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Dear Friends,

I am blessed to be the Field Director of Crossway International-Ethiopia (CWI-E), which is an extension of Crossway International-USA (CWI-USA). In 2004, Dean Chollar, the founder of CWI-USA, and I met according to the divine will of God. We then decided to work together to fulfill the great commission of the Lord Jesus. Soon after, CrossWay International-Ethiopia started an English School as a means of evangelism. After the establishment of the language school, the Lord helped CWI-E ministry start a house church ministry to disciple those who put their trust in the Lord. As the house church members began to grow in the Lord, they started to take responsibilities in the work of the kingdom of God.

The establishment of the *Way Football Team* by one of our house church members is one of these ministries. Moreover, the Lord has enabled us to purchase a piece of land in a town called Meki, 134 km away from the capital city of Ethiopia, to start a clinic by the generous gift of the partners of Crossway International-USA.

At this point, we are about to begin providing medical service as a way of sharing the love of Christ in practical ways. In addition to working to make the clinic functional, the Lord has enabled us to start a child sponsorship program, and we are able to show the love of Christ to families who can not feed and send their kids to school.

Please pray for CrossWay International-Ethiopia:

- Please pray for the medical clinic that we are about to launch soon. We need different kinds of **medical equipment** to be legally registered as a clinic, according to the Ethiopian government. Also, please pray for the medical staff that we need to work in our clinic. We need to hire one health officer and one nurse who could help people medically and share the love of Jesus with them.
- Please pray for the three young people who put their trust in Jesus for the first time and who are attending our baptism class to be baptized soon! **We want to see them grow in the Lord** and share what the Lord has done for them!
- Please pray for the strengthening of our soccer team, as we have found it to be the best way to share the Lord Jesus with the teenagers and youngsters of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia! Please pray for our coach, Jenber. We want to see her influence the 27 teenage kids who are being trained under her in the Lord.



*New medical clinic in Meki, Ethiopia.*

I praise the name of the Lord for all He has done with and through us since the beginning of the ministry of Crossway International-Ethiopia. I also would like to thank you all who prayed for us, supported us financially, came to Ethiopia and worked with us as short- and long-term missionaries, and encouraged us in different ways. God bless you all!

I would also like to invite you to participate in the work of the kingdom of God in all ways as the Lord enables you. As the word of God clearly tells us, 'God is not unjust; He will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.' (Hebrews 6:10). If you feel like God is leading you to participate in the work of CrossWay International-Ethiopia, you can send all donations to the CrossWay International-USA address (on the front of this letter), and write "Ethiopia" on the memo line.

Thank you for taking the time to read, pray, and participate in the work of God here in Ethiopia!

God bless you all,

Melaku Abebe

### **Crossway International Ethiopia**

**Mission:** *Win* people from the world, *Equip* them by the word, and *Send* them back to the world.

**Vision:** We envision the Church of Christ filled with mature servant leaders.

**Strategy:** Win people from the world through the demonstration of the love of God in action; equip believers by the word of God in house churches; and involve believers in mission work by establishing different institutions.



*Melaku pumps water from a new well drilled by CrossWay International-USA.*



*Melaku and Dean on a trip to Ethiopia in 2006.*