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Mission Accomplished

by Vivian H. Dersu

Gospel For All (Hand of Hope Ministries) sponsored its first summer mission trip to Ethiopia this year. On June 14th, I took off from Nashville International Airport with my three daughters. Twenty-seven hours later we landed safely at Bole International Airport in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. In two weeks I would be joined by the PLCF 2008 Ethiopia Mission Team! Two years ago this had all been a dream, but on June 27th when 16 members of Priest Lake Christian Fellowship (PLCF) took off from Nashville International Airport, the dream turned into reality.

Since founding GFA (HOH) in 2004, my husband and I often talked about how great it would be to one day lead a group to Ethiopia on a mission trip. Deep down we both knew that it would happen, we just didn't know when. As our church family at PLCF became more and more involved with GFA, various people starting voicing their interest in going to Ethiopia on a mission trip. Before we knew it, a date was set for June 2008 and a group of 20 (including

our family of 5) started making preparations for a 2 week mission trip to Ethiopia. Each team member had to raise nearly \$3000 to cover the cost of the trip. It was amazing to see how God provided the necessary finances for every member of the team.

While in Ethiopia we were able to accomplish everything we set out to, plus some. We were able to meet with all of the evangelists sponsored by GFA (HOH), finish building 2 houses and give them away to needy families, see all of the Hand of Hope orphans as well as hold a 3 day Vacation Bible School for the children in Mega. In addition, we were able to witness the distribution of grain in Deeda Jaarsa, Ghandille and Dembi. GFA has evangelists working in all three of these areas which have been hard hit by the drought and famine plaguing southern Ethiopia.

Two weeks before the team left for Ethiopia, a few of our team members became aware of the famine problem in southern Ethiopia and wondered if there was something PLCF could do. Within two weeks nearly \$12,000 was raised for the sole purpose of purchasing grain to help families living in the areas GFA works in southern Ethiopia. I was already in Ethiopia at that time and was shocked when my husband, Sam, called and told me the amount of money he had wired to GFA's account in Ethiopia. I quickly had to pull a team together and implement a plan to purchase the grain, inform government officials of our plans, screen locals in the three targeted areas to make sure the grain went to those who needed it most, and set distribution dates. I hung up the phone and started to panic. I had no clue how to even go about a task of this magnitude. Thankfully, Gollo Huka, who has quite a bit of experience in this type of relief work, stepped in to help me. Gollo and I sat down and drew up a plan and prayed over it. Together we met with the elders of the Mega Mekane Yesus Church who listened in



2008 PLCF Ethiopia Mission Team departing from Nashville, TN on June 27, 2008. Back Row (L-R): Sam Dersu, Phil Dillingham, Dan Midgett, Gene Pierce, Gina Deakins, Randy Wright, Jennifer Kidd. Front Row (L-R): Nathan & Noah Dillingham, Hannah Bollinger, Hannah Ford, Robyn & Maureen Huey, Randi Wright, Janean Bollinger and Connie Dillingham

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disbelief as we told them the plan. We briefly told them what had happened and informed them that the money was already on the way from America. We needed their help to implement the plan. Over the following 2 weeks grain was purchased and transported to the three distribution centers. When the PLCF mission team arrived in southern Ethiopia we were all able to witness the distribution of this grain at all three distribution points. Overall, we were able to provide much needed for food for nearly 650 households (each household could be up to 10 people). Each household was given 25 kilo (55 pounds) which would feed them for a few weeks.

It was such a joy to introduce our team members to the GFA (HOH) evangelists. One evening in Yavello, we were able to meet together with the evangelists and spend time in fellowship by eating, praying and worshipping together. Due to time constraints we were not able to go to all of the mission stations where the evangelists are working, but we were able to visit a few. After the grain distribution in Deeda Jaarsa and Ghandille, we were able to spend a short time in worship with each congregation. On Sunday, a few members of the team made a visit to Chareturura and worshipped with them while the rest of the team worshipped with the Mega Mekane Yesus Church Congregation.

The men on the team took an overnight trip to Moyale to witness the grain distribution in Dembi (just outside of Moyale) and to encourage the group of believers in this area. Moyale is located on the border of Ethiopia and Kenya and is a highly populated Muslim area. Nearly 100% of people originally from this area are Muslim. Reaching Moyale with the Gospel of Jesus Christ would be a huge breakthrough for the Kingdom. One of the main purposes of going to Moyale was to conduct a prayer walk. The men were joined by local Christians as they split up into several groups and walked through the city as they prayed for peace in the town, for many to come into the Kingdom, for the youth and for strength for the Christian leaders in the area.

God is good. His hand of protection was over our entire team from the time we stepped onto the plane in Nashville until we safely returned. Traveling in a third world country such as Ethiopia is not easy. Unexpected obstacles pop up at unpredictable times and are unavoidable. During the 2 weeks the team was in Ethiopia a lot of time was spent on the road. We experienced our bus breaking down, fuel shortage, driving at night with no headlights and much more. Through it all God's hand of protection was over us. We could feel Satan trying to discourage us and launch his attacks from every direction, but at the same time we knew we were safe in the palm of God's hand.

House Building Project in Mega



A Note From Sam

I don't have enough space to write about the trip to Ethiopia, but I thank my Lord Jesus Christ who made it possible and who was with us from the day we left until we returned. All glory to Him alone, the Lord of Lords and the King of Kings. He is the one who carried us under His wings and protected us from our enemies.

Blessings to those who helped financially and made it possible for the group to go to Ethiopia as well as enabled us to buy the grain that was distributed and provide funds needed to build four houses in Mega as well as a church in Dembi, Moyale. Blessings to those that were prayer warriors and prayed for us from the day we announced the planning of the trip until we came back. Blessings to those who watched after children when moms were on this mission trip. Blessings to those who worked and organized the VBS for kids they have never seen. Blessings to those in Ethiopia who organized the trip inside the country, from Addis Ababa down to Moyale. We especially thank Tsega-ab and the 300 evangelists who prayed for us and encouraged us. Blessings to Wako and Bayisa (Kuku) for working with the group in helping them understand the Oromo language.

This trip was not the work of Sam and Vivian, but the accomplishment of many with God's help. As you read this newsletter you will see what was accomplished, but what you can not see on paper is the love and encouragement that the group from PLCF left with the people throughout Borana, Ethiopia. You also can not see the love and encouragement this group received from the Borana people and brought back with them to America. Words can not convey these feelings, but if you were there and experienced it, you can feel it in your heart

May God bless each and every one of you!

Sam Dersu

—Sam Dersu is the Founder of Gospel For All (Hand of Hope Ministries).



Sam Dersu (right) with Zeleke. Zeleke served as one of the escorts and drivers for the PLCF Ethiopia Mission Team



Sam Dersu (right) with Galma, Hand of Hope child, in Mega.

“Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.”

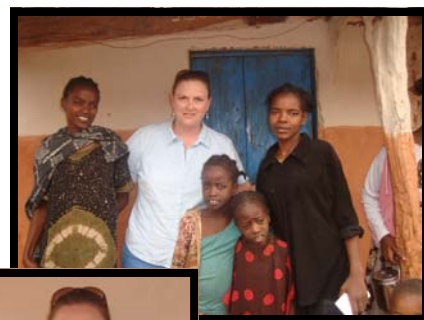
1 Corinthians 15:58

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



Kabale & Kaliti

Hand of Hope Children continues to expand! Three years ago, we began this program to reach out and minister to needy children and orphans. Kabale and Kaliti are the first two children to benefit from this program. When we were introduced to them, Kaliti was ill and her family did not have much hope for her future. Through Hand of Hope, Kaliti was able to get the medical care she needed and today is a thriving young girl! She and her sister live together with their uncle in Mega and regularly attend school. It was a blessing this summer for Vivian Dersu to be able to see both of these girls during her visit in Mega. Kabale was able to participate in the VBS that the PLCF Mission Team conducted in Mega.



Vivian Dersu with 6 of the 8 siblings in Yavello



Galma

Vivian had the joy of delivering a special monetary gift to the 8 Hand of Hope siblings living in Yavello. The gift came from a PLCF family. The children were so appreciative and promised to use the money wisely. During the PLCF Mission Team's time in Yavello, they were able to worship together with the two older siblings in this family. What a blessing to see the difference this program is making in the lives of children.

In addition to Kabale and Kaliti, there are more Hand of Hope children living in Mega. Vivian Dersu was able to spend time with both Galma and Israel and had the joy of seeing them experience the VBS conducted by the PLCF Mission Team. Israel won a special spot in many of the hearts of team members. Israel would pop up every where we were. He seemed to know that he was special. The team had the joy of presenting him with a soccer ball and clothing sent by his sponsor family at PLCF.

During the five weeks that Vivian was in Ethiopia, she met many children who need help. She was able to meet with several potential Hand of Hope Children. The need is so overwhelming and the number of children in need is hard to fathom. Please pray for the leadership of Hand of Hope as they identify additional children to join the expanding family of Hand of Hope Children.



Takalin Guye, newest HOH child



Israel with his new soccer ball.

\$300 will sponsor a child for one entire year and give them the opportunity for a better life.

If you would like to make a difference in the life of a child...please send a gift to Gospel For All and specify that it should be used for the Hand of Hope Children's Project.

Gospel For Unreached Nations Ministry

Gospel For Unreached Nations Ministry, under the leadership of Tsega-ab Bekele, continues to unify the body of Christ in Ethiopia. This summer, they organized a week long Harvest Seminar in Yavello, Ethiopia. More than 300 Christian workers from across southern Ethiopia gathered together for a week of teaching led by Tsega-ab. The participants came from various denominational backgrounds. Tsega-ab has the unique ability to cross denominational backgrounds and bring people together. During the course of the week, various topics were covered such as Evangelizing Muslims, Spiritual Maturity and Worship. PLCF Ethiopia Missions Team members had the honor of participating in this conference. Connie Dillingham spoke during one of the sessions on what the Bible says on the subject of what the relationship between a husband and wife should be; specifically when the husband is involved in full-time Christian ministry. God used Connie in a powerful way as she shared examples from her own life as a pastor's wife and how her husband, Phil, treats her. Her talk challenged many to reexamine their lives and their relationships. Most of what she shared was a new concept to these men, as it goes against everything they have thought Christian ministry should involve. The idea that they should consider and consult with their wives regarding areas of the ministry that directly affect the family, such as traveling and being away from home for extended periods of time, was totally foreign to them. Please pray that God would continue to work in the lives of these dedicated men in this area.



Dan Midgett (center) enjoys a meal with Tsega-ab and seminar participants in Yavello.



Phil Dillingham shares with seminar participants in Yavello.

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Dan Midgett and Randy Wright, two members of the PLCF Ethiopia Missions Team, each spent one day with Tsega-ab at the seminar and spoke to the participants on the topics of Walking by the Spirit and Worship in Ministry.

Phil Dillingham, pastor of PLCF, spent one day at the seminar and spoke on the subject of Spiritual Maturity. In addition, he spoke at the graduation ceremony held at the end of the week. The graduation was held outdoors at the Yavello Stadium. Many area churches came together for this special occasion to worship together and celebrate this special occasion. It was an honor for Phil to present each of the graduates with their Bible Diploma. These students had all finished a three year theology program sponsored by Gospel For Unreached Nations Ministry. There were a total of 33 graduates.

Yavello Stadium on Graduation Sunday.



Yavello Stadium on Graduation Sunday.

Tsega-ab and the seminar participants played a vital role in the success of the PLCF Ethiopia Mission Team's success. They faithfully lifted up the team to the Father. Gospel For Unreached Nations Ministry staff were also faithful to prayer for the team from the time the trip was being planned up until the trip was completed and everyone was safely back home in Nashville.

Everyone was safely back home in Nashville.

Please continue to pray for the ministry of Tsega-ab and Gospel For Unreached Nations Ministry. This fall GFUNM sent out ten native missionaries targeting Muslim dominated areas. GFUNM's goal is to send a total of 200 native missionaries by 2020 and plant 500 indigenous, self supporting churches. Please pray for Tsega-ab and the work of GFUNM.



Randy Wright leads seminar participants and members of the PLCF Ethiopia Mission Team during a time of worship.

Please pray for Tsega-ab and the work of GFUNM.

One Boy at a Time

by Maureen Huey

I really wasn't sure at first why I went on this mission trip. All I knew was that when I first heard about it God said "Yes". This was a big deal, because I had tried some other paths to "give some purpose to my life" and He closed all of those doors with a "No" in some rather unpleasant ways. I was hitting a mid life crises of sorts.

As the trip progressed I was still not sure that any life changing event was going to occur, but slowly I began to just sit back and watch how God was moving in what I consider an impoverished nation. The love that permeates the everyday life of the Mega citizens was amazing. They have a HARD life. Water, food, heat, and clothes are an everyday thought process to them. "I wonder how fast the net is working tonight?" is not something they think about. Nor do they think about whether they are having beef or chicken for dinner. I am kind of tired of chicken. I probably have more clothes lying dirty in my bathroom than some entire families own. To live day after day like this takes a lot of love to persevere.

When I was in Mega I met a boy named Haro. They tell me he is twelve, but to talk with him he has a beautiful "old" soul. He is quiet and respectful. He listens and thinks and responds like a wise old man. I know this boy has a hard life, but not as hard as some in this town. Both of his parents live in the home, which is not the case for many. He has few clothes and opportunities. The first time I laid eyes on him, I would swear light shined around him and God said "This One". I am not real sure what that means. I only had one or two opportunities to sit and talk with Haro, with the help of an interpreter. He is going into or just finished the seventh grade. He wants to be a teacher when he grows up. His older brother is a teacher. I am going to try my hardest, with God's help to get him there. I started a dialogue with the leaders of the area to set up a way to get this boy and his family what it needs for this boy to succeed in life. I met Haro's father briefly. He is a simple man, with a simple job. But he is a man of integrity, I could tell, because he is still in the home making a difference. I wish I could have met his mom, maybe in the coming correspondence I can hear from her. The last day we were there and saying our good-byes, Haro came up to me and placed a "michira" (bracelet) on my arm. He knew that we could easily buy many of these bracelets, but he took the one off of his arm and gave it to me, essentially welcoming me into his tribe and family. I plan on taking that seriously.

During this trip I also made a quick tour of the Mega clinic. After my twenty years of medical experience, I was really rather frightened by what I saw. I felt utterly at a loss. Since I have been home, I have started contacting as many people as I can to familiarize me on what it will take to bring this clinic into the 20th century, much less the 21st century. This will take a lot of time and actually maybe not a whole lot of money. My goal is to find the right contacts and people to get supplies and medications that is needed down to this clinic on a routine basis, not just a one time deal. If Gospel For All plans on going back to Mega in two years, I would like to make it a project to modernize this clinic.

So, what did I get out of this mission trip? Nothing that was PLANNED, but a whole lot of love and possibilities for the future. One boy at a time.



Maureen Huey (L) and her daughter, Robyn with Haro



Maureen Huey with a little girl in Mega.



Haro

— Maureen Huey and her daughter, Robyn, were a part of the PLCF Ethiopia Mission Team

Through The Eyes of Children — Noah & Nathan Dillingham share what they learned in Ethiopia

Do you like soccer? Ethiopian kids love to play for hours. I learned a lot of new soccer moves. One time I was just playing normal when the ball was kicked up in the air, and I did a back flip! I was very happy. We played soccer everywhere we went.

I learned more than one thing, though; mostly I learned about their culture. Every town had different shopping items. The streets had little tents set up. I got an Ethiopian stove, tea set, carved gourd, goat-skin basket, pedestal (for grinding spices), and some silk.

I learned about poor people. And I learned that God is with everybody. I hope to go back.

Praise the Lord!
Nathan Dillingham

— Nathan Dillingham is the 12 year old son of Phil Dillingham (pastor of PLCF) and his wife Connie. Nathan was a member of the PLCF Ethiopia Mission Team.



Nathan Dillingham (R) with a new friend in Deeda Jaarsa. Nathan gave this little boy a soccer ball.

This summer I went to Ethiopia. The trip lasted two weeks and was full of excitement, adventure, challenges and fun. The trip was a good learning experience. Some of our members got sick from the food, but fortunately, it was nothing serious.

Our main time in Ethiopia was spent in a small town called Mega. In Mega, we did a VBS, worship times, and ministry times. In Mega, we got to talk and play with the kids. Many of them speak English because it is taught in the schools. In Mega, I made a great friend in Haro. He was a kid who lived in the village. He and I spent most of our time together.

The kids in Mega were also good soccer players. We played soccer everyday. It was so much fun! We played for hours. We made so many friends and had a great time.



There is so much more to tell, but it would take forever. We are so thankful for all the people who contributed toward our going. It was a blessing.

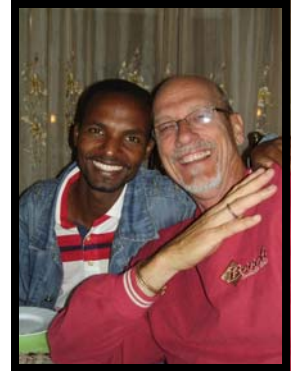
God Bless You,
Noah Dillingham

— Noah Dillingham is the 14 year old son of Phil Dillingham (pastor of PLCF) and his wife Connie. Noah was a member of the PLCF Ethiopia Mission team.

L-R: Nathan and Noah Dillingham pose beside a giant termite mound near Mega, Ethiopia

From Our Heart to Yours — Gene Pierce & Randy Wright reflect on their time in Ethiopia

As I have returned home from spending two weeks in Ethiopia, I have reflected back on something that has continued to be on my mind. I believe the most important thing that I learned while there is that Christians in Ethiopia are much more committed to Christ than we Americans. These are people that do not have an easy life. Everything is difficult and unless you have seen the hardship, it is hard to understand. Even with all the difficulties and problems, these are happy people with a strong faith. The Christians I had contact with talk, live, and breathe Christ. Their trust and dedication is to Christ and Christ alone. This has led me to one conclusion: we, Americans have it too easy. Consequently, we end up relying upon ourselves instead of Christ. Only when we reach a point that we can't do something ourselves do we say, "Lord, help. I put my total trust, my total faith in You." Then when things are better, we fall back into the old habit of do things the way we want instead of continuing to put all our trust and faith in our God. I pray that all of us, specifically myself, will each moment of every day put our trust, our faith, and our commitment in the Lord instead of our strength, our abilities, or our wealth. May this be a lesson that I do not forget.



Gene Pierce with one of his new friends in Ethiopia.

In Him,
Gene Pierce

— Gene Pierce serves as one of the elders at Priest Lake Christian Fellowship in Antioch, TN. He was also a member of the 2008

Sam & Fay; Thank You for the great blessing of our trip to Ethiopia!

To all of my Brothers & Sisters in Ethiopia, Thank You for watching over us, taking care of all our needs & loving us while we were with you! While several of you had been on my prayer list on a weekly basis for several years, MANY more of you are now in my prayers DAILY. I don't want to risk names, as there were so many of you who did so much during our visit. I instead pray He would reveal to each of you just who you are & how much our short time together meant to me. Having seen you in person, touched you, and held you with "Brotherly Hugs", it's now much easier to lift you up to Our Father. I look forward to returning to you & again sharing His love with you in person.



Randy Wright passing out candy to children in Dembi.

"My Utmost For His Highest" devotional for August 10 spoke of you (to me). He references that God places His Saints in places where we might not see or understand their importance--- and perhaps would even try to change, were it left up to us. (Someone else once referenced that were it up to us, Jesus wouldn't have been born in a lowly manger, & there would have been a great media campaign leading up to His birth....which of course, would not have achieved God's plan either...). Gratefully, God is in control and has you exactly where He needs you, as He indeed is using you mightily to influence and change your world. I pray that I, and the rest of us here in the U.S., would make better use of the opportunities He places before us.

In short, coming to serve, we were served. Coming to bless, we were blessed. Coming to love, we were loved. Exceedingly & abundantly more than we could have asked or thought.

God Bless You All,
Randy Wright

— Randy Wright serves as one of the elders at Priest Lake Christian Fellowship in Antioch, TN. He was part of the 2008 PLCF Ethiopia Mission Team.

Unity Through Song

by Gina Deakins

What a privilege it was to experience Ethiopia this summer and the wonderful people there! God proved faithful as He allowed us to see His goodness through everything and everyone. While challenges and obstacles seemed to be a daily encounter, God miraculously worked everything out for our benefit, safety, and good pleasure.

We experienced so much on a daily basis that I am not able to tell about it all. However, one of the most memorable times for me personally, was when we visited the small village of Ghandille. After helping to distribute the grain, we were invited to worship in their church. We went inside their modest church and sat down with some of the people there. Our team led a couple of songs in the Oromo language that we had learned earlier. Then we sang, in English, "On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand". One of the gentlemen there said that they also sing that song. So, we were blessed to hear that very same song being sung in the Oromo language. After they sang it in Oromo, then all of us sang it simultaneously in our native language. It was the most beautiful sound. It was the most unforgettable moment for me to be singing with my brothers and sisters in Christ on the other side of the world, worshiping and praising God together with no language barriers. We were witnessing God's love and sharing unity in Christ that one can only experience by the function of God's Holy Spirit.

I was in absolute awe when I learned that years before we ever came, missionaries had visited that very village and had taught them that song in their native language. It was such a divine appointment for God to direct us that day by His Holy Spirit to jointly sing "On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand".

Ethiopia is a beautiful country filled with some of the most compassionate and precious people I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. I have been forever blessed for having the opportunity to visit Ethiopia. God truly is ever-present everywhere!

— Gina Deakins is a member of PLCF. She was a member of the 2008 PLCF Ethiopia Mission Team



Worshipping together in the church in Ghandille.



The church in Ghandille



Gina Deakins with Almaz. Almaz took great care of the PLCF Ethiopia Mission Team during their stay in Yavello. Her husband, Kebede, serves as coordinator for Hand of Hope Ministries in Ethiopia.

Ministry Updates

Deeda Jaarsa



Evangelist Dimtu relaxes on the shoulder of PLCF Mission Team member, Connie Dillingham on the bus ride from Deeda Jaarsa to Yavello.

Dimtu Guyo and **Molu Jillo** continue to work together in Deeda Jaarsa. The believers in Deeda Jaarsa continue to enjoy their church building. On July 4th, the PLCF Mission Team was able to worship together with the congregation of Deeda Jaarsa in their church building. The mission team ministered by singing songs in the Oromo language as well as in English. The Deeda Jaarsa congregation reciprocated by singing followed by a time of prayer. The fellowship was short, but sweet.

Prior to worshipping with believers in Deeda Jaarsa, the mission team was able to witness the grain distribution in the area. Evangelist Molu Jillo, along with government representatives led the distribution of grain that had been purchased with funds raised by PLCF church members. What a blessing to be able to minister to the physical needs of the less fortunate in the area.



Residents in Deeda Jaarsa wait in line to receive grain.



PLCF Mission Team minister through music to the Deeda Jaarsa congregation

Chareturura



Evangelist Abeduba Arero

Abeduba Arero continues to work in the Chareturura area. The church has outgrown their building and struggling to raise money to build a larger building. Hand of Hope (Gospel For All) founders, Sam & Vivian Dersu along with two PLCF mission team members, Gene Pierce and Gina Deakins joined the Chareturura congregation for a short time of worship. It was encouraging to see the enthusiasm of these believers as they worshipped God. Please pray for Evangelist Abeduba as he ministers in Chareturura. Abeduba will be getting married in September 2008.



The Chareturura congregation listen to a message from God's



Chareturura Church

Ministry Updates

Teletelle

Dida Barako & Boba Guyo continue to minister in the Teletelle region. They continue to face much opposition, but slowly they are beginning to break down walls with the love of Jesus Christ. One by one, souls are being added to the Kingdom through the dedicated service of Dida and Boba. Continue to pray for Dida and Boba as they share the good news of the Gospel.

The PLCF Mission Team members were thrilled to be able to worship together with Boba and Dida in their small church building this summer during a brief visit to Ghandille. After the few hour drive from Yavello to Ghandille, on roads that only a 4 wheel drive could maneuver, PLCF Mission Team members gained a new understanding of the many challenges our evangelists face as they travel from place to place. While in Ghandille, the mission team witnessed the distribution of grain purchased with money raise by PLCF. What a blessing to see this first hand! One of the highlights of the day was when we gathered inside of Dida and Boba's modest church and together with local believers and sang praises to our God.



PLCF Mission Team members with Evangelists Dida and Boba in front of their church in Ghandille. Pictured L-R: Dan Midgett, Dida's wife and children, Dida, Randy Wright, Gina Deakins, Boba, Phil Dillingham, Jennifer Kidd, Gene Pierce & Connie Dillingham.



The road to Ghandille



Grain distribution in Ghandille



Ministry Updates

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. God is working mightily in this area and souls are being added to the Kingdom. Praise God! Believers in Dembi have been praying for a church building of their own. This prayer has been answered through a generous gift received through Priest Lake Christian



Evangelist Guyo Buke & his wife



Dembi residents waiting their turn to receive grain. They are standing in front of the new church in Dembi that is currently under construction.

Fellowship in Antioch, TN. Construction began shortly before the PLCF Mission Team arrived in Ethiopia. Team members who traveled to Dembi were able to see the construction in progress. Dembi is one of the locations that received a portion of the grain purchased with money raised by PLCF. PLCF Team Members were able to witness the distribution during their day trip to Dembi.

Please pray for Evangelists Wario and Guyo as they work in this area. The heavy Muslim influence in the area permeates the air. PLCF team members who were able to visit this area all sensed the stronghold of Satan in this area. During the overnight visit to Moyale, PLCF Mission Team members were joined by local believers in a prayer walk through the city. Please pray for the Light of Jesus Christ to shine in this border town.

Negelle

Yaikob Dima and **Gaalo Elias Huka** continue to work in the highly Muslim populated region of Negelle. In the past year they have been joined by **Daniel Huka**. Daniel has launched a new work in Wachile while Yaikob and Gaalo minister in Bulbulla and Adhessa. These three dedicated evangelists are making a difference for the Kingdom throughout Negelle. Please continue to pray for Yaikob, Gaalo and Daniel as they work in this difficult area.

Members of the PLCF Mission Team were able to visit briefly with Yaikob and Gaalo in Yavello. They shared a time of worship, praise and sharing together for one evening.



Evangelists and PLCF Mission Team members praising the Lord together.

L-R: Evangelists Yaikob, Dida, Wario, Dimtu; Kebede Assefa (HOH Coordinator), Jennifer Kidd and James (our interpreter)

Even though the time was short, the fellowship was sweet. Negelle is one of the only areas where GFA (HOH) evangelists minister that the PLCF Mission Team was unable to go visit; however, it was a blessing for team members to be able to meet the evangelists working in this area.



Evangelists together in Yavello spending an evening of worship together with members of the PLCF mission team. (L-R) Evangelist Daniel, Molu, Gaalo, Teshome, Yaikob and Dida

Ministry Updates

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.

The PLCF Mission Team spent the majority of their time ministering to the people of Mega. During their short time in this small town, the people of Mega won the hearts of all of team members felt an overwhelming sense of acceptance and love as they shared the love of Jesus Christ with these people. It was a blessing to minister to believers and unbelievers. Many children who attended the 3 day VBS came from homes where Jesus is not King. As they came to VBS, they learned that Jesus came to earth to be our King. It was a joy to see many children run through the town of Mega wearing a crown on their head with the words 'Jesus is our King', written in their own language; they received these crowns at VBS.. Each day at VBS the children received something to help them remember what they had learned. They made crafts, received coloring books and learned about the love of Jesus Christ. On the last day, each child received either a backpack or a t-shirt. The backpack had the words 'Jesus Loves You' written on them in Oromo. The t-shirts had a cross painted from hand prints on the front.

The team also ministered through the house building project and had the joy of being present when the two completed houses were turned over to needy families. Two additional houses were under construction and should be completed by now. It was a real testimony to the community when they learned that PLCF not only gave the money to build these houses, but also sent people to come and donate their time and energy to help build the houses. House recipients were from various religious backgrounds. GFA/Hand of Hope leadership made it clear to the community that we were there to serve the community and the needy regardless of their religious beliefs. God has commanded us to love and care for the less fortunate. It is because of this command that we came to serve in Mega.

The teenage members of the PLCF Mission Team fell in love with the children of Mega. Each day they looked forward to arriving in Mega. They served Go through assisting with VBS as well as by interacting with the children and loving them.

The women's group at the Mega Mekane Yesus Church labored daily to make sure the PLCF Mission Team was fed. Each day they prepared lunch for the team and made sure there was plenty of hot coffee and tea available upon our arrival each morning. May God bless these faithful women for the many sacrifices they made on behalf of our team.

(L) Some children who attended VBS show off their "Jesus is King" crowns.

(R) VBS Opening Assembly



Evangelist Teshome with his wife, Tume and son, Mikias with their prayer supporters Hannah and Janean Bollinger



PLCF Mission Team Member, Gina Deakins (center), with the women from the Mega church who daily prepared food for the team members.





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PRAISE & PRAYER

PRAISE GOD FOR....

- ◆ His protection over the 20 member 2008 PLCF Mission Team during their outreach in Ethiopia June 27th ~ July 13th.
- ◆ 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 addition children through our Hand of Hope Project..
- ◆ Provision of funds to enable a church to be build in Dembi.



PRAYER REQUESTS

- ◆ 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 children orphaned — some of which are a direct result of HIV/Aids.
- ◆ Pray for the physical safety of the evangelists and their families.
- ◆ Pray for the leadership team of Gospel For All (*Hand of Hope Ministries*) that they 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.
- ◆ Pray for new partners to join us with both financial and prayer support.
- ◆ Pray for funds to be available to provide ongoing training for our evangelists.



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 will be a great encouragement for them to know that their name is being lifted up every day to our Father.