

(Two email reports from Tafesse Kidane on Immanuel AMEN 2011 Bible Distribution. He came home from this trip a sick man and was diagnosed with non-hodgkins lymphoma.)

God is Good! He is always Good.

How are you Family and Friends of Immanuel Amen?

My First trip of this mission.

It remind me when I left Phoenix the day of Memorial day friends and family of Immanuel Amen have prayed for me. I remember Carol prayed and told me that the Holy Spirit showed her that upon my arrival in Ethiopia, people who are hungry of God's word are waiting for me. Within 3 days of my arrival in Addis a pastor whom I know from the previous trip to Gengafu, a remote area, called me to my surprise. They were praying the whole month of May anticipating my coming in faith but have no knowledge of my coming and prepared a conference on the first week of June. When he called me and told me this I was not sure what to say. I had a flu like cold I just need rest. I ask him if he can change the date of the conference, but he insisted me that the news of the conference has already reached thousand of peasants, farmers who definitely will come from as far as 50 miles radius, they come by walk 8 hours. I was touched and in my spirit, reminds me of what Carol told me in the prayer that people who are hungry of God word are waiting. This encouraged me. Within the next three day I prepared myself. God gave me favor the opportunity to meet Ato Yilma the general secretary of the Ethiopian Bible Society, I had a very welcome reception and bought the Holy Bible in different languages, like Amharic, Tigregna, Guraga, Bible for Somalia, Bible for Afar, Oromo Saba, Oromo Latin and Holy Bible for Ethiopian Orthodox the 81 books.

I led a group of 4 men and headed to Western Addis Abeba to Gendeberet Woreda on June 10. It is raining, rough road and muddy about 150 miles took us about 8 hours driving, it was difficult, but as we reached there the feeling was changed, joy inside me when I see people worshiping God, some have come by walking 8 hours some 6 hours most are coming 2 hours walking distance just to worship and listen God's Word in a rain having no place to stay. People are friendly, some are opening thier home who lives near. The new church they built have no chair; everyone will bring somthing to sit; they share they respect elder and mothers, this is very exiting experience for me. I praise God to have such joyful worship experience with these people.

I distribute Holy Bibles in Amharic and Oromo, Latin for those who leads the Church, Evangelist to the people who have hunger the word of God and can not afford to buy.

The Holy Bibles in any languages are so difficult to get. Everywhere the demand is so high the cost has jumped significantly. My next trip will take me to 7 houses of Gurage at the end of this week. I need your prayer. I have so much confirmation through the Holy Spirit that the Vision of distributing the Holy Bible is the will of God to us.

God is at Work !!!

Tafesse

God is Good, He is always Good.
Greeting from Addis Ethiopia.

My second trip took me to the western part of Ethiopia on Jima road, about 250 Kilometer from Addis. Exit at Wollketie, Gurage province and drive 60 kilometer to Ennemoore, one of Gurage tribal house out of 7 Gurages houses. It took us 3 long hours to drive the 60 KM by 4WD , because of the rough road. People of Gurage are the most happy people to welcome visitors , their traditional houses are so beautiful, a circle of houses mostly 50 ft radius supported by one pillar made of wood and dried grass and straw; their bed is straw mat; they burn fire in the middle of the house for cooking too; they live with their animals; no electricity, pure water drilled from their ground by the help of Food for the Hungry.

They grow Koba (false banana) in their front and back of their house when the tree is due they make two kind of food out of it and the dried leave or waste will make straw mat. Mostly the people are Muslim, to evangelize these people some have paid by sacrifice their life; once they become christian they are very committed to death. I had very interesting interview with one evangelist among the the first one in that district. About 10 years ago a young evangelist came to visit their district, unfortunately they killed him, this evangelist whom I interviewed wants to bury this young evangelist, they did not let the body to be buried. He asked the community and the authority no body wants to help him when he insisted some how they let him buried in a place where animal's like hyena lives. The next morning the hyenas already eaten the body of that young evangelist.

The evangelist whom I interviewed was so mad, took some of the remaining bones to his home. For the next 7 months he fight for burial place with authority and community. Finally the authority grant the burial place not only for his friend for the community of believers which is now to be a christian is not a big issue in the community because they have a burial place. One of the reason for most unbeliever not to come to Jesus. People of Gurage have fear of God. The first Gurage Bible has been printed. It encourages most of Gurages to read in their languages. I distributed numbers of Bibles in Gurage languages also. People want Bibles in their houses; they believe even if they do not know how to read, when they have Bible they feel the presence of God. In most houses there are children who can read and write. Their excitement, the love they have for God is really touches me. There is so much I can not cover it in E-mail. I believe and I am seeing God at work.

As people receive this Bible they are committed to pray for those who sponsor this Bible. As you send me to this trip and distribute this Holy Bible you will see the fruit in your name, the seed is that will bare fruit. God is not a person to forget , what you have done and and still doing. When they receive the Holy Bible their shining face tells me that God is happy. One exciting news I have is, when I go I rented the car. The driver was not a christian, he was heavy drinker and smokes, his assistant is a Muslim and was given to worship and serves one of the idol (Kalecha). After they heard the testimony of the evangelist they both gave their lives to Jesus.

GOD Bless you all !!! My next trip will take me to Northern part of Ethiopia.