

God's Timing.....

It is amazing how God leads the right people into our lives at the right time. I would like to share about a work that Gospel For All has become a part of all because of God's timing.

In July 2004, during my family's visit to Ethiopia, we spent some time in Awassa visiting family and friends. During this visit, my husband received a phone call from Evangelist Tsega-ab Bekele. Tsega-ab had heard about our ministry and wanted to meet with my husband and myself to share with us about the work he is doing and discuss the possibility of Gospel For All becoming actively involved with his ministry. We were a bit hesitant, as we did not know Tsega-ab, but we felt the Lord leading us to go and talk with him.

We met in a little restaurant and over dinner he shared with us an incredible vision that the Lord has given him. Our time together passed so quickly as we were totally enthralled with his story and with the great burden he has for reaching his people for Christ. He shared openly with us and during our short time together, it became quite evident that we all shared the same burden.

We were amazed as Tsega-ab openly showed us the details of the ministry organization that the Lord led him to start — Gospel For Unreached Nations. It was evident that this young man had an anointing from God to play a key role in evangelistic work in Ethiopia.

Tsega-ab was born into a very poor family and raised by his single mother in a very remote village in southern Ethiopia. His childhood was filled with sickness, loneliness and a lack of the

basic needs that most of us take for granted. He spent many days and nights crying out because of sickness, pain, hunger and the lack of the love of a father. Tsega-ab endured many years filled with pain, sickness and rejection; however, thanks to God's amazing grace today Tsega-ab's entire life has been revolutionized.

Tsega-ab's life is a testament to the redeeming power of the Lord, Jesus Christ and he is proud to be an ambassador for Christ in his homeland of Ethiopia. Tsega-ab spends his time in full-time ministry preaching the Gospel in many remote, rural villages all throughout southern Ethiopia. He holds revivals, soul winning conferences, and crusades wherever the doors open.

God provided the way for Tsega-ab to receive solid biblical training by opening the door for him to spend three years at Nairobi Pentecostal Bible College in Nairobi, Kenya followed by one year at Vision International University. The training he received during this time left a permanent mark on his life and gave him the confidence to go out and share the gospel of Jesus Christ with those who have never heard.

That afternoon in July 2004 when we met Tsega-ab and heard his story, we were so impressed by his vision and burden to play an active role in reaching his own people for Christ. We walked away with a sense that God would have us be involved in his ministry in some way. It was so encouraging to meet a young man who felt the sense of responsibility to reach his own people for Christ instead of relying on missionaries to do the work for him.

By Vivian H. Dersu

Over the past year we have had the privilege of corresponding with Tsega-ab and being involved with his ministry from across the ocean. He has diligently sent reports of the many crusades and conferences he has been holding all over the southern region of Ethiopia.

Along with Tsega-ab's evangelistic work he is also heavily involved with teaching and training many young pastors and evangelists by providing them solid biblical training.

We are excited to see how God is using Tsega-ab and even more excited that we are able to join hands with him as he serves our Lord.

As I look back over and recall how we met Tsega-ab I am reminded of how God leads certain people to cross our path at His appointed time. I am so glad God led Tsega-ab to give my husband a call when we were in Awassa....I am thankful that we agreed to meet with Him. We must be ready to accept whatever or whoever God allows to cross our paths according to His divine timing.



Above—Evangelist Tsega-ab preaching in a conference in Dilla Ethiopia

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*Please pray for
Evangelist
Tsega-ab, his
wife and
daughters as
they shine their
lights for Jesus!!*

Continue to pray for the Leadership team of the Borana Outreach Ministry as they give guidance to the evangelists.

The Power of the Gospel of Christ — By Darara Timotewos

We are called to be Ambassadors of Jesus Christ on this earth. As His representatives, we are supposed to advance the cause of His Kingdom. The most important command we are given by our king is to expand His territory by telling about how God loved the entire human race and gave His son Jesus to save all human beings without exception.

We have been doing our part to obey the lord's command by coordinating the gospel mission in Borana and surrounding areas.

Personally, I began to get involved in this gospel ministry when I was a university student (1999 to 2003). It was a great time of revival and fellowship with evangelical Christian students drawn from all corners of the country.

Summer vacations were the time when we used to go to different

places of the country and preach the good news and I used to go to the Borana area, as it is my home area. The time I spent on these evangelistic missions gave me the opportunity to travel over a large area of rural community and see the spiritual and material needs of the people more closely. I came to see how the devil was deceiving people and misleading them away from the good ways of the Lord. I met a lot of people who wanted me to stay with them and tell them more about Christ. They asked me not to separate from them but I had to go back to school as soon as school opened for the next session.

Though I separated physically from them, I could not forget what I observed and decided to do my part in sending more harvesters to the harvest. I knew it was high time to do that. I knew I could not do it by myself. What I had was the desire and the passion to make this happen.

I came to meet this wonderful man of God, Solomon Yohannes who was a student at Theology School at the time. The Lord yoked us together with His vision and we began contacting people, sharing our visions and raising funds. Sam and Fayo (Vivian) Dersu were some of the people to whom the vision was shared. The Lord put the vision to create the ministry of Gospel for All on their hearts. This ministry is now our partner in our effort to reach people with the good news.

This is a story of how the Lord is working through us during this end time. It has been a blessing to be a coworker with the Holy Spirit. All the glory goes to our Lord. I want to thank all of you who are taking part in this ministry through your support. Many people are learning how to write and read through our literature program and above all many people are getting saved from the bondage of Satan through the power of the Gospel of Jesus

Christ. The Gospel of Jesus Christ continues expanding like wild fire among all the nations of the world. Amen.



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God is in Control!!

Have you ever felt discouraged? Have you ever felt alone in serving God? Have you ever received a burden from God and then questioned whether it was really from God?

I'm sure that everyone has had these feelings from time to time. Satan uses these times of weakness to attack God's children

and cause us to doubt the importance of the role we are playing in the Kingdom of God.

Gospel For All was formed as a result of a deep conviction shared by both my husband and myself. We have committed ourselves to this ministry because we feel strongly that God has led us in this direction. Many times we get discouraged because we know the urgency of spreading the gospel and in order to do this, we need more of our brothers and sisters in Christ to join us in prayer as well as finances. We have been blessed by financial commitments made and fulfilled and on the other hand discouraged by commitments made and forgotten.

We must continually remind ourselves that God is in control

and He will not forsake His children or His work. God uses the low times in our ministry to force us to acknowledge that this work is in His hands and not our own. In His timing He allows blessings to flow and He sends much needed encouragement at just the right time.

Recently, we have seen the hand of God working all around the world to provide finances from sources we never expected. The Christian Union Fellowship Group in Oslo, Norway has contributed financially to help support the evangelistic work among the Borana people. Priest Lake Christian Fellowship (our home church in Nashville, TN) took up a special offering to help raise money to purchase bicycles for the evangelists. It is exciting to see God's people from different parts of the globe feel the

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call to participate in this ministry. I receive encouragement when I see the hand of God at work and I am challenged once again to remember the One who is in control.

Isn't God good? He knows just when we need that added boost to keep moving forward....whether it be by an unexpected check from a supporter in the post office box, a special offering from a church in the U.S.A. or news of a contribution from Christians in Norway.

We praise God for working in the lives of Christian brothers and sisters all around the world to join Gospel For All in bringing the gospel of Jesus Christ to the many people who have never heard.

I Corinthians 3:9

"For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building"

PRAYER AND PRAISE

PRAISE GOD FOR....

- ◆ Protecting the evangelists over the past few months.
- ◆ The many souls that have come to the Lord through the ministry of the evangelists..
- ◆ The opening of a church in Gandhle (Teltelle)
- ◆ The 2 new evangelists who will be ministering in Teltelle.
- ◆ Financial gifts that have been coming in to Gospel For All



PRAYER REQUESTS

- ◆ Pray that bicycles would be provided for the evangelists. The cost of a bicycle is around US\$150.
- ◆ Pray that educational materials will be made available to the evangelists. This includes material for the literacy program that Elias and Yaikob are starting as well as health related materials in the areas of family health and hygiene and HIV/AIDS prevention.
- ◆ Pray that Bibles will be made available to distribute to the Borana people in their own language.
- ◆ Pray for God to supply a tape recorder operated by a crank for Dimtu.
- ◆ There is a need for posters depicting Jesus' life. This is particularly useful among the many illiterate people the evangelists are ministering to.
- ◆ Pray for the physical safety of the evangelists and their families.
- ◆ Pray for Tsega-ab and his ministry—Gospel for Unreached Nations
- ◆ Pray for the leadership team of Gospel For All that they would have wisdom as they lead this organization for the Glory of God.

Through the eyes of a child....

By: Megan Derartu Dersu (age 10)



Left:
The church at Deeda Jaarsa



Right:
Inside the church at Deeda Jaarsa

During my visit to Ethiopia last year, I visited a small church in Deeda Jaarsa. Deeda Jaarsa is not far from where my grandparents live in Mega. This church is different from any church I've ever seen. It was amazing to see how happy the people were while worshipping God, even though they had very little. The church was small and was only big enough to fit a few people. It is much smaller compared to the churches in America. Although the churches in America are made from bricks, cement, wood and steel this church was made out of mud and grass. It was a round building with a dirt floor. All around the inside was a mud bench attached to the walls where people could sit. The people's enthusiasm as they worshipped God by singing and dancing was inspiring. I could tell that this was a very happy church and that these people really loved God. I learned that you can be happy and worship God even if you don't have a fancy building.

Currently with our evangelists.....

ELIAS



Elias continues to serve the Lord in Adhessa.

Due to transportation and telecommunication problems, we do not have a current update on his evangelistic work.

Please continue to pray for Elias as he continues to serve in a heavily populated Muslim area.

YAIKOB



Yaikob continues to work in the town of Bulbulla. He is still in need of an additional evangelist to help him reach the town of Bulbulla as well as the surrounding area.

Please pray for future plans to build a church to facilitate the believers in Bulbulla.

Please continue to pray for Yaikob as he ministers in Bulbulla.

DIMTU



Dimtu continues to faithfully serve in Deeda Jaarsa. Over the past few months God has used her to share the gospel with more than 200 people, 10 of these came to know Christ and accepted Him as Savior. It is a joy to report that over the past few months 34 individuals have come back to Christ in repentance.

Dimtu continues to face many challenges. She prays for the day when a more permanent church building can replace the hut that she built. A severe water problem continues to exist and a water well needs to be constructed near the church.

Teshome continues to work in the town of Mega as well as the surrounding areas of Kotebo, Sefere Tabiya and Dida Boru.

The Lord has blessed over the passed few months and Teshome has had the joy of leading 29 people to Christ. In addition, 8 have come back to Christ in repentance. He has been able to minister to close to 400 people over the past few months. PRAISE GOD!!

Please pray for Teshome as he witnesses to those he comes in contact with day to day.

TESHOME



TAADI

Taadi continues to work in Gandhelle and the surrounding areas in the Teltelle district.

God is working miraculously in this area as opportunities continue to arise for Taadi to minister. Over the past few months more than 1900 people have heard the Gospel! Seventeen have accepted Christ as their Savior and eleven had returned to Christ in repentance. In addition to preaching the gospel, doors are opening up for a literacy program to be implemented.

God has lifted up two new evangelists who will take over the work in Gandhelle so that Taadi can move on and begin a new ministry in Harballe in the Mega district. Please pray for Evangelists Dida Barako and Boba Guyo as they work in Gandhelle. We hope to introduce Dida and Boba to you in the next newsletter.



Evangelist Taadi standing beside the church in Gandhelle

Below from Left to Right

Evangelist Taadi, Desta Hundessa (coordinator for Borana Outreach Ministry), Evangelist Dida Barako and Evangelist Boba Guyo.



Desta Hundessa, pictured in the photo to the left serves as coordinator with the Borana Outreach Ministry. He spends his time visiting all of the evangelists and reports back to the leadership team. Desta has been blessed to use the recently acquired digital camera to take photos of the various work taking place.

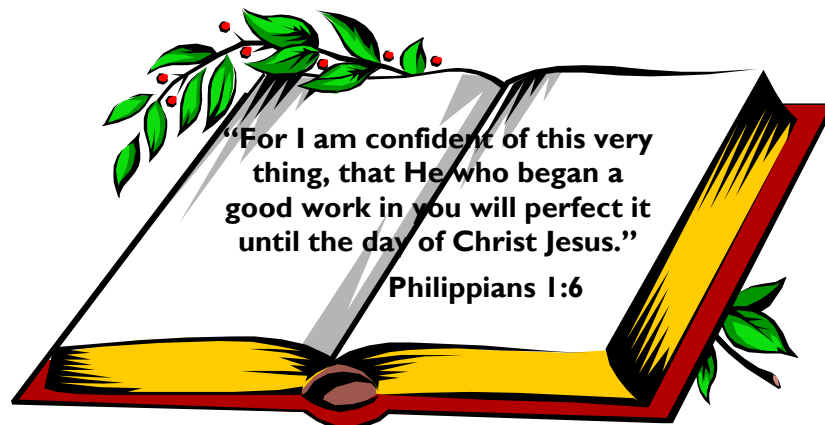
Desta has a heart for sharing the gospel and he also finds opportunities to preach and share God's love whenever he is given the chance. Over the past several months, Desta has had the privilege of sharing Christ with close to 300 people in towns such as mega, Harallo, Hodadi, Buladi, Finchawa and Arballe. Through his ministry 19 souls have come to Christ over the past few months.

Please pray for Desta as he serves in this ministry.

Our Partners.....

We would like to thank our partners for their support of Gospel For All. May God richly bless you as you continue to support this ministry financially and with your prayers.

Please pray that God would send more partners our way.



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