attitudes of many of the elders in the community. The community elders have begun to draw closer to Dida and Boba and no longer look at them as “enemies.” Please pray that God would continue to work in the hearts of the elders of this community and that one day they would accept Christ as their Lord and Savior.

### Moyale

**Wario Galgallo & Guyo Buke** continue to serve in the Moyale area, mainly in Dembi. Dembi continues to be one of the most highly populated Muslim areas in the country and is one of the hardest places to preach the Gospel. God continues to work in this area, and souls continue to come into the kingdom. Wario and Guyo have asked for funds to erect a church building in Dembi. Please pray that funds would be available to turn the plans for a church into a reality.

Continue to pray for Wario and Guyo along with their families as they minister in this hostile area. Pray continued protection over them and for boldness as they continue to proclaim the Good News.



Evangelist Guyo with his new bride.

## Ministry Updates

### Deeda Jaarsa

**Dimtu Guyo** and **Molu Jillo** continue to work together in Deeda Jaarsa. New believers continue to come to know the Lord through this ministry. Continue to pray that Dimtu and Molu will be able to work well together as Dimtu gets closer to retirement and prepares to turn the leadership responsibilities of the Deeda Jaarsa church over to Molu.

Evangelist Molu Jillo has been working with Gospel For All for the past year and a half in the Deeda Jaarsa area alongside Evangelist Dimtu Guyo. Following, is a small glimpse into Molu's life and how he came to where he is today.

Evangelist Molu was born into a Borana Oromo family in Romso, a small village not far from Mega. He grew up in Gombisa, another village not too far away. His mother was a worshipper of 'Ayana' — an type of evil spirit worship. Growing up, Molu often quarreled with his mother because he refused to worship Ayana. Molu's older brother became a Christian and began sharing with Molu about his salvation. Eventually, Molu decided to surrender to God and together with his brother set out to bring a transformation to their parents through prayer. God answered their prayers and today both of their parents are believers in Jesus Christ. Praise God!

Molu attended elementary school in Gombisa and completed the 6th grade. He would like to attend the Bible School in Mega if the opportunity arises. Molu is single and is looking forward to one day finding a Godly wife. Pray for Molu as he continues to mature in his walk with Christ and serve God in Deeda Jaarsa.



Evangelist Molu Jillo

### Mega

**Teshome Tadesse** continues to serve in Mega and the surrounding areas. He continues to work on developing an effective group evangelism outreach program with the youth in Mega, encouraging them to go out into some of the nearby rural communities to share the Gospel with people.

### Negelle

**Yaikob Dima** and **Gaalo Elias Huka** continue to work in the highly Muslim populated region of Negelle. Pray for them as they provide spiritual guidance and leadership to the believers in this area.

Yaikob and Gaalo reach out to members of the community through their literacy program. Pray for Gaalo and Yaikob as they strive to teach people to read and write. Pray that Yaikob and Gaalo would continue to be effective in their ministry and that they would be able to shepherd the group of believers under their care. Pray for God's continued protection over Gaalo and Yaikob as they minister in this hostile area.



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**PRAISE GOD FOR....**

- ◆ His continued protection over the evangelists and their families.
- ◆ The souls that continue to come to Christ.
- ◆ The faithful supporters of Gospel For All who support this ministry both financially and through prayer.
- ◆ Provision of funds to sponsor additional children through our Hand of Hope program.



**PRAYER REQUESTS**

- ◆ Pray for the 2008 PLCF Missions Trip to Ethiopia. Pray that finances would be available for those going on the trip. Pray for the leadership of GFA as they plan this trip and work out the many details.
- ◆ Pray that educational materials will be made available to the evangelists. This includes material for literacy programs that have been implemented as well as health-related materials in the areas of family health and hygiene and HIV/AIDS prevention.
- ◆ Pray for the *Hand of Hope* project that is reaching out to orphans — many are a direct result of HIV/AIDS.
- ◆ Pray for the physical safety of the evangelists and their families.
- ◆ Pray that finances would become available to erect a church building in Dembi.
- ◆ Pray that the leadership team of Gospel For All would have wisdom as they lead this ministry for the Glory of God.
- ◆ Pray for the necessary finances to continue to come in to carry out this ministry.



**THANK YOU**

*To all of you who faithfully pray for the evangelists by name.*

*We encourage you to adopt an evangelist and pray for him daily.*

*Let us know who you are praying for and we will pass this on to the evangelist. This is a great encouragement for them to know that their name is being lifted up every day to our Father.*