

Dear Friends,

I praise the name of the Lord Jesus who gave us the strength and joy that we needed to continue serving in His kingdom up until this point. Sometimes, as a result of the challenges we face in ministry, we feel like saying, "That's it, I am done at this point!" However, the grace of God is sufficient to lift us up so that we can see the fruits of our labor and be encouraged to shout praises to the name of the Lord! Thank you to all who encouraged us in different ways and prayed for us so that we could stand firm to serve Jesus in the midst of all the challenges we have on daily basis.

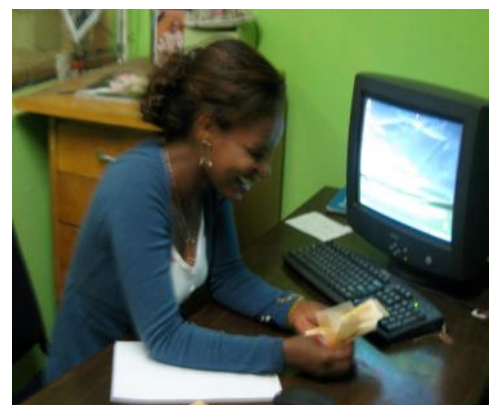
Praise the Lord with us on the following fruits that we enjoyed as a result of your prayer and encouragement.

Our spiritual son, Alazar, got married to the lovely Hiwot. It was a day of great joy for all of us who know his life. Alazar and I met a year before, right after he came out of a life situation that was so dark and discouraging. Only after many hours of encouragement, prayer, and a showering of the love of Jesus could he rise up and start leading a normal life. Now it is a miracle for all of us to see him come to a position to establish a family by the grace of God.

Our kids ministry is also moving forward! We did ask the God of the harvest to send us more workers to the harvest. The Lord is faithful, and He raised our spiritual son and daughter, Elias and Rahel, to become actively involved in our kids ministry. Elias and Rahel are putting a lot of effort into ministering to seven kids and their families holistically (mentally, spiritually, and physically). Though the Lord did put a concern in me to support kids who are struggling to get their basic needs met, I was not able to determine who were the truly needy kids that needed our support the most. Finally, a teacher we know from one elementary school in the village informed us that there are kids who are struggling to get enough food as they stay the whole day in the school. We went to visit the situation ourselves and found out that it was even worse. We picked seven kids and visited their families, and we found them in a more horrible situation than we ever imagined. Now, by the grace of God, we are able to provide food for the kids so that they can attend their schooling without sleeping in class or falling down on the ground. We have developed a better strategy in order to change their situation, and that of many more kids. Please pray for us, as we are now preparing a document to devise a better strategy in making these kids and their families self-sustained. God bless you all for your prayers and diversified supports.



Top: Melaku, Alazar, and Elias.
Below: Rahel, Elias' sister
and The Way Kids Ministry coordinator.





CrossWay-Ethiopia Meki Medical Compound

Another praise point that we have is in connection with the Meki clinic that Crossway-Ethiopia is about to launch in few months. So far we have been working on finalizing the renovation work of the clinic in the compound that we bought by your generous gifts. Now we are able to purchase the medical and non-medical equipments that we needed to function as a legal clinic in Ethiopia. We are very much excited to see the Lord's faithfulness to raise people who give generously for the advancement of His kingdom. God bless you all. Please pray for the rest of the things that we need to start the work officially—specifically, please pray for Christian medical profes-

sionals who will be willing to minister with us both part-time and full-time. Also, please pray for the team that is going to come to Ethiopia from Sweden to serve Jesus with us for 14 days both in Meki and Addis Ababa. The team will stay in Meki for about a week and involve in the work of evangelism and some physical work. Please pray for a safe stay for them and for all of us!

Once again, I would like to thank you all for your prayers, generous gifts, and words of encouragement. I want you to know and remember that the Lord will never forget what you did in order to facilitate us to share the message of the gospel with people here in Ethiopia. God bless you all!



L: Meheret, a Christian nurse, is helping set up the supplies in the clinic so it can be ready to apply for a license.



R: Furniture ready to be assembled for the clinic.

Blessings,
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.