

# Ethiopia - Pastor Jon Coronel

24 October 2011

Dear Pastor Wee and Church,

We praise and thanked the Lord for you and your people faithfully holding the rope for us, God had enabled us to move to LEGATAFO, Ethiopia last August 17, 2011 to start another church. In two months time God allowed us to hold bible study in different places, Majority of the people here are still Oromo tribe one of the major tribe here in Ethiopia, Every Monday at 6 pm to 7:30 scheduled at Ayat area, 12 in attendance, Wednesday at Ropack Housing 6pm to 8pm, 14 in attendance, Thursday at 6pm to 7pm discipleship of our area leaders at our rented house, Friday 6pm to 7pm bible study at Kera around 6 people. Establishing the believers in the word of God is our main concern.

Shashemene, Ethiopia news

Mathewos Olani, the pastor taking care of Shashemene ministry is doing well He initiated to start an English Language school for free another opportunity to preach the Gospel to the young people. He and His wife celebrated their 2<sup>nd</sup> year wedding anniversary this month we are glad to see them and the ministry progresses on their own.

Arada Ministry news

The church building at Arada under Pastor Tadesse, is moving on. GI sheets are already in place, reinforced wood are also in place, they just need the wall, Steel frames and Windows for the finishing of the church building. The church location is very closed to the slum area at Arada and the People are blessed to have a lighthouse of truth preached in that village.

## Hagugita Kudni News

Pastor Ashim is doing well with the ministry, Although there's not much added in the church membership but the zeal of preaching and reaching his neighborhood is going on. Making the ministry sustainable by themselves on this village is very challenging. We praised and thank God that they have learned to trust the Lord at all times.

## Our Family News

We are blessed to celebrate AJ's Birthday last October 8, 2011. AJ turned 12 years old. We have the Filipino group came and heard the preaching of the word of God and after them Ethiopian group from our Bible study came and heard the preaching as well in our new rented house here at Legatafo. Reaching the people in every available time, every available place and every available means is our desire to build the new ministry around here.

October 20 I celebrated my 46<sup>th</sup> Birthday as well, What a great blessing to have Missionary Hoover, The Alvaro's and the Alconera's fellowship with us in the occasion. Four (4) more years of my life I will be spending half of my life preaching the Gospel. Such a great God given privilege to look on to.

Johannah and Psalm are doing well with their studies at Cebu City, Philippines. Psalm, had been working with the youth ministry at Bible Baptist Church Katipunan . They are on their own, please pray that God will always protect them and use them mightily in the ministry, and I have no other desire than to see them faithful in the work of the Lord.

Theresa, finds rest in our new house here at Legatafo, the rent is very minimal and the house is ok for her, little by little the trauma of years experiences at Shashemene the Lord has taken care of...Thank you so much for the support.

Prayer request:

1. Wisdom in building the new church here at Legatafo
2. Protection
3. Livelihood of the new people God allowed us to minister
4. More open doors for Bible Study
5. More souls to be won.

For souls around,

Jon and Theresa

Legatafo Ethiopia

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August 2011

Dear Pastor Wee,

What a comfort to behold on your partnership and your prayers with us, in the midst of our enjoyable struggles here in the remote place of Shashemene Ethiopia.

Water and Electricity is scarce in our place, the rainy season came late this year the people are in much struggle because of the effect of drought all commodities increases, sugar and cooking oil was limited we can only buy 2 kilos sugar and 2 liters oil per family here in our place. Because of the current situation we were again ransacked by burglars destroying the wall of our rented house while I was invited to preach in the city with my family. Thieves got all our things including the power tools, welding machine, Grinders, drills, planer and many others.., things dear to my wife were gone. My wife was reminded again of her trauma before and she's very scared already in this place. I just tend to comfort her and encourage her to trust in the Lord at all times...,

We have decided to wean the three works we have developed here to national (Ethiopian) leadership and we will be starting another ministry in the City of Addis Ababa. In the next month hopefully we will be set... Please pray for the 6 months advance payment for the rentals...

Please continue to pray for us; just want to thank you for your love and continued partnership. I am personally happy that your church and family is securing us that God never leave us nor forsake us.

Meanwhile the Ministry in the village of Arada lead by Obbo Tadesse and his wife Tsegarnish is undergoing their church construction. Their church building was made up of plastic and was worn-out already and rainy days are here so you can imagine the leak from that plastic roof... they have some round timber and from the small amount we have, we bought 30 pieces of GI sheets and some materials like nails and food for the workers... The place is surrounded with less fortunate Ethiopians. We praise and thank God for the souls being reached in that village. Pray for the construction needs...

The work in Hagugeta kudni was as well affected because of the current tensions in the borders of Ethiopia and Somalia some of the youth of Pastor Ashim was recruited for military service, three of his young men join the military service. The late rain for this year cause many people in his village to be affected. Hunger strikes again in the many families. We rejoiced that Ashim and the ministry there are not ashamed to proclaim the Gospel which quenches thirst and satisfied the spiritual hunger for his surroundings. Pray as well that the pastors family will be sustain in a small scale of livelihood...

Our main Church is Ok by the grace of God, The leadership of Matthewos, our main pastor here will be on their own as soon as we move to Addis Ababa and start another Ministry over there. I will still

be visiting them and discipling these men of God. Six years of establishing this works here in these villages are much sorrows but great joy and confidence that what God have started He surely finish it until the day of his return.

You have been with me and my family in all our travail and you are a great consolation. Starting another ministry from nothing would be another difficult thing to do, back to zero, nevertheless my wife and I find comfort in God's word and to see a bigger picture of our Awesome God who is faithful who called us and put us in this ministry.

Pastor, I am glad for you, your family and church for standing with us through the difficult test of times!,

God is Faithful,  
Bro. Jon and Theresa  
Ethiopia