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Gospel For All

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

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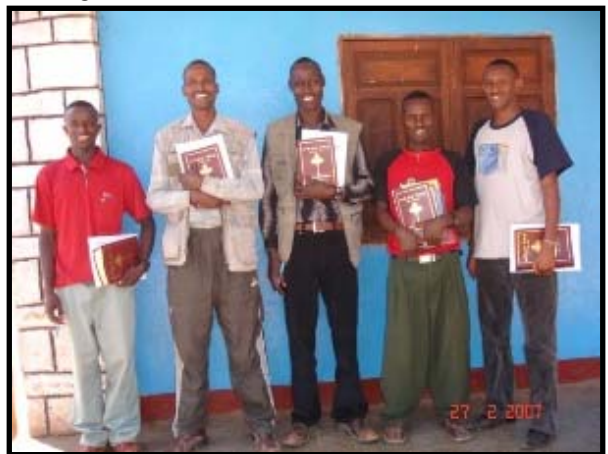
Equipping the Saints For Service

Gospel For All continues to be excited by all that God is doing! For many months, we have been praying and preparing for our evangelists to be provided with some basic Bible training. Our prayers have been answered! In February 2007, five of our evangelists were able to come together and spend five days of intensive Bible training concentrating on *Old Testament Survey*. We plan for this to continue for a total of 10 months with a different course offered each month. Please pray that funds would continue to be available for us to continue to provide this valuable training to better equip our evangelists to spread the gospel.

Five of our evangelists were selected to participate in this program. Yaikob (from the Negelle area), Guyo (from the Moyale area), Dida (from Teltelle), Abeduba (from Deeda Jaarsa) and Teshome (from Mega). Tsega-ab Bekele with Gospel For Unreached Nations met with them for five days in Yavello during February and taught an intensive course on *Old Testament Survey*. Each evangelist was given an Amharic Version of the NIV Study Bible along in addition to the material from class. The five days provided a time for these evangelists to fellowship and encourage each other as they slept together, ate together and learned together. The

evangelists came away from the experience with a lot of positive remarks. We praise God for allowing us to provide this time of spiritual and emotional nourishment for our evangelists.

An intensive 5 day class took place in March covering New Testament Survey. Each evangelist is given assignments to complete throughout the remainder of the month and then is given an a test on the material at the beginning of the next session. The next session is scheduled to take place in April. Please pray that God would use this training to make a lasting difference in the lives and ministry of these evangelists.



Above: (L-R): Abeduba, Yaikob, Dida, Guyo & Teshome



Above: Tsega-ab teaching Old Testament Survey to GFA Evangelists.



Above: Evangelists discussing what they have learned.



Left: Tsega-ab and GFA evangelists enjoy eating together.

Connecting The Dots —

By: Vivian Dersu

In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, in order that we, who were the first to hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

Ephesians 1:11~14

I continue to be amazed at the way God orchestrates our lives when we seek after Him and His perfect will for our lives. He knows each step we take along the way and uses our mistakes along with achievements to fulfill His will in our lives. I look back and see how God has been preparing me my entire life for where I am today.

I was born into a missionary family and spent the first eighteen years of my life in Japan. Church was always a part of our lives and as a young child I found my place in ministry by teaching children's Bible classes. I was able to see firsthand the life-long commitment both of my parents had to serving God. They served in Japan for more than forty years. Even after my mother lost her battle with cancer, my father returned to Japan to continue to minister to the Japanese people. Upon his retirement, he returned to the United States and still today at 76 years of age continues to serve God by pastoring a small church in Georgia. I am so blessed by the wonderful Christian heritage that I have.

After leaving Japan and coming to the United States, I attended Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee. During my years at Bible College, my desire to serve the Lord deepened and my desire was to serve Him in missionary work. I assumed that it would be overseas....little did I know that He had other plans in store for my life. After graduating from college and accepting the fact that God's will for me was to stay here in the USA and work in the secular world, I worked for a couple of different companies before accepting a position with Mitsui USA where I have been for the past 18 years. Mitsui was a comfort zone for me. It is a well known Japanese company and I was surrounded by the familiar. I guess God knew what I needed. I had an extremely difficult time adjusting to life in the USA and missed my home in Japan terribly. This job provided me a sense of home and security. I could be myself without feeling like an outsider.

I met my husband in 1993 shortly after my mother lost her battle with cancer. Little did I expect that God would bring a young Ethiopian man into my life at one of the lowest points in my life to fill a big empty hole. We were married a short time later and together have sought God's will in our lives. Together we shared a desire to reach the lost....the challenge was finding out what role we were to play.

After visiting my husband's family in Ethiopia in 1998, I developed a love for the Borana Oromo people of southern

Ethiopia. It is something I can't explain....I just know that God put that love in my heart. I knew that somehow, my role in missions would have something to do with these people. At the same time, my husband and I became involved with supporting a group of native evangelists in Ethiopia through the Borana Outreach Ministry. Over the next few years, God's plan became very clear to both my husband and myself that we were to form Gospel For All and that would be our role in missions.

I look back and see how God connected all of the dots in my life. From my upbringing in a missionary family in Japan.....to Bible college in the USA.....to marrying an Ethiopian man.....to finally....MY role in missions. Twenty years after I graduated from college and thought that God's will for me was NOT to be directly involved in missions.....God managed to place foreign missions right on my lap!

There is another big 'dot' that God brought into the mix and that is Priest Lake Christian Fellowship (PLCF). This is the congregation God led my husband and I to shortly after we were married. They have played such an important role in our lives and have been a great source of encouragement. PLCF is not a large church, but it does a lot with missions. Not only have they joined hands and supported our ministry with Gospel For All, they also have sent members from their congregation to serve in the Philippines, India and Thailand. This small congregation gives generously to support God's work and is faithful to fulfill their role in great commission.

As God continues to connect the dots in my life.....there is another dot he has connected.....and that is between PLCF and Ethiopia. In June 2008, my husband and I will be taking a group from PLCF on a mission trip to Ethiopia to visit the mission work being carried out by the evangelists supported by Gospel For All. We are excited to see what God will do during this trip.

I wonder what other 'dots' God has yet to connect in my life? I can't wait to find out!

Gospel For Unreached Nations — Evangelist Tsega-ab Bekele

Evangelist Tsega-ab Bekele continues to serve God through crusades, revivals and training sessions for native pastors, church workers and evangelists.

Tsega-ab travels all throughout southern Ethiopia holding crusades in some areas with high Muslim populations. We praise God for His protection over Tsega-ab. God is using Evangelist Tsega-ab in a mighty way. God is using him to break through areas where there has been a strong Muslim hold.

Please continue to pray for Tsega-ab as he travels extensively and ministers through preaching and teaching.

Please pray specifically for the upcoming Peace Incentive Con-

ference that GFUNM is conducting simultaneously in eight towns throughout southern Ethiopia. More than hundred local churches from different denominations are preparing for this historical gathering to oppose the spirit of tribalism, civil war & hatred that as been hovering over the area. We want to intervene with the Gospel of peace! Please be in prayer for this conference being held in May .



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 continues to minister full-time. Pray for God's continued protection over him and his family.



Pictures from recent evangelistic crusades held by Evangelist Tsega-ab



Hand of Hope....teaching out to orphans



Kabale

Gospel For All continues to sponsor Kabale and Kaliti through our Hand of Hope program. Through this program we are able to reach out to some of the many orphans throughout our ministry area. Kabale and Kaliti are sisters and are our first Hand of Hope children. Through this program they have both been able to regularly attend school and receive their basic needs as well as medical attention when needed.

Plans are underway to sponsor more children. Please pray for us as we identify additional children to sponsor through our Hand of Hope project.



Kaliti

\$250 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 Project.

Ministry Updates

Moyale

Wario Galgalo & 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. Currently there are 14 new believers in a follow-up program. Pray for these new believers that they would grow in their faith and be strong.

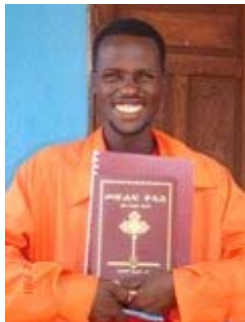
Wario recently completed a three year Theology degree. He graduated on February 17, 2007. This was all possible through a full scholarship Wario received from Ark Christian Services. We praise God for His providing this wonderful opportunity for Wario.

Guyo Buke is one of the five evangelists participating in the 10 month Bible Training Program currently being held for GFA evangelists. Guyo is excited about all he is learning in these classes. He shared the following:



Evangelist Wario Galgalo

God has done great things in my life through this training. This familiar book that I have been holding in my hand for many years has totally grabbed my attention and come alive through the teaching I have received through the two courses I have completed so far (OT Survey & NT Survey). During the days we spend together learning, we also eat, sleep and pray together and it has been a wonderful time to share our burdens with each other. I really appreciate GFA for giving me this wonderful blessing!



Please 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 to continue to proclaim the Good News.

“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

Ministry Updates

Negelle

Yaikob Dima & Malicha Kotolo continue to work in the highly Muslim populated region of Negelle. Please pray for their continued protection as they minister in this difficult region. There are two madras (children's schools for Muslims) in this area as well as two Muslim Sheiks (teachers of the Koran) in this area.

Over the past several months, 20 souls have come to Christ in the village of Bullebula and other surrounding villages through Malicha's ministry. Malicha is conducting a follow-up program for 9 of these individuals. Thirteen of these new believers have also been baptized. Praise God!

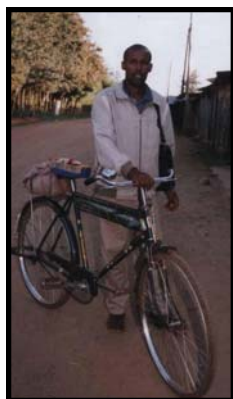
Yaikob continues to conduct a new believer's follow-up program with several new believers in the village of Edisa as well as some other small villages in the area. There are many challenges in this area, one is the lack of water which is forcing people to move from place to place in search of water for their cattle and families.

Please pray for a permanent place of worship to be provided in the areas that both Malicha and Yaikob are serving. Continue to pray for their safety as well as the safety of their families.

Yaikob is one of the five evangelists selected to participate in the 10 month Bible Training Program currently underway. Yaikob is grateful and enthusiastic about this opportunity and has so far completed the first two sessions (OT Survey and NT Survey). He shared some of his thoughts with us:

"I praise the Lord for this opportunity He gave me to be recharged by the Word and Spirit through this new training program. I have been challenged and inspired by the message of the 39 books of the Old Testament and it was so interesting to see how the message of these books connects to the coming of the Redeemer."

Continue to pray for Malicha and Yaikob as they ministry in this difficult area.



**Evangelist
Malicha Kotolo**



Evangelist Yaikob Dima

Dubluk

Liben Wario continues to serve in Dubluk. Please pray for him to be effective in this ministry and that many souls will come to know Christ through his ministry. Over the past few months, 6 individuals have received Christ as their Saviour and all of them are going through a new believer's follow-up course. Please pray for these new believers.

The majority of people who Liben is ministering to are either Muslim or traditionalists who follow their own cultural beliefs. These beliefs run deep and make it difficult for people to open up to Christianity. Please pray for the Holy Spirit to break through the barriers set by tradition and culture.



Evangelist Liben Wario

Ministry Updates

Deeda Jaarsa



Evangelist Molu Jillo

Dimtu Guyo was recently joined by **Molu Jillo** (previously serving in Chareturura) in Deeda Jaarsa. Please for Molu as he works with Dimtu in this rural community. Once Dimtu retires, Molu will take over all the responsibilities of the Deeda Jaarsa congregation.

Please pray that Dimtu and Molu will be able to work well together during this time of transition. Continue to pray as well for the new church under construction in Deeda Jaarsa.



Evangelist
Dimtu Guyo

“My purpose is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.”

Colossians 2: 2~3

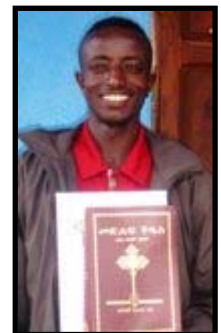
Chareturura

Abeduba Arero recently transferred from Deeda Jaarsa to work in the Chareturura area. Please pray for this young evangelists as he works to establish a group of believers in this area.

Abeduba was one of the 5 evangelists was selected to participate in the 10 month Bible Training program. Abeduba expressed his feelings about this opportunity:

“Both sessions so far have been wonderful. May God bless GFA and all their partners who are praying, backing and sponsoring this training. I learned so much through the OT Survey classes and was able to see for the first time how these 30 books are interrelated with each other as well as with the New Testament. Thank you for this opportunity”.

Please continue to pray for Abeduba over the coming months as he continues to participate in this training program one week out of every month.



Evangelist
Abeduba

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.

Teshome is one of the five evangelists who was selected to participate in the current Bible Training program. He has completed the first two sessions — each of them 5 days long. The first session covered Old Testament Survey and second session was an intensive course on New Testament Survey. Teshome commented on the training held so far —

“I am very impressed and highly touched by our instructor’s commitment and passion to share. He is not sharing just knowledge, but his life. I have been challenged to evaluate my level of understanding of the Bible, how well I am equipped to share the Gospel and my life and ministry as a whole. The class conditions are open with a lot of interesting discussions as well as a wonderful time of praying together for GFA’s ministry. Thank you very much from the bottom of my heart! Thank you GFA and all your partners for your investment in our lives!”

Please continue to pray for Teshome to learn a lot from the Bible Training Program. In addition, continue to pray for his ministry to be effective and for God to continue to use him.



Evangelist
Teshome

Teletelle

Dida Barako & Boba Guyo continue to minister in the Teletelle region. They continue to work in Gandelle. This is a difficult region and both Dida and Boba are faced with a lot of opposition and negative reactions to the gospel due to the area being dominated by fanatical Muslims and traditionalists. Recently, Evangelist Dida was jailed for three days after mobilizing an evangelistic meeting in the community. In spite of the opposition, Boba and Dida continue to go forward to fulfill their role in carrying out the great commission. During the recent times of persecution, Romans 8 has come close to the hearts of these two evangelists —

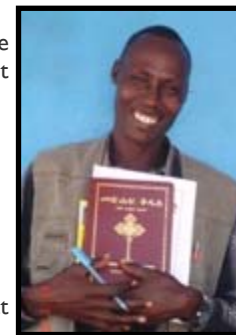
“As it is written: *“For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.” No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:36–39).* They hold on to the truth that they are not victims, but victorious through Christ!

Continue to pray for the ministry of these two evangelists as they put their lives on the line to share Christ. Pray for their safety and protection as well as protection and safety over their families.

Dida is one of the five evangelists selected to participate in the current Bible Training Program underway. Dida is excited about this opportunity and shared the following with us:

“This training is an answer to a prayer that has been on my heart for many years. I want to thank GFA for sponsoring this program. The Old Testament Survey class opened my eyes and for the first time I am beginning to understand the full picture of the Old Testament. I thank God for the teacher he has provided to teach these classes. May God bless you abundantly for giving me this opportunity to learn more about the Bible.”

Please continue to pray for Dida as he goes through the remaining Bible Training Program classes. Pray that God would use these classes to better equip Dida for evangelistic ministry.



Evangelist
Dida Barako



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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.
- ◆ His providing the resources to provide training for 5 evangelists beginning in 2007.
- ◆ Providing the finances to erect a permanent church building in Deeda Jaarsa.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- ◆ Pray for Sam Dersu & Scot Mechling as they travel to Ethiopia in May 2007 to meet with the evangelists as well as the leadership team in Ethiopia to lay the ground work for the 2008 PLCF Missions Trip to Ethiopia
- ◆ 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 that places of worship would be made available.
- ◆ Pray for the leadership team of Gospel For All 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 the 5 evangelists who will be participating in the training program beginning in January 2007. Pray that the evangelists would gain knowledge to enable them to be more effective.



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.