Volume 135 **A MINISTRY UPDATE LETTER** **May 2022**

Dear Friends,

Please take time to read the words of William Carey, recorded for his supporters as he prepared to embark on a missionary endeavor to reach the "heathen" with the gospel. They express our heart for you!

"I will venture to go down, but remember that you must hold the rope."

These are the words of William Carey, known as the Father of Modern Missions. He said these words to his friends and founding members of the Baptist Missionary Society: Andrew Fuller, John Sutcliff, and John Ryland. With these words, Carey offered himself to be the missionary to "the East Indies for preaching the gospel to the heathen" more than two centuries ago, in 1793. His conviction for reaching the lost by traveling to this remote part of the world was considered radical even by his contemporaries in the 18th and 19th centuries. God in his infinite wisdom used these pastor friends of Carey to back him up in both prayer and finances as Carey opened the door for the heathens to understand the saving knowledge of the Gospel of Christ.

We thank every one of our friends and donors for their prayers and sacrificial giving for helping us reach the "heathen world" with the gospel of Jesus Christ. In Carey's words, YOU are those who "are holding the rope" while we are going to where God is sending us.

TESTIMONY FROM PASTOR GETACHEW TIGABU-ETHIOPIA

Ethiopia is one of the ancient countries of world history. The gospel was preached in the apostles days after the conversion of the Ethiopian Eunuch recorded in Acts 8:26-40. But now more than 84% of the population is strongly religious but most are "lost" having not heard the true gospel. In the western and northwestern borders of the country there are many forgotten people, very poor, living in the bush tribes and providing their living by hunting animals, with no regard for God their creator. They are not religious but are led by traditional tribal clan leaders.

God has called me to reach them with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. My heart and the brothers working with me are devoted to proclaiming the "good news" of the gospel to these forgotten tribes, many who have never heard of Jesus. We have been reaching them by showing the Jesus film and collecting hundreds of peoples together, but now after the COVID-19 virus, we are going door to door in every home. We are still showing the Jesus film but to much smaller groups. God is still working, touching hearts and changing people's life. Churches are being planted and new believers are being discipled but the work is hard. Please pray for people's hearts to be opened to understanding the truth and trusting Jesus Christ. Pastor Getachew.

WITHOUT YOU, NONE OF THIS HAPPENS!

IN 2021 FOR EVERY DOLLAR INVESTED IN EPI

SIX people heard the **GOSPEL** and **THREE** received **CHRIST**

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust corrupt, but lay up for yourselves treasure in Heaven, where neither moth nor rust corrupts and where thieves do not break in and steal." Matthew 6:19-21