



Africa Missions News

Go...teach all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:
—Jesus in Matthew 28:19

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EMPOWERING LEADERS THROUGH MINISTERIAL, EVANGELISM, AND DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING



God is on the Move!

I recently visited the country of Ethiopia, and I want to share with you about this wonderful place, and how God is moving there!



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I found that there are three main religious groupings in Ethiopia and that the Pentecostal/Evangelical believers are the third in size with a following of 20% of the population. With a total population of 100 million people one out of every five people fall into this category. Twenty years ago, when the communist regime fell, there were approximately four million Pentecostal/Evangelical believers. Today they number twenty million!



Top photo: This shows the Africa Missions evangelism trained Ethiopian students praying just before they went out to evangelize! Above Left: In Ethiopia Ron Kinnear teaching an evangelism clinic in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and AM team member Gossaye Hamda interpreted. Right: We were able to witness the largest celebration in Ethiopia called The Finding of the Cross.

The reason for this phenomenal growth is that on ground level the believers have favour with all people. Their testimony stood firm and true during the time of great persecution. They endured many hardships during the reign of the communist regime. During this time, the church was purified. All the chaff was burned away.

The believers had to pay a price to follow Jesus and only those who were truly committed followed the Lord as His disciples. This made an impression on their fellow countrymen. When persecution ended, the church experienced exponential growth. For the past twenty years, the church continued to grow.

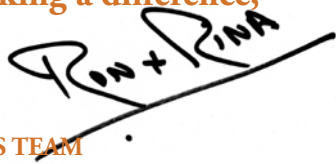
In this momentum churches are being planted wherever you find Ethiopian believers! This applies to their country of birth as well as where Ethiopian communities are established. This applies to South Africa, too. Our Lord Jesus said to His disciples in John 4:35b, *Behold I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.* The Ethiopian church has also trained missionaries who serve as personal evangelists in neighbouring countries. This has led to the salvation of thousands of people.

It is time for an even greater increase. The ***Africa Pentecostal Mission Consultation*** is taking place in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in March 20-23. Main line Pentecostal churches in Africa will converge to discuss how their efforts can be combined to establish the church on the Continent of Africa and take the Gospel into all the world.

Africa Missions is very much a part of what the Lord is doing today. Because of you joining us in prayer and in finances, we have provided training in major centres in personal evangelism. We have assisted in the planting of churches and are partnering and strategizing with denominations to reach further afield.

Let us pray and trust that the church will keep this momentum going. The fields are ready for the harvest. The church is being favoured by the people. The Lord is working with His witnesses confirming His word with signs following. These are exciting days.

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